



Kookaburra Room February 2023 Reflection 1

Welcome to February! We were all so excited for our Kindergarten Teacher Harriet to join us; over the first couple of weeks, we have all been getting to know each other and Harriet has been focusing on developing meaningful relationships with the Kookaburra children.

To highlight the implementation of the 3-year-old Integrated Kindergarten program within the Kookaburra room we have created a new sign in board; where the children have drawn around their own hands and decorated, labelled with their name and photo. When the children enter in the morning, you may well hear us remind the children to 'find their hand and sign in!' In doing this it gives the children a sense of belonging and identity within their environment in connection with creating age-appropriate responsibility and independence.

Knowing our children thoroughly enjoy cooking experiences we decided to celebrate International Pizza Day by making our own pizza from scratch. We had a morning meeting to work out a list of ingredients, then headed off to Woolworths to get our supplies. Safe to say the children LOVED all the stages of making pizza! A great effort all round.

On valentines we read a great book "Love from the crayons" which the children engaged with, we discussed as a group the concept of love and how Valentine's Day is recognised as a day to show people, we love them; sharing the idea that we think it is beautiful and kind to show the ones we love every day, just how much we love them. The children suggested we could do this by... "hugging my mum" "give my daddy a big hug" "being kind to our friends" "not hurting anyone"

To promote sustainable activities, we made recycled heart stamps out of paper towel rolls, manipulating them in to a heart shape and taping the ends. All of the children really enjoyed the repetition of this stamping activity; using this technique helps support children's hand eye coordination, fine motor skills but also allowing them to express their creativity in an open ended way.

Finally, something we have all been participating in and enjoying is our new days of the week song (The Adams Family days of the week song- should you wish to join in at home!) We are introducing a daily calendar activity to our routine next week and this will help support the children's development in learning the correct sequence of the days of the week.

