

***“The environment itself will teach the child, if every error he makes is manifest to him, without the intervention of a parent or teacher, who should remain a quiet observer of all that happens.”***

***Maria Montessori.***



## **MESSAGE FROM MARY**

Resilience is the greatest gift you can give your child. This is defined as the ability to bounce back from adversity. It is a necessary skill for coping with the ups and downs of life and one of the key ingredients of success. Self-determination and the ability to push through challenges is not an innate quality it is learned through perseverance and persistence, and by embracing and learning from failure. With your support your child will learn that failure is often a precursor to success, however, for failure to be successful you must be persistent and be willing to repeat activities until they are mastered. There is a growing reluctance with today's children to repeat activities and a great desire for constant stimulation and “wanting something new”. Unfortunately, this desire for instant gratification and constant stimulation robs the child of the opportunity to develop self-reliance, independence, determination, and the ability to cope with and adapt to new situations. Being resilient provides the child with a positive sense of self and enables them to approach others and situations with confidence and optimism. This allows the child to face challenges, learn from them, and develop ways to live a happy, healthy, and successful approach to everyday challenges. These qualities will set your child up with a positive mindset which will help them strive for confidence and success as they progress through life. For further information or help with challenges contact;  
<https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

***Mary Batterham Principal.***

# IN THE CLASSROOM

## DEE WHY FIREFIGHTERS – INCURSION

On a cloudy Wednesday we had the bravest of the Firefighters from Dee Why Fire Station attend our first incursion. Firefighter Tim, Steve and Matt explained what to do in a fire and they were very impressed when most of the children knew to call '000' in an emergency. The firefighters explained the different jobs they are called out to, including rescuing cats from trees, and also explained some of the dangers at home, such as hot water, ovens and irons. The children demonstrated their excellent crawling skills, to get down low and go, go, go if in a smoke-filled room. Unfortunately due to restrictions, the children were not allowed to climb on board the truck this time, but we got to wave to the truck as it rode off with lights and sirens blazing.





## SPANISH

Our wonderful teacher Daisy is continuing with her hands-on Spanish program for the children on a Wednesday morning. The younger group is focusing on their 'Hello' Song, you can have a listen or sing along with your child: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tK0vp8LIDiM>



<b>adiós</b> (goodbye)	<b>¿qué tal?</b> (how are you?)	<b>gracias</b> (thank you)
<b>¿y tú?</b> (and you?)	<b>¿cómo te llamas?</b> (what is your name?)	<b>hola</b> (hello)
<b>me llamo</b> (my name is)	<b>estoy muy bien</b> (I am really well)	<b>estoy mal</b> (I am bad)

The older children are focusing on their vocabulary and putting short sentences together – it's amazing how quickly the children are able to learn and answer simple questions back to Daisy in Spanish like: "Hello, My name is ..." They are also learning their colours and are able to reply back in Spanish when prompted by Daisy – Buen trabajo.

## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – Henny Penny Hatching eggs

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March** – Paramedic Incursion

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent Information Evening Session. Practical Life.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Crazy Hair Day for Indigenous literacy

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – Surf Lifesaving Australia Incursion

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Easter Hat parade. Last day of School Term 1. Finish 12noon.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April** – Children return. First Day back Term 2.

**FULL LIST OF DATES FOR THE YEAR CAN BE FOUND IN THE 'NEWS' TAB ON OUR WEBSITE**

## HOUSEKEEPING

### INFORMATION EVENING

Don't forget it's not too late to book in for our wonderful free presentation evening on **Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm** to hear about the importance of Practical life. RSVP to Anna.

### OPEN DAY

A reminder we will be holding our **OPEN DAY** this term on **March 20, 9am-12**. Please help spread the word about our lovely pre-school, please like and comment on our **Facebook** and **Instagram** pages. This is a great opportunity for prospective families to come and have a closer look at our pre-school and meet our wonderful teachers.

### EASTER HATS

Easter is fast approaching, so it is time to dig out the craft boxes and start thinking about how your child wants to decorate their Easter hat for our parade on March 31st. The reject shop and \$2 dollar shops are usually stocked with hats and easter decorations. We look forward to welcoming our parents on this day to watch the parade, egg hunt and easter sing-a-long!

### CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY – THANK YOU.

Thank you to Hugo S and his mum who came to help clean North Curl Curl beach for Clean up Australia Day. It was a lovely afternoon and such a great message to teach our children to help look after our environment and planet! Great work Hugo.

### COMPOST AND WORM FARM

Don't forget to bring in your vegetable scraps, for our compost bin. We would also love any newspapers you might have lying around your home for our worm farm.

## **GARDENING**

We would love another parent help with gardening on a Tuesday morning (0930-10:30). It is a lot of fun taking small groups of children out for some watering or planting, you don't have to be an expert, Karen also helps so you won't be left alone! Please let Anna know if you can help out so that we can continue this much loved activity.