

- October 2023 Edition -
PSFO Hume City Inclusion Newsletter
Welcome back to Term 4



In this Newsletter that focuses upon adventurous play, you will find:

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Welcome back to Term 4. We all know that this is the term that flies by with lots of activity. It has been a pleasure to have been able to spend time with so many of you during this past term. If you haven't met one of us yet, please contact us at

psfoteam@hume.vic.gov.au .

We would love to meet you in person. In the meantime, meet our team:



Loose Parts Play ' Children usually prefer play that stimulates their curiosity and gives free rein to the imaginations and creativity. Incorporating loose parts into the environment will enhance their natural curiosity. 'Lisa Daly and Miriam Beloglovsky

Loose Parts Play



The PSFO team ran a session on Loose parts in Term 3. This was very well received and we have had a great response from educators who attended. Loose parts is such a great way to encourage exploration, and imagination. It promotes problem solving and extends numeracy, conceptual understanding and communication skills. There are so many more benefits to using loose parts. Loose parts can be inside and outside and they are free. What's not to like about loose parts in kindergarten programs? Please see some ideas on this page and another one on page 5, for loose part material ideas. As long as it is safe it is a great loose



Where to find loose parts

- Recycle Rescue (Bayswater)
- Urban Recycle (Geelong)
- Reverse Garbage Truck (Ringwood)
- Family donations
- Op shops
- Business donations

Some of the wonderful activities a few of the services in Hume region have been doing involving loose parts.

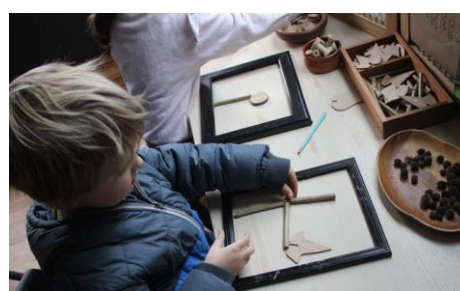
Thankyou Tarcoola Preschool. Using loose parts to make fantastic creations

Anis is supporting a child who had a plan to create a chimney.



Thank you Attwood

We use loose part play both inside and outdoors, and the children have open ended play experiences that are rich, inviting, and imaginative. We especially love how it supports them with their collaborative play and also how loose parts allow them to expand on their knowledge of physics and concepts. Natasi .



Thank you Gowrie

After the Loose Parts Professional Development Training with the PSFO team, our SRF educators were eager to extend on implementing loose parts in the program.

The loose parts experiences were set in an open space with the provoking question: 'What can you make with loose parts?'

In small group, the children then made the solar system with the plastic cups and cardboard ring. They used loose part on their arms and heads and pretended to be a robot. The children used the cylinder by stacking it on top of each other to make a house. They also made a rocket ship that was ready to be launch in universe.

This open-ended activity allowed the children to build on their autonomy, imagination, and creativity. They had the freedom to scaffold their own learning and thinking skills.



Blue Bird Way Pre-

school.

Thankyou Takai and Pheobe.

Takai sent us these photos. She is currently completing her enquiry on providing natural materials in the indoor environment and how does that support children's connection to place, as part of her Bachelor studies.

A child made a pufferfish with playdough and loose parts.



Nature patterns on boards. For children to create patterns from loose parts found in nature. For children to recognise ,create and describe patterns.

An Example of a note you might consider putting out for your families. Please let us know if you would like this emailed to you in word.

Dear families. We love to use what we term loose parts. You might call them junk or recyclables. However, here at kindergarten, everything can be a treasure. Children use loose parts for many explorative and learning activities within our program. We incorporate Loose Parts in many aspects of our program. Please see a list of some (but not limited to) items that you might have at home and would love to donate to kindergarten. Please invite your child place them in the box near the sign in book. We look forward to sharing with you the fabulous work your children will do with the loose parts.

Small Loose Parts	Large Loose Parts	Household Items	Small Loose Parts	Large Loose Parts
Buttons, beads, glass stones, pebbles, pipe cleaners, straws, bottle caps, pom poms, marbles, sequins, corks, gold pegs, sea glass, driftwood, flowers and leaves, twigs, dice, dominoes, nuts and bolts, cogs and wheels, spools, cotton reels, pop sticks, match sticks, shells, gum nuts and seed pods.	Buckets, baskets, gardening trugs, crates, boxes, rope, stones, tree stumps, branches, pine cones, tree cookies, branch cookies, plastic bottles, tin cans, jars, egg cartons, wooden blocks and building blocks, animal figurines.	Ice cube trays, kitchen utensils including spoons, soup ladles, tongs, whisks, potato mashers, spatulas, colander, pots and pans, rolling pins, Felt and fabric, containers, measuring cups, measuring spoons,	Sand, Clay, Slime Kinetic sand Rice Dried pasta Water Coloured water Glitter Mirrors Light Boxes Light Table Overhead Projector	Glass Jars Plastic Bottles Plastic containers Boxes Trays Baskets Buckets Cupboard Sheds Craft Trolley



We would like to remind you that we are still taking referrals for any child attending a funded 3 or 4 year old year, both this year and for term one next year. We look forward to working



The Hume PSFO Inclusion Conference update

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our first twilight conference in September with Louise Dorrat and Heather Barnes. Louise and Heather had us engaged in conversation, movement, and opportunity for reflection. Please join us for our next twilight.

See the link below for
Eventbrite

Wednesday the 18th October

Term Four Communities of Practice

Navigating the NDIS this will be an online session. 4.30 – 5.30 pm 13th November. Details coming soon via email.

Reminder KIS applications can now be accepted ready for next year from 2nd October.

Uniting are also running very helpful KIS online workshops. A flyer that contained the links for the sessions was sent to you all recently. The dates

Term 4 ECIB Session

Hume Learning Networks. These sessions are a great way of connecting with your peers and having valuable discussion.

Tuesday 31st Oct 4.30 – 6.30pm Dallas Brooks Kindergarten

Thursday 9th November 4.30-6.30pm Online

Please see ECIB newsletter or their QR code links to scan to enrol.