



June 2021



## National Reconciliation Week

At Mansfield Kindergarten, we celebrate the culture of the First Peoples of our nation, the traditional owners of our land by learning about their rich history. We have read stories about Sorry Day; discussed the invasion of Australia and watched Dreamtime videos to understand our indigenous people's story telling.

National **Reconciliation Week** is a time for all Australians to learn about and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories and achievements. All Australians are encouraged to reflect on the part they play on our journey towards achieving **reconciliation in Australia**.

*Practice Principles for Learning and Development - 4.*

Equity and Diversity - Early childhood professionals promote cultural awareness in all children, including greater understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing and being. VEYLD Framework, 2009



Acknowledgement of country with our 3-year-olds

### Our children's voices...

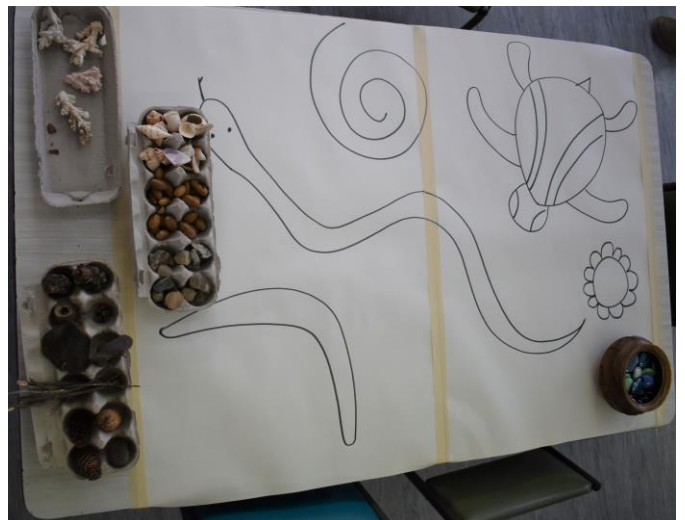
- **“We need to say sorry because we took their (the indigenous people) houses.”**
- **“The white men came on boats and invaded Australia”**
- **“The children were taken from their mum's and dad's “**
- **“It's good to say sorry for taking their land”**

### Covid -19 update

There have been no reported cases of COVID-19 linked to Mansfield Kindergarten. Should there be a case linked to the service, staff will notify the DHHS and kindergarten families immediately.

### Attendance:

- **All unwell children or staff must stay home.**
- If your child is unwell or shows any signs of fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, body aches or fatigue, please contact your medical provider/GP and keep them at home until symptoms resolve.
- If a child begins experiencing symptoms of illness during a kindergarten session, they will be isolated in an appropriate space with suitable supervision. Parents/carers will be contacted to collect the child as soon as possible and seek medical advice.
- **DHHS currently advise that people should seek medical advice and be tested for COVID-19 if they experience:** Fever OR chills OR Acute respiratory infection e.g. cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose; or have been in contact with a known case of COVID-19. Children who have been tested will be excluded from kindergarten until tests results are clear. Please advise the kindergarten if your child has a confirmed case of COVID-19 or has been in close contact with a confirmed case in the preceding 14 days.
- Masks must be worn by all visitors **over 12 years of age** to the kindergarten, both indoors and outside.



### **Mirror Image** – did you know...?

Writing letters and numbers in mirror image at this age is not uncommon. From the age of four to eight years, not all children have 'directionality' completely worked out. There is no reason to worry; our kindergarten program includes some left, right, up and down, behind, in front games to play with all the children.

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The Smiles for Miles dentists visited our kindergarten, offering a free dental screen for our 4-year-olds. Children's teeth were checked for cavities and each child was given a toothbrush, toothpaste and report.

### Important Dates

**Sadly, we've had to cancel some of our activities/incursions. Fingers crossed that the following will still occur**

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – 3-year- old photos
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – 3-year- old photos
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Lauriston students at kinder
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Excursion to the Zoo for Red and Green groups
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Committee meeting and Lauriston students at kinder
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Excursion to Zoo for Blue group
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June Parent/teacher interviews Red Group – **no Earth Kinder**
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Parent /teacher interviews Blue and Green groups – **no Earth Kinder**
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Parent/teacher interviews 3-year-old kinder – **no kinder session.**
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> – Work experience students from Mansfield secondary College attend kinder
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Last day of Term 2.
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Curriculum Day - NO KINDER
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – first day of Term 3.

