



Blue Kindergarten February 2023 Reflection

Welcome to our Blue kindergarten families! What can I say? It has been an utterly delightful few weeks getting to know the children of Blue Kinder and their families. We eagerly await our last few friends to join our group after they have celebrated their 3rd Birthdays.

It has been a wonderful opportunity to work with slightly smaller ratio's as we have been able to devote more time in building meaningful connections with the children, getting to know them as individuals, learn about their interests and support the children in becoming familiar with the transitions throughout the day and our daily routine. As the rest of our group slowly trickle in, they join a more settled and familiar group which in turn will support their transition to Blue Group!

We have focused on children's independence by supporting them to pack up after themselves, closing opening lunch boxes/ bags and returning their water bottles to the station. Applying sunscreen, washing hands and locating their hats has been a priority with our SunSmart policy in place. The children have been great at staying hydrated, and asking for water refills! With this very warm weather we have enjoyed lots of water and ice sensory play to also help our friends stay cool.

The children have enjoyed exploring their new surroundings, the in-built trampoline has been a huge hit with the children as well as the climbing equipment, sandpit and the variety of experiences and self-help toy selections in their indoor environment! We have been working our way through many recyclables at the craft table as children have engaged in open ended craft, using paste, tape and scissors to express their ideas freely.

Happy Birthday to our friend Archie, who celebrated his 4th Birthday with us, we enjoyed singing to you and the group (and I) were very grateful for the yummy cupcakes you kindly bought in to share! We wish you many happy returns!

Learning Outcome 1: CHILDREN HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF IDENTITY Children feel safe, secure and supported.

This is evident, for example, when children:

- Seek and connect with adults they trust to share their accomplishments and communicate their needs for comfort and assistance.
- Openly express their feelings and ideas in their interactions with others.

