

FERNVALE STATE SCHOOL

# THE EXPLORER

LITTLE EXPLORERS PLAYGROUP WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
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## Welcome!

Hello to all of our Little Explorers and their explorer guides- the wonderful parents, grandparents and family day care mums who attend Playgroup. We hope that you had a lovely day on Mother's Day.

This week you are invited to make a hen puppet at the collage table to bring to the carpet and use it to tell the story of "Rosie's Walk".

Reni'a Cuddy, co-ordinator of Early Childhood Early Intervention for "each" will be visiting this week. Reni'a is looking forward to meeting you and letting you know about the services that she is able to connect you with.

Happy playing and talking.

*Helen Levitt*

Playgroup co-ordinator

### LITTLE EXPLORERS PLAYGROUP



Mrs Helen Levitt



Mrs Sandi Kramer

A colorful flyer for Fernvale SS Little Explorers Playgroup. It features a rainbow, a signpost, and a pink pig. The text reads: "Fernvale SS Little Explorers Playgroup", "Where: Fernvale State School, Brisbane Valley Hwy, Fernvale", "When: Thursdays 9:00-10:30am", and "Everyone is welcome!". There are also small photos of children and adults at the bottom.



Our Learning games this week focus on large muscles and movements. As always, learning new words goes hand in hand with the games.

**Learning Game 13** “Roll Over” helps babies from birth to 6 months learn to turn their head and move their body. They learn to roll over. They learn to reach to get things. They learn to crawl.

**Learning Game 24** “Dropping Things” helps babies aged between 6 and 12 months learn to copy you. They learn to control their hand muscles. They learn new word and actions.

**Learning Game 54** “Cardboard Boxes” helps children aged between 1 and 2 years learn to plan their play. They learn to use their imagination. They learn words for space and position.

**Learning Game 98** “Run and Walk Together” helps children aged between 2 and 3 years learn ways to move their body. They learn words to describe their actions.

**Learning Game 138** “Ball in a Bucket” helps children aged between 3 and 4 years learn to control their body movements. They learn to use their hands and eyes together. They learn to keep practicing in order to gain a skill.

**Learning Game 155** “Bigger Than Me” helps children aged between 4 and 5 years learn to compare sizes. They learn to use word endings such as “er” (bigger) “est” (smallest). They learn through experiences.

**3N in action**

Learning Game 54, is called “Cardboard Boxes” and it encourages you to watch your children as they play with the box (Notice). It then encourages you to talk about how they move and gives lots of opportunities to use position words, such as in, out, in front of, behind... You can use these positional words to Nudge your children to use the box for different things eg, “Can you stand behind the box?” This then gives you the opportunity to “Narrate” what your child is doing eg “Oh, you are putting one box on top of the other one”. This 3N approach (Notice, Nudge, Narrate) is one way to help you make your talk with your children intentional. There is a hand out about the 3N approach in the Playgroup room if you’d like to read more about this approach. And of course I am always happy to talk to you about this. Please ask me!

Learning Game 54 has been designed for children in the age range between 1 to 2 years of age, but Prep teachers find that many children starting Prep become easily confused when they are given an instruction with a positional concept eg. the instruction “Move forward” when children are sitting on the carpet is very tricky for some children. I suggest that children of any age can benefit from playing this game.

**3a Strategy**

**Nudge, Notice, Narrate**



**Using the 3N Strategy**

*Notice...*I notice you found the blocks.  
*Nudge...*Can you place them on top of each other  
*Narrate...*If you put four on top of each other...1 2 3 4  
*Notice..* I notice you have found the red block  
*Nudge...*Can you see any other red block  
*Narrate...* You have found three other red blocks. You are putting them on top of each other. It looks like a tower.

Having that conversation and noticing what your child is doing is very important, this helps with their language skills, identifying objects, colours and also supporting them with their independence through play.

Weekly, Children & Family Services:  
**Announcing 2021 Changes to Fernvale Well Baby Clinic. Now Drop-in clinic.**  
**When:** 1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month in school term only. (At Lowwood Community Centre on alternate weeks and holidays.)  
**Time:** From 9:15am – 1130am  
**Venue:** Fernvale State School, 1605 Brisbane Valley Hwy, Fernvale.  
**Enquiries:** Freecall 1800 607 039 or (07) 38172340

**Our FSS Baby Clinic is now a drop in clinic!**