

Wingham Preschool Newsletter

Arlo's Treasure Show presented by Anthony Zarb on Wednesday the 4th of May

Children and educators enjoyed the show called Arlo's Treasure which provided the children with learning experiences about a variety of instruments. The children learnt about a mandolin, a guitar, a kazoo and a recorder. The children learned musical terms such as chords, pitch, volume. Children participated in singing songs about the days of the week, guessing the instrument game, marching, stomping, spinning, dancing to the beat of the music and memory games.

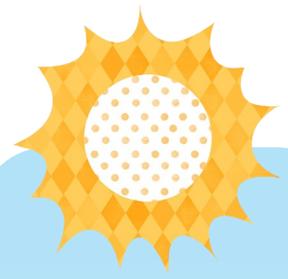
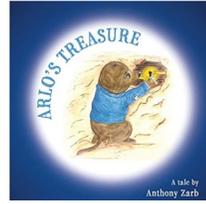
Anthony played and sang a song about the story 'Arlo's Treasure' and discussed the themes of wellbeing, our feelings, importance of family and that life is full of treasures.

Reptile Encounters presented by Just Dreams on Tuesday the 10th of May

Dave and Donna brought an array of amazing reptiles to preschool to show the children. The favourite creatures included frogs, skinks, dragon lizards and snakes. The children could see, touch and learn about these animals. Dave explained the importance of reptiles to our environment and the importance of respecting all creatures and caring for the environment where they live. See presentation in children's portfolios.

Environment Walk Excursion for children in the Kurrajong room held over two weeks due to wet weather.

The children had the opportunity to explore the environment around the preschool including looking at and caring for wildlife, plant life, discussing rough and smooth bark, shapes of leaves, colours of flowers, season changes and change in leaves in autumn, garbage left on the ground, its impact on wildlife/vegetation and appropriate disposal of garbage, the postal system including letter boxes, post box, how to use a telephone booth, street signs including numbers, letters and words in our environment, practicing safely crossing the road. The excursion is a fabulous opportunity for children to learn from their surrounding environment.



Bonnie Scottish Festival Rescheduled to Saturday the 27th of August.

Please help Wingham Preschool & Flying Fox Mobile Preschool's fundraiser stall at the Bonnie Scottish festival by:

- Donating ingredients for loaded fries. See list at preschool entry next week.
- Placing your name on the time table to help the staff on the day. Just an hour of your time will be a huge help on the day!
- Providing a vehicle at preschool at 8.00am to take the gazebo, table, food stuffs to the stall at central park and/or return items to preschool at 4.00pm.

More information will be provided next term. Please help us make this day a successful one!



Importance of fundamental Movement Skills

FMS are the building blocks of movement. They include a set of gross motor skills that use different body parts such as feet, legs, trunk, hands, arms and head. These gross motor skills provide a foundational base for children's participation in physical activity now and throughout life.

Munch & Move best practice encourages children to participate in physical activities, and the one directly related to FMS is Here are two FMS in focus activities to try this week .

FMS in Focus – Running

Running is more than a skill for just getting from point A to point B; it is a feature of many sports and games that children play. There are lots of games and activities we use to give children the opportunity to run. .

FMS in Focus – Galloping

Galloping is a fun FMS that some children may find difficult. We have played a game of Riders and Horses using paper streamers around the waist as reins and the children love the game 'Duck, duck, goose'.

Galloping

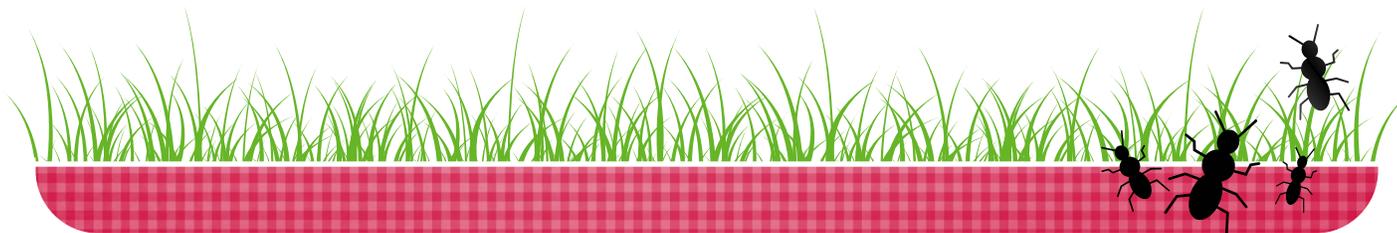
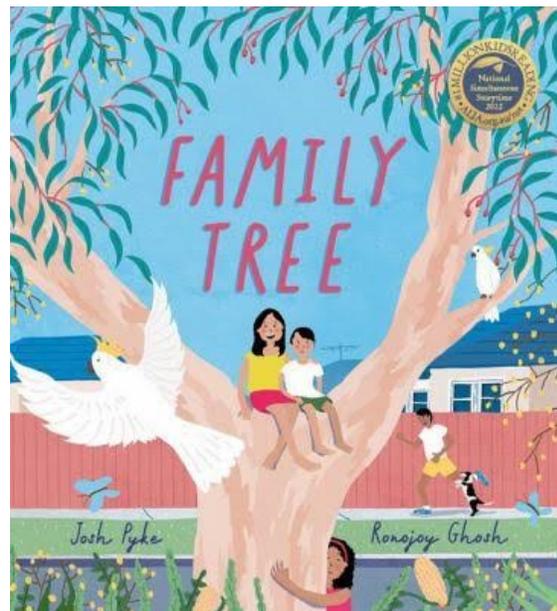


National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday the 25th of May Flying Fox Mobile Preschool Preschool joined National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) which is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. The story this year was 'Family Tree', by Josh Pike and Ronjojoy Ghosh.

Now in it' 22nd successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the EYLF. By facilitating NSS we aim to:

- promote the value of reading and literacy,
- promote the value and fun of books,
- promote an Australian writer and publisher,
- promote storytime activities in libraries and communities around the country,
- and provide opportunities to involve parents, grandparents, the media and others to participate in and enjoy the occasion.



Health and Safety

Wingham Preschool take pride in providing a welcoming, clean, safe environment with many opportunities to learn about healthy habits and lifestyles.

Changes/Updates to the COVID policy at Flying Fox Mobile Preschool

What you need to know:

- From 6pm 22/4/22, self-isolation requirements were updated for close or household contacts who are no longer required to isolate at home for 7 days.
- If a child or staff member has tested positive, they must isolate for 7 days and can leave isolation after 7 days only if they are symptom-free. They do not need to test before returning to the service.

All positive COVID test results must continue to be reported to [Service NSW](#) and the service.

Hand washing hygiene

Regular hand washing is an important practice of good hygiene and stops the spread of germs and bacteria. Please remind your child to wash their hands on arrival and educators will continue to supervise children washing their hands periodically throughout the daily routine.

This is a song used at the Flying Fox Mobile Preschool to the tune of the alphabet song:

Squirt the soap and rub it in, don't forget to count to ten, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 is it.

Now the soap has done the trick, you wash it off so you don't get sick.

Now dry your wet hands, dry your wet hands, rub and rub and rub and rub and dry your wet hands.

Child Safety is embedded in Wingham Preschool and Flying Fox Mobile Preschool's leadership, governance and culture.

Wingham Preschool and Flying Fox Mobile Preschool Board of Directors and Educator team are committed to child safety and supports a child safe culture. These standards are recommended by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and provides a framework so organisations can create cultures and adopt strategies to keep children safe from harm.

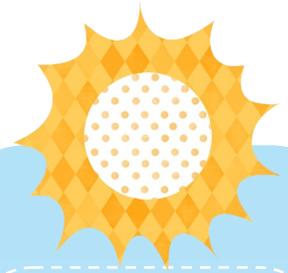
The principles behind the child safe standards include:

- The best interests of children and their protection from harm is important.
- Child abuse is not tolerated and must not happen.
- Children's rights are understood and respected.
- Concerns about child safety raised by children and their parents and carers are acted on.

All Educators and members on the Board of Directors have:

- agreed to a 'Child Safe Code of Conduct' setting out standards that will keep children safe and they are aware of their reporting obligations.
- current working with children check and have completed up to date training in child protection.
- booked into training to obtain the knowledge to update the services policy to include risk management strategies that focus on preventing, identifying and mitigating risks to children.

Please see a summary of the 'Child Safe Standards' on page 2.



Children and adult immunisation recommendations

The Australian Government provides information about which immunisations are recommended for both children and adults. See this information on:

<https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/immunisation>

<https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/immunisation/when-to-get-vaccinated/immunisation-for-infants-and-children>

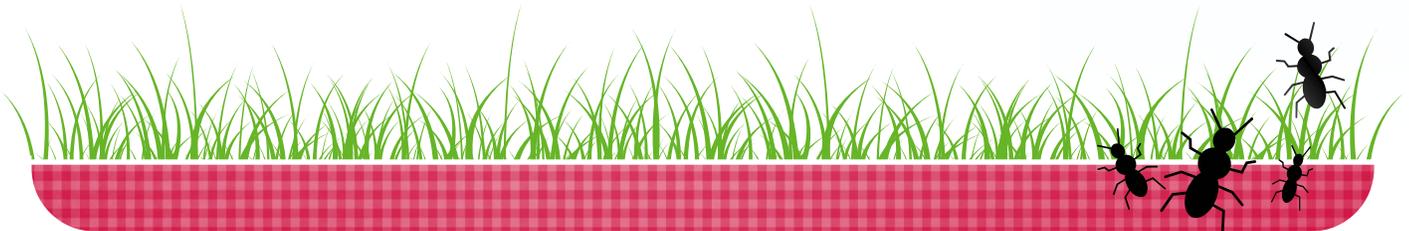
Please give medication directly to educators so the appropriate written authorisations can be completed. Please do not leave medication in a child's bag.



Thankyou to all the families who consistently provide a healthy lunch each day for their child.

Five foods that do not meet the preschools health policy include:

- Hot or cold potato chips
- Meat pies/sausage rolls
- Lollies, sugary sweets
- Chocolate
- Cakes with thick icing



The Child Safe Standards

