



Flying Fox Mobile Pre-School

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Flying Fox Mobile Preschool Educational Program

This is a picture of the daily program developed by educators at Flying Fox Mobile Preschool. The program includes:

Provocations, Invitations to learn.

Educators list the key activities/intentional teaching moments that are planned to support children to learn and develop new skills. These activities meet the needs and interests of children to achieve EYLF learning outcomes. These activities complement the ongoing, long term activities set up each day.

Reflections

This area summarises:

- educator analysis and assessment of children's learning and development
 - evaluating the success of the educational program prepared to meet children's needs, interests and all learning outcomes
- Educators collaborate and learn from each other to further develop their skills, to improve practice and relationships.

Community Connections, Special Events & Family Input.

This area includes how the learning program relates to community and family as we work in partnership with you in your child's education. **Educators value your input** and you can share information with educators to add to the program or you can write comments yourself on the program.

Group Time Intentional Teaching

The listed activities are presented in a whole group experience and covers all learning outcomes. The learning mediums used are stories, pictures, singing, dancing, movement, drama, role play, fingerplays, food preparation, STEAM activities/experiments, science, technology, Engineering, art and mathematics.

Illustrations

Photographs illustrate the learning and development that occurs daily. These photographs can be used to document individual learning and added to children's portfolios.

Children's Voices

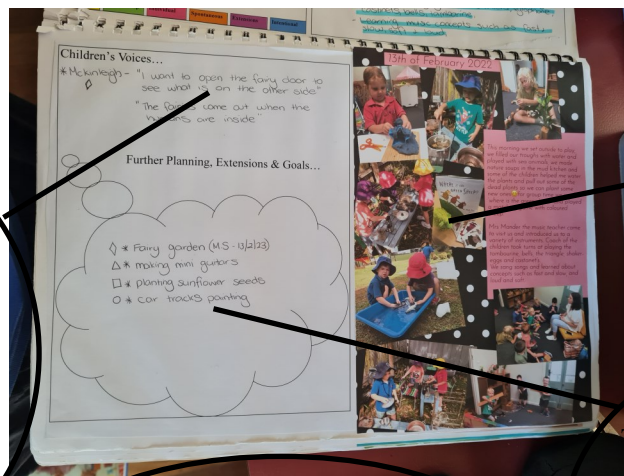
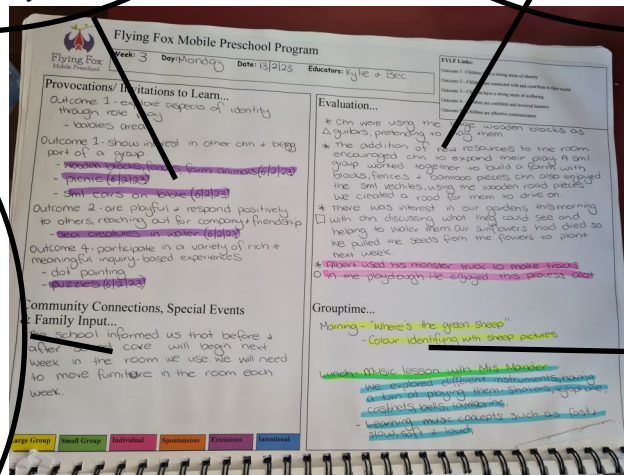
This area includes statements, ideas and thoughts from children. Children's voices are a major part of the program as it tells educators exactly what the children want to learn and explore.

Further learning, goals, links, extensions.

This area is where educators show how children's interests, experiences and the learning / development that occurred informs the planned follow up / extension activities. Educators document the link between children's individual interests and group interests with past and future learning experiences.

The Planning Cycle

A diagram illustrating the process of planning and programming is in your child's portfolio. Please talk to educators if you have any questions. More information will be provided in newsletters throughout the year.



Preschool AGM 28th of March at 9.30am. Please see Educators for a nomination Form.

We invite you to our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday the 28th of March 2023. We ask you to be a part of our Wingham Preschool team, by becoming a member of the Board of Directors. The AGM will be held in the new multipurpose room where playgroup is held. The Board of Directors as a whole make decisions in consultation and partnership with the Nominated Supervisor/educators. Educators and the Board of Directors are required to adhere to the Education and Care Services National Regulations and Department of Education requirements in relation to funding agreements and contracts. The most important part of your role is to share your ideas and support the Board to come to a resolution that meets the needs of children, families, educators and the community.

Preschool Photographs

We are pleased to book in Versatile Photographs to take the preschool photos again this year. They have had positive feedback from the preschool for 30 years. Versatile Photographs will be visiting Flying Fox on Monday 27th March.

If families wish to have their child's individual and/or preschool group photographs taken, families must have the correct money to pay for photos prior to or on the morning before the photographs can be taken.

Families have been very happy with the quality of photographs taken by Versatile Photographs. An example of the presentation of the photographs is located on the entrance table. Just reminding you, Versatile Photographs requires photographs to be pre-paid before the photo is taken.



The role of the Educational Leader

The Educational Leader has an influential role in inspiring, motivating, affirming and also challenging or extending the practice and pedagogy of educators. It is a joint endeavour involving inquiry and reflection, which can significantly impact on the important work educators do with children and families.

The role of Educational Leader at Wingham Preschool and Flying Fox is shared by a committee of Early Childhood Teachers and Diploma Educators including - Donna Stirrup, Alison Hopkins, Jemma Godfrey, Jo Neaves and Kylie Saville. As part of continuous improvement, the educational leader team implements strategies that are needed to improve the educational program in the preschool.

Strategies include:

- Leading and being part of reflective discussions about practice and implementing the learning framework,
- Mentoring other educators by leading quality practice,
- Discussing routines and how to make them more effective learning experiences,
- Observing children and educator interactions, and making suggestions on how to improve interactions and intentional teaching,
- Talking to parents about the educational program,
- Working with other early childhood professionals such as child health nurses and early childhood intervention specialists,
- Considering how the program can be linked to the community by working with other community services and groups such as Aboriginal Elders,
- Establishing systems across the service to ensure there is continuity of learning when children change room or attend other services, and then in their transition to school,
- assisting with documenting children's learning and how these assessments can inform curriculum decision

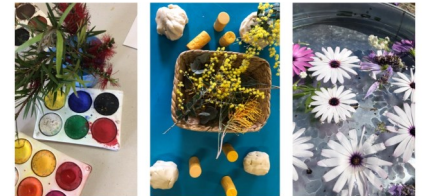
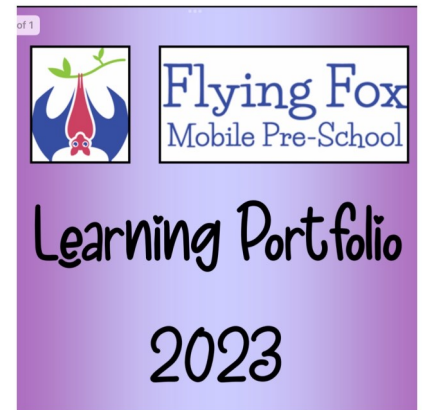
Term 1 ends— Thursday 6th April

Term 2 starts— Wednesday 26th April

Your child's Portfolio

Kylie, Bec, Sarah and Melinda would like to explain that we have been completing items to add to your child's portfolio. The portfolio is an ongoing project that educators and your child will be working on all year. Art, craft work, photographs, photocopies, learning stories, excursion or show summaries, anything created that is 'special' will be placed in your child's portfolio which will be presented to you at the end of your child's time at Flying Fox Preschool. Some portfolios will therefore be taken home at the end of the year or after two years at preschool. You are welcome to look at the portfolio with your child at any time after their work has been placed in the folders at the end of each month. Your child then has the opportunity to share with you the activities they have completed during their time at preschool. Art and craft may not come home each day, but often it will be added to their portfolio or added to classroom displays.

We have received a lot of positive feedback from parents and families with their child's portfolio over previous years. If you would like to add items from home to your child's portfolio, you are welcome, eg. photographs of your family, new baby, grandparents, holidays, etc. All of these things would be interesting to your child and their friends, and can be discussed with the class at 'news time'. Your contribution to your child's learning is invaluable. If you would like to talk about your child's portfolio or have ideas, please share your ideas with the educators.



New Preschool Building Update — Occupancy Certificate

The preschool celebrated finally gaining our Occupancy Certificate from Mid Coast Council on Tuesday the 14th of March. We thank Austin McFarland Architects and Rowsell Construction for their ongoing commitment to meet this milestone. The playgroup has commenced using the multipurpose room and the Mobile Preschool have moved into their storage room.

Wingham Preschool management submitted their application for service approval on Tuesday the 14th of March. Our preschool is now counting down the 90 days until the Department of Education approves the use of the new classroom located in the new building next door to the preschool. Educators are working tirelessly to create another wonderful learning environment for children in our community.



Photos from Flying Fox

