



## Kangaroo Kinder May 2024 Reflection

Marvelous May! This Month we have been enjoying many different activities, visitors, local excursions, and special events. Focusing on connecting to country, we have been taking autumnal walks in our community, appreciating, and noticing the changes in our surroundings: "the leaves are changing colour" "the leaves are falling". We love to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land outside, the children get the opportunity to physically connect to the words and meaning making it an authentic, meaningful experience.

Inspired by the seasonal changes we began to work on our autumnal mosaics, the children absolutely loved this activity and all 43 children have created the most incredible pieces of art; we will proudly be showcasing our mosaics at the Art Show in September (and let me be the first to say – you are all in for a TREAT!)

Our curious learners decided they wanted to grow an apple tree, so we cut apples and have started the germination process. The children placed the seeds in damp paper towels, inserting them into a zip lock bag, (whilst munching on the juicy apples!) The seeds are in the fridge and we are hoping by June they would have sprouted...We shall keep you updated!

Reconciliation week has been a special week for us in kangaroo kinder as we extend our knowledge of our indigenous culture; we enjoyed watching several dreaming stories which in turn motivated our learners to write their own stories which came from their expressive drawings. The children connected to country through experimenting with natural resources to paint the Aboriginal flag, Naya suggested to use pinecones, which created a mottled stamp effect. Kangaroo kinder have also been developing their creativity and fine motor skills as we begun to introduce embroidery, many children flocked to this activity and have really enjoyed trying something new!

**LEARNING OUTCOME 2: CHILDREN ARE CONNECTED WITH AND CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR WORLD**  
Children develop a sense of connectedness to groups and communities and an understanding of their reciprocal rights and responsibilities as active and informed citizens.

**LEARNING OUTCOME 4: CHILDREN ARE CONFIDENT AND INVOLVED LEARNERS**  
Children develop a growth mindset and learning dispositions such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination, and reflexivity.

Linked to the National Quality Standards: Quality Area 1- Educational Program and Practice, and TRCC Philosophy.

