Nature Play and why is it important?

Nature play is a concept to encourage children to spend more time playing outdoors using their imaginations in a natural setting. It inspires open-ended possibilities for self-designed play, creativity, learning and socialising.

In the past, playing outside in nature was a part of everyday, normal childhood experiences. Many of us have fond memories of time spent outdoors riding our bikes around the neighbourhood, swinging from the clothesline, climbing trees, playing backyard games of cricket or soccer, camping, bushwalking and picnics in our beautiful national parks.

Children today are increasingly unable to relate to these experiences. In fact, South Australian children are spending less time outside in nature than at any other time in our history. In the space of just one generation, there has been a dramatic shift in childhood activity from outdoors to indoors driven by a number of factors including the advent of new screen-based technologies and the emergence of a risk-averse culture. Our children spend less than two hours a day outside, one in four have never climbed a tree, one in three have never planted a garden and the area in which they can explore, has shrunk by 90% (Nature Play SA).

Research across the world supports the view that unstructured outdoor play is fundamental to childhood. This type of play is vital for children’s development, and for their health, happiness and wellbeing. It can combat obesity and the symptoms of behavioural disorders, anxiety and depression. Children will learn self-control over their actions and decisions. They will learn to take risks and to problem solve on their own. They will learn important life lessons and they will have the best fun they have ever had.

Bringing Nature Play to NPS

Our Nailsworth Primary students have been so immersed in our new ‘Pop-Up Play’ areas around the school. The Playground Committee have been meeting regularly this term to discuss play ideas and the development of our new Nature Play area at school. One of the first steps is to start gathering materials for a ‘Loose Parts’ play area. Loose parts are materials that can be moved, carried, combined, redesigned, lined up, taken apart and put back together in multiple ways. They are materials with no specific set of directions that can be used by children to build, invent and create.

To begin the process we are asking our school community to get involved! We want to collect long and medium sticks and logs that have fallen from trees. Various shapes and sizes would be great, nothing too heavy, but tall sticks that can be used for building and inventing would be ideal. We will set up an area on the Balfour Street side of the school, behind the staff car park, where collected things can be left until our Loose Parts area is ready. This might be a fun opportunity to explore local parklands with your family and go hunting for lots of sticks and logs outdoors together. We really appreciate your enthusiasm and assistance with this project.

Playground Committee
Nature Play visits Nailsworth PS

Last month the Foundation and Year 1 classes took part in a Nature Elements Incursion facilitated by teachers, Bec and Larissa, from Nature Play SA. The children participated in three mini workshops which encouraged a multisensory approach to discover, create and design using natural materials from the earth.

Each child was given the opportunity to: Make and take home seed bombs using clay bundles and nasturtium seeds. Create using cinnamon scented playdough, smaller natural loose parts and their imagination. Explore endless play possibilities with medium size natural loose parts. In this workshop all students became engineers in creating, designing, problem solving and constructing as they moved, carried, combined, stacked, sorted, arranged, took apart and put back together materials such as sticks, logs, pebbles, shells and stones.

Observing the children working together with their imagination and their environment was a reminder of how important it is for children to remain connected with the natural world.

Maria Daniells, Foundation Teacher
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Finance News

Finance
Many thanks to those parents who have made payments towards their school fees.
A reminder to the school community that any outstanding school fees are due by Friday 23rd June.

Uniforms
We have a small number of rugby tops available. Some are the fabric used in previous years and some are the current fabric. Please email me if you are interested in purchasing one.
Cost is $66 each.

Entertainment Books
Entertainment Books are available from the Finance Office for $70 each or the digital version is available through this link: https://www.entbook.com.au/161a420

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Lost Property - REMINDER

We seem to have a large amount of unclaimed uniform items in our lost property bin situated near the stairs in the main building.

Parents are reminded to please label all clothing, lunchboxes, drink bottles, etc clearly with first and last names so that we are able to return them to the students.

Please take the time to check for any items that you are missing.

Thank you.

Front Office Staff

Community Notices

The school’s two notice boards are located on the Front Office verandah and under the shelter by the volleyball court. This week the following notices are displayed:

• The following kindergartens are currently taking enrolments for children turning 4 before April 30th 2018 – Barker, Lucy Morice, St Helen’s and St Philip’s. Please contact the kindergarten to enrol.


• School holiday fun! ‘The Kids Kitchen’ classes for children aged 4-16 years at TAFE SA. Book at eventopia.co/RGA. Costs range from $39 - $95

• Club5082 & Music SA will be providing a free school holiday program for 13 – 18 year olds from 12-15 July. Phone: 8342 8041 to book

• eSafety Workshops at the Prospect Digital Hub, 27th July at 9am and 6:30pm. Phone: 83428170

• 2017 Prospect Library Children’s Writing Competition is now open for students F-Yr7. Great Prizes. Free entry. Closes on 28th July.
Makers Empire

This Term Room 16 students, with Mrs Ralph and Miss Watson, have been involved in the DECD 3D printing project. This has challenged our thinking and encouraged us to be creative.

Our first task was to make nine small paper cubes. Then in groups of three we joined together to make 27 cubes. We worked out that these 27 cubes all fit into a large cube. Our challenge was to join the cubes together to create larger pieces. The maximum pieces we could create was 4-6.

Using the Makers Empire App and the blocker module we were able to design our exact same puzzle pieces. We saved each piece and Miss Watson has printed them. They all fit together in a puzzle box. We have really enjoyed these lessons and the 3D design process has been awesome.

On Friday 16/6, four Room 16 students went with Mrs Ralph, Mrs Ward & Miss Watson to present our 3D printing puzzle cubes and design thinking at the DECD/Makers Empire Expo. It was an amazing experience and even the Minister for Education and Child Development, Susan Close, was impressed with our puzzle cubes.

Miss Watson & Mrs Ralph

Crow’s Cup Football Carnival

On Friday 9th June Nailsworth Primary was represented by a boy and girl Year 6/7 Team in the Crow’s Cup. This was a 9-a-side round robin football carnival held at St Dominic’s Oval, North Adelaide.

It was organised by the North Adelaide and Adelaide Football Clubs.

In the round robin stage of the competition, the boys played seven games; they won six and lost one. The girls played eight games winning six and losing two. As a result both teams earnt themselves a double chance in the finals.

In the finals the boys were beaten by Walkerville in the first round and unfortunately in the second round narrowly lost to Pius X School. The girls were terrific to reach the semi-final stage but in a high pressure game they lost by one point to Blair Athol North.

It was a fantastic effort by every player and congratulations must be given for their excellent sportsmanship, fair play, cooperation and teamwork. All the players enjoyed a well organised, action packed day.

Thanks to the Adelaide Football Club for organising the mini-bus and to the parents that came along to support the teams.

Well done to the following students for participating:

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George Koulianos and Tony Crampsas, Football Coaches
Changes to the NPS School Zone

The Education Department is looking at realigning a number of primary school zones in the eastern suburbs to accommodate the growing number of families in the area.

The overall aim is to better distribute enrolments to public schools in the area, and relieve some enrolment pressure.

Adjustments to current zone boundaries are being considered to ensure we are meeting the changing needs of the community, and accommodating students living in the area.

The changes will not pose any significant impact to families currently at the school, and any siblings of existing students will be able to enrol to attend in subsequent years.

A proposed zone for our school has been developed, and a copy of the updated map is available on our website; http://www.nailps.sa.edu.au.

Once on the website please go to School Information/ Enrolments / Proposed school zone.

For Nailsworth PS the proposed change is the current shared zone with Walkerville of Medindie Gardens changing to Medindie Gardens being zoned to Walkerville PS.

A number of principals from our neighbouring schools are reviewing changes to their respective zones and seeking feedback and support from their governing councils.

Once agreed by the Education Minister, the updated zones will be made formally available on the department’s website.

Parents are welcome to contact the school principal if they would like further information, or provide feedback to our Governing Council.

Music and Drama News

Term 2 Incursion – Island Dreaming Performance
Please ensure that permission forms and money for the Phil Geia Indigenous performance have been returned by next Thursday (29/6) so we can plan appropriately for the event.

Upcoming Assembly Performances
Week 8 – Senior Band
Week 9 – Senior Choir, Drama Club and Year 2 ‘Dream Big’ Performance by Rooms 1 and 17.

Judy Hanel, Music and Drama Teacher
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OSHC News

Vacation Care
You will find the July Vacation Care program attached with the newsletter this week. If you would like to book in please return your booking form as soon as you can to avoid disappointment. For families attending Nailsworth Primary booking forms need to be returned with a $5.00 deposit per child per day. For families who do not attend Nailsworth Primary please contact OSHC for your deposit amount. Your bookings will not be confirmed until your deposit has been paid and your family account is paid up to date. Bookings will not be accepted if family accounts are outstanding.

Fee Increase
As of the 10th July there will be a slight OSHC fee increase:
Before School Care $9.50
After School Care $16.50
Vacation Care and Pupil Free Days $50.00
These are full fees before CCB and CCR are applied.

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<td><strong>FOOTY MADNESS!!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Wear your team colours&lt;br&gt;AFL Face Paint&lt;br&gt;Snap Bands&lt;br&gt;Skills Session with Mitch&lt;br&gt;Footy Inflatables&lt;br&gt;Make Meat Pies&lt;br&gt;(Vegetarian option available)</td>
<td><strong>Bowland, Salisbury 2 Hrs unlimited Bowling</strong>&lt;br&gt;Depart @ 8.50am&lt;br&gt;Return @ 12.30pm</td>
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OSH operates between the hours of 7.30am and 6.00pm. Children who are not picked up by 6.00pm may incur late fees.

Fees: $50.00 per child, per day. This our full fee without Government assistance.

Bookings: Bookings must be made via our Vacation Care booking form. Please return ASAP with your deposit. Forms are due back on Monday 3rd July 2017

New families must return an enrolment form along with the booking form. Enrolment forms are available on the schools website or from OSHC.

Please ensure that you send a hat, drink bottle, recess and lunch for your child/ren. Please refer to the program for when extra food or lunch is provided. When meals/snacks are provided a vegetarian option is always available.

Cancellation of a day's care MUST be given 2 business days prior. Failure to do so will result in full fees being charged. Please contact OSHC if you require more clarification.

Medication: If you child requires medication please ensure the service has an up to date Medical Information Form and Medication Authority Form. All medications must be signed into the Medication Book with the Director or Assistant Director. Medication must be labelled clearly in the original packaging with a pharmacy label. For more information please refer to our Medical Conditions Policy.

Clothing: Please send your child/ren in sun-smart clothing and a hat, suitable for the weather conditions. OSHC does not provide spare hats for children.

Electronics: Children may bring their own electronics but do so at their own risk. OSHC will not take responsibility for any broken or lost devices. Times will be allocated when children can use their device, if caught using outside of these times the device will be confiscated. Please ensure that your child/ren are playing age appropriate games. Electronic devices are not to be charged at school.

Excursions

The program will indicate when spending money can be brought. This is indicated by a piggy bank symbol.

Please DO NOT send spending money for lunch.

Excursions are subject to weather conditions. We will provide you with as much notice as possible if an excursion is to change.

Adelaide Oval Tour: Please note this is an afternoon excursion. Children will have a behind the scenes discovery tour, opportunity to play virtual reality cricket, activities in the media centre and more!

Inflatable World: Please make sure your child/ren have their own socks. They will not be allowed on the equipment unless they have socks.