

The background is a dark grey chalkboard with various white chalk sketches. In the top left, there's a large 'V' and a globe. Below the globe is a microscope. In the bottom left, there's a stack of books. In the bottom center, there's an open book with some writing. In the bottom right, there's a large percentage sign and some other symbols.

SENIOR NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 2019

CRAFT FAVOURITES



Craft this term has been based around the children's interests, strengths and creative skills. Through all of our themed weeks, the senior children have had the chance to challenge themselves with a broad range of activities. From succulent gardening to clay castles and infinity stones; we have been able to utilize a lot of varied and new resources and materials. We have been experimenting a lot this term with things such as borax (crystal making/slime), plasticine (characters), sand (sand art) and some great natural materials from our leafy Thornleigh West environment!

The children have definitely thrived on our craft activities this term which is evident in our stacked ideas for week 10's favourites week!



ORGANISED SPORTS



T-Ball – The kids requested T-ball this term so we got the tees, helmets and mits out and the kids got right amongst it! Staff member Byron was running it and hyped the kids up for our very own OOSH world series!

Indigenous Sports

Burroinjin (played by the Kabi Kabi people of South QLD)– This sport was similar to touch football but with a few less rules. The kids were thriving with the 'kangaroo skin' ball.

Wana (played by the girls in the southwest SA) – This was similar to French cricket but on a bigger scale! The kids loved taking their creases with 'digging stick' (wana) in hand ready to protect their basket from the incoming balls!

Obstacle Courses – These were a hit as usual this term as the hurdles, poles and gym mats were revisited. This time we had the bridge out which added an extra balance challenge for the seniors.

NFL – We gave American football a crack this term and even some juniors got involved! We ran plenty of offensive plays and the kids learnt about scoring touchdowns instead of tries/goals and about communication among teammates!



RECONCILIATION WEEK



The seniors took on a key role in making reconciliation week happen this term, helping to run some of our gardening activities, taking on the responsibility of researching deeper into the meaning behind reconciliation and the history of the indigenous people that walked on the land before us. Reconciliation week stimulated a lot of great discussions, the children began learning some different indigenous symbols, traditional skills like weaving and some indigenous games that were a massive hit. As a result the children have been requesting to do more of these activities assisting us in imbedded indigenous culture into our program and everyday practices.



Craft – We prepared a very ambitious and creative program for the seniors craft for this week. Some favourites were the aboriginal flag which we stitched and weaved with wool within a frame. We tried our hand at some different Indigenous symbols made from clay and also created an awesome wall hanging for the OOSH room in different earthy and traditional colours.



Organised Games – The kids had the chance to branch out in the sporting world and learn a few traditional sports that different Indigenous tribes used to play. We learnt how to play Burroinjin and Wana which they really enjoyed and asked to play again which we followed up with twice since Reconciliation Week!



Gardening – We got into the garden as well this week which was a great chance to go outside the box with our environment. One of our OOSH garden beds got a makeover! We planted some kangaroo paw, natives and some bush tucker plants including finger limes and berries which we are keen to taste as they grow!



SENIORS WEEK

This term seniors week again gave the senior children the opportunity to showcase their leadership skills. It began with strategic programming whereby the senior children had to carefully select organised sports, craft and cooking activities that were tailored to the abilities and skills of junior children. Next, the children were shown the activity plans which encouraged children to consider the resources and methods/plan involved in each of the activities. With all the preparation in place the children were ready to step up and demonstrate their leadership and role-modelling skills to the juniors. Have a look at the activities that took place!

MOTHERS DAY WEEK

We Kicked off term 2 with a whole week of making craft and yummy treats to show our TWOOSH mummies how much we love them. The seniors took a lot of time and demonstrated pride in their work creating and decorating bookends, photo frames, letter holders and cards for their mums.

It was also all hands on deck in the kitchen with the seniors making shortbread biscuits for our mums to take home throughout the week. The seniors were able to take on more responsibility and demonstrate leadership in the kitchen, running the cooking activity with little assistance from educators.



MARVEL

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Along with the rest of the world, our senior children were absolutely HYPED about the new marvel blockbuster Avengers: Endgame. This sparked the staff to program our very own 'Marvel Week' at OOSH. We had some absolutely heroic activities planned for our craft, cooking and sports...

Craft – Some favourites this week were the comic fonts and lettering, Infinity stones made from borax and food dye and the kids also got very creative with their own comic strips.

Cooking – Marvel-ous creations

Organised Sports – We got our dramatic and role play on for our sports this week. We programmed an 'arch enemy knockdown' in the amphitheatre where the kids had to knock each other off the shaped gym mats with pool noodles. They loved pretending they were different marvel characters. Our marquee matchups were definitely Thor (Dan J) v Thanos (Isaac Z) and Captain Marvel (Niamh B) v Ghost (Olivia G)

