National Quality Framework

Staff attended a training day last week to learn about the new National Quality Agenda, the Gowrie Training Centre informed us of the new National Quality Framework and the National Quality Standards. Our service is transitioning to the new standards, that include 7 Quality Areas

- Education Program and practise
- Children’s health and safety
- Physical environment
- Staff arrangements
- Relationships with Children
- Collaborative partnerships with families and communities
- Leadership and service management

What does the new Quality Framework mean for Families

- Continually improving service quality
- Clearer and comprehensive information about the quality of education and care at their service
- More information about what quality care looks like

BELONGING, BEING AND BECOMING

Our centre is sponsoring Akoua, a 4 year old girl from West Africa. We have been reading many books about African animals and the variety of culture. The focus for our program this term is Africa. Beau and Jonathan have background from Africa and both families have contributed to our program. The children are learning their sense of identity and where that belong in the wider community.

The curriculum framework we are using is called Belonging, Being and Becoming. Our program relates to the principle - secure, and reciprocal relationships with children and families, respect for Diversity.

In practise we are promoting learning by adopting a holistic approach and being responsive to children and families of our community.
Staff have noticed how interested the children are in all the activities that have grown out of our African resources. Children are involved learners and are teaching each other by pretend play and keeping African animals in our outdoor environment. We set out plates and stripped paper and children recognised that it was a tiger. Educators asked if children could follow the stripes in cutting and children accomplished this with varied skill levels. Harry and Jonathan were so pleased with their tiger masks.

Later we noticed other children re-visiting scissor work. They talked about how hard the cardboard was to cut, so staff gave them extra paper. Elke and Macy are very busy learning scissors skills.

After reading and looking at photographs the children noticed all the bead work. The educator brought in bead work made in Africa from necklaces to animals. Meredy Amieka and Charli extended their bead threading skills by wanting to create their own giraffe using pipe cleaners. This led onto building blocks to be as high as a giraffe.

One day we went for a walk down to the shops and the children took the paper giraffes they made. They put their giraffes up to the bushes as we went past and told me the giraffe was eating the trees. Alby told all the other children about the giraffes he fed at Monato Zoo, giraffes tongues are 18 inches long.

Educators have been noticing the children engaging in some very imaginative play due to the activities books photos that we now have. Apparently we have 2 wild dogs that the children are feeding in the little hut. We haven't seen them but Alby tells us they are eating the food. RC are joining in the Thursday 23rd June for Healthy lunch day children attending will not need to bring lunch just fruit and snacks. A reminder to all RC parents you do need to supply a piece of fruit every day for your child to share.

Numeracy learning from our Africa focus first began with the story ‘Going on a Safari’, children would want to stop and count all the animals. They count on the swing, counted the flowers they picked, counted the water bottles. They have been enjoying counting everything – maybe at home they may be counting for you. We would love to know what they get up to.

RURAL CARE CLOSURE
IN JULY

Rural Care will be closed for 3 weeks, due to building additions and Asbestos removal. Last day will be the 8th July reopening on Monday 1st August. We apologise for this inconvenience.
This story can fit 100-150 words.

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You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

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Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.
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Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

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A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you’ve received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

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