

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.

It is truly lovely to see you enjoying each other's company in our lovely Playgroup setting. It was also lovely having our wonderful Deputy Kylie Wells being our Playgroup assistant last week. Kylie giving up her valuable time to be with us is clearly an example of the importance that our school places on the value Playgroup.

Happy playing and talking.

*Helen Levitt*  
Playgroup co-ordinator



### LITTLE EXPLORERS PLAYGROUP



Mrs Helen Levitt



Mrs Sandi Kramer







Our Learning games this week focus on counting.

- Learning Game 16** “Kanga Hopping” helps babies from birth to 6 months learn to enjoy games with a rhythm or beat. They learn that when you say a word, an action happens. They look forward to special words, and if you stop the game, they will “tell” you to continue.
- Learning Game 27** “Stand Up and Move” helps babies aged between 6 and 12 months learn to stand and walk. They learn to balance on their legs. They learn that you feel proud of them when you hug them and give them verbal encouragement.
- Learning Game 58** “Choosing Lids” helps children aged between 1 and 2 years learn to solve problems. They learn to make choices. They practice their fine motor skills to help make their hands stronger and they learn words like “open”, “shut” “same”, “different”
- Learning Game 76** “Show One and Two” helps children aged between 2 and 3 years learn to compare different amounts. They learn words for counting, and the numbers one, two, three.
- Learning Game 115** “Stories With Three” helps children aged between 3 and 4 years learn to pay attention to numbers that are in a story. They learn to count and to understand the concept of three.
- Learning Game 190** “Move Up Five” helps children aged between 4 and 5 years learn to count the numbers 1,2,3,4,5. They learn to use the name of numbers. They learn to move a counter to the right the number of times as indicated. This is known as “one to one correspondence” and is an essential skill not only for counting, but also for reading.

More Counting Games to try at home.

- Count how many times you can bounce a ball.
- Count how many lizards you can find in your yard.
- Hide and go Seek. Count as high as is suitable for your children’s age eg count to three for toddlers.

**earlylearning@home**

The [earlylearning@home](http://earlylearning@home) website has a variety of resources to support early learning 0-5 years.



Our Preps LOVE Numberjacks follow the link to see if your child does too!

### 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.

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Weekly, Children & Family Service:  
**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 – 11:30am  
**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!

