Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We have had a very busy 2 weeks at the Preschool. Some highlights have been the walk to the recycling centre and making our garden. Our tomato plants have started growing in the garden beds by the fence, please be mindful and not pull them out or walk in the garden beds.

We are encouraging children to leave their toys from home in their bags. They are starting to cause fights at Preschool and disengages children from the toys that are provided. Please support us with this by either keeping the toys at home or asking them to put them in their bags when they arrive.

If you have any old pots or pans or any different things that we can hang on our fences to make music that would be greatly appreciated. We are tying this into our theme of sustainability and recycling.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

16th—Various stalls at the town oval after Breakaways Bolt
21st—Student Free day—no Preschool today, Preschool will be open again on Monday as normal
26th—School photos—Preschool photos will happen in the morning and afternoon.

Thank you,
Lisa Vermeeren
As part of our Sustainability theme for Term 2 in the Pre-school, the Pre-school children visited The Northern Saints Recycling depot on Tuesday the 12th of May. This experience extended upon the children’s understandings of recycling- Why we recycle? How we recycle? and the benefits of recycling, which we will be exploring further throughout the term.

We were able to put into practice our Road Safety Learning’s from Term 1: We look both ways before crossing the street, we stay clear of the road, we hold onto our excursion rope, we walk and don’t run and we listen to our teacher and look out for each other.

Mr Daryl showed us how to sort the cans, bottles and cartons we returned- we all had a turn at sorting these. We got paid $13.00 for our recycled items. Mr Daryl also explained how these cans, bottles and cartons get put into bails and are sent to Adelaide by truck; these then get shipped to China to be made into new products.

We also saw other people returning their cans and bottles to be recycled.
We would like to thank Mr Daryl Denton for showing us around the recycling depot and also thank you to Linda and Tony Dolan for volunteering their time to assist us during our excursion.
Inviting Our Imaginations in-The Sustainable Way

18/5/15-22/5/15

This week in the Pre-school we will be providing the children with a number of recycled items to build, construct with, explore and extend. We will be putting away most of our toys and equipment and we are giving the children the opportunity to invite their imaginations in and to exercise their creative side.

Extending and exercising children’s creativity is an important part of the Early Years Learning Framework and allows children to think (laterally, logically, analytically etc.) in different ways during play. This is also an ideal time for the staff to observe and document these creative play episodes for further extension on the children’s knowledge and learning.

Some items we will be using are:
- Piles of Newspaper
- Fabric scraps
- Cardboard boxes and card tubes
- Tree branches and wooden offcuts
- Wool and string/ rope
- And any other items that may arise during our experience.

These resources will be supported by other items such as dolls, markers, sticky tape, glue, pegs, paper, scissors etc.

We would like you to support us in our ‘experimental creative week’ by providing us with recycled materials for us to use during our play episodes.

Wednesday will be a messy day where we provide the kids with paint and other ‘messy’ different items. They do not need to come dressed in their school clothes but if they could come in some old clothes, that doesn’t matter if they get dirty, that would be great!

Thank you for your support with this.