

## Busy Butterflies

### Term 2

Dear families,

Welcome to Term 2 and we hope you all had an enjoyable autumn break. Last term ended with an Easter hat parade and an exciting visit from the Easter Bunny.

This term we plan to explore the idea of *Belonging-Sharing*. We belong to communities; we share with others and we contribute; learning how to cooperate with others and negotiate roles and relationships. (EYLF connections).

Belonging is central to being and becoming in that it shapes who children are and who they can become. They are connected and contribute to their world. They belong to communities and part of belonging stems from the relationships built and how they define their identities. Children belong first to a family, a cultural group, a neighbourhood and a wider community. A question we will be posing is how do I negotiate my role within this group?



To support the idea of belonging some of the planned activities we will explore are, 'how do we care for our outside environment?'. We will continue to look after the garden beds and grow some winter vegetables and bulbs. If anyone has spare bulbs or seedlings that would be most welcome.

Term 2 will have some neighbourhood walks, which we will be calling 'Walking on Country,' or 'Ngurru Yerrabi' (Ngunnuwal), linking us to the local environment. There is also an excursion to the bus wash later in the term. Celebrations such as Eid al-Fitr and Raksha Bandhan will be acknowledged as well as individual students birthdays that fall in this term.

Communication is a large part of belonging, so we will be building our skills with many opportunities for students to interact during play episodes in small and large groups. Part of that communication will be sharing resources and spaces. A 'Mystery Box' will be introduced to the group. Students will be encouraged to bring in an item from home that they find interesting and these will be shared as the term progresses.

We look forward to sharing our growth and learning with you over the term.  
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