

FERNVALE STATE SCHOOL

THE EXPLORER

LITTLE EXPLORERS PLAYGROUP WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Welcome!

12 July 2021

Hello to all our Little Explorers and their explorer guides- the wonderful parents, grandparents and family day care mums who attend Playgroup. Welcome back!

It has been soooooo long since I've seen you! I can't wait to see you again and have lots of fun playing and talking with you.



Our first week in Term 3 sees us participating in NAIDOC celebrations as we recognise and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We are looking forward to a visit from Sue Plant, Lowood Library and First Five Forever Officer. Sue will join us in our NAIDOC celebrations. We are looking forward to Sue reading to us, singing with us and joining in with our fun.

Children will have the opportunity to make a flag at our collage table.



Mrs Helen Levitt

Sue's visit is a great chance to talk about one of the learning tools that is used in Abecedarian Approach, namely "Conversational Reading". Conversational reading is much more about talking than reading. Please see the outline in the box on the following page.

I'm looking forward to seeing all our Little Explorers and their fabulous Explorer Guides again Thursday. Please remember to observe the current health guidelines regarding social distancing and mask wearing when required.

Happy playing and talking.

Helen Levitt

Mrs Helen Levitt
Playgroup co-ordinator



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Our Learning Games this week are a mixture of movement and storytelling activities.

Learning Game 12 “A Hiding Game” helps babies from birth to 6 months learn that things go away and can come back. Their eye muscles grow strong. They listen for sounds. They learn to recognise new words.

Learning Game 28 “Puzzle Play” helps babies aged between 6 and 12 months learn to put things together, to develop hand-eye co-ordination, to copy your actions and learn new words.

Learning Game 64 “Trying New Motions” helps children aged between 1 and 2 years learn to coordinate their body movements and learn new words about ways to move.

Learning Game 75 “Sharing Rhymes and Traditional Stories” helps children aged between 2 and 3 years learn about the rhythm of language. They learn about family and culture and to remember traditional songs.

Learning Game 146 “Remembering Things and Places” helps children aged between 3 and 4 years learn to use their memory, to solve problems and to think of things and places together.

Learning Game 166 “Our Story” helps children aged between 4 and 5 years learn to tell stories, to connect ideas and to use their imagination.

Conversational Reading

In “Conversational reading”, the **talk** goes back and forth between you and your child. The **talk** doesn't need to follow the words in the book. Children sit on your lap or beside you when you do conversational reading. We think **3S** to help us remember how to do this. (**3S = See, Show, Say**). You will find a sticker in the front of our Playgroup books to help with this. We also have a bookmark for you to take home with this information. Please feel free to collect one on Thursday.

I am more than happy to demonstrate this technique with you during playtime. Please just ask me.

