

# SENIOR NEWSLETTER

**TERM 4 2019**

# SPOOKY WEEK

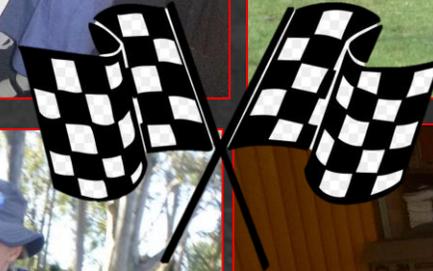
With October, comes the Spooky Season – and we got right amongst it at TWOOSH much to the enjoyment of the children and staff alike. We transformed our sports activities into games like Net R.I.P-pers (basketball), created some sweet treats during cooking and some crazily creepy craft. We put our sustainable practices to good use and created some milk jug ghost lanterns, and re-visited an OOSH favourite making some Jack-o-Lantern stress balls! We even gave the children the chance to take off their smelly shoes and socks and use their feet to paint a poster with. The kids always love this time of year and thrived at the opportunity to express their creativity and share plenty of stories about the spooky season and their plans for Trick-or-Treating!



# RACE WEEK



During the Melbourne Cup week, we took some inspiration from 'the race that stops the nation' and made the whole week all about racing! The kids delved right into all our race-inspired activities, whether it was sports like go-karting or athletics, or craft where we designed our own jockey outfits and created some split-pin horses. This week brought out our competitive sides but that didn't stop the children demonstrating fairplay and sportsmanship. There was plenty of collaboration and teamwork also, with kids sharing their ideas/creations during craft and our go-kart racers requiring pairs to compete for their personal best!



# NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK

We put our sustainable and creative minds to work this week as we took some of our favourite activities and gave them a renewable twist. We transformed rolled-up newspapers into hockey sticks and even made our own flags out of recycled goods for Capture the Flag. We explored our big green tub of recycled goods in the OOSH room for craft throughout the week. After seeing how much the children enjoyed the activities and all the discussions which arose regarding sustainable practices, this coming year we'd love to include this more regularly in our program wherever possible!



# HARRY POTTER WEEK



In Week 7 OOSH dived into the magical world of all things Harry Potter. The children used their wild imagination when creating their very own Marauders Map and Harry Potter inspired paddle pop stick characters. We even got out the hot glue gun and decorated our own wands! The children really enjoyed these activities and definitely brought out their fun and creative sides. We worked on our problem solving skills with a 3D puzzle of Hogwarts which required plenty of patience and persistence to complete. Mischief managed!



# DIY PROJECTS

This term us seniors got our hard hats back on for some DIY projects. We tried our hand at a couple of planters/pots and even branched out into some wall art. We have been implementing sustainability and environmental awareness in these activities. The big herb planter we made was out of an old recycled pallet. The kids loved getting on the tools as they screwed the panels together and used the staple gun to line the inside with weed mat. They especially enjoyed emptying the soil and planting all the different seeds and seedlings. It makes a great feature on the year 4 balcony! Another project was the scrap timber wall art which was implemented in the program as a way to recycle further and teach the kids more about ways to upcycle/reuse. We used all the offcuts from the pallet timber planter and even excess scrap pieces from Tom H's woodworking garage at home! The kids really loved puzzle piecing the offcuts together and gluing them down. This one is definitely one for the senior room walls! There are definitely a few future chippy's in the senior groups – they love it!



# A LOOK INTO SOME OF OUR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



Throughout Term 4 we took the opportunity to try our hands at some cultural activities with a focus on broadening our understanding of the practices of other cultures. Sports such as Buroinjin and Wana which is an Indigenous variation of cricket, are some of favourites to play and allow the children to transfer skills used in other sports and apply them here. We created a variety of different musical instruments this term also, ranging from Chilean rain sticks, to Didgeridoos. Foods from other cultures are commonly embedded in our program during cooking and one of favourites this term was the messy Thai Chicken Lettuce cups – delish! Much like our sustainable practices during recycling week, we'd love to try and incorporate as many activities of culture as possible and would love your input!

# WALK TO THE SHOPS AND CHILVERLEIGH VISITS

Term 4 is a great time for our seniors as they're given the opportunity to build their independence and responsibility as well as get a taste as to what it likes to lead and educate other children. The visits to Westleigh shops allow the children to work on their negotiation skills as they cooperate to decide what food they want within their budget. And the seniors are really in their element and thrive during their visits to the local preschool, Chilverleigh. They provide an excellent example and prepare the pre-school children with an understanding of what primary school and TWOOSH are like. It's really admirable watching our seniors work so passionately and patiently with these younger children, and they clearly enjoyed all the activities our seniors ran with them.



# HERE COMES CHRISTMAS!

The festive season was in full swing and what a time is! We see the return of favourite foods like Gingerbread Houses and Christmas Bark. And our crafts are all revolved around creating meaningful cards and decorations for our loved ones. We made all sorts of ornaments and even some Christmas themed Hama beads. It's a lovely time of year where the children and staff get to reflect on our year and look forward to all the fun in the year ahead. The children are always sharing stories about their Christmas traditions and holiday plans.



# FAREWELL YEAR 6 2019



*Thankyou for all your amazing contributions to  
TWOOSH and we wish you all the best in high  
school and beyond!*