

# KOALA ROOM

## Newsletter

### IN THE CLASSROOM

What an amazing Term 3 it has been in the Koala Room! It's hard to believe that we only have one term left of preschool for 2025.

Once again, the Koalas have had a jam-packed few weeks full of fun, laughter, and learning and they are definitely ready for a well-deserved break to rest and recharge before their final term of the preschool year. A huge thank you to all the dads and special male role models who took time out of their busy schedules to join us for our Father's Day / Poppy Day Afternoon. The Koalas had a wonderful time preparing beautiful gifts from cooking to craft, so much love, care, and effort was poured into each creation. Excitement filled the room as the children eagerly waited for your arrival at our special afternoon tea.

We hope you all had a wonderful time on the day it meant so much to the children (and to us!) to have you there.

"I was so excited to have two Daddy's, Popadoodle and Dad both came to my school." (T.C)



"I love my Daddy because he plays with me." (O.J)

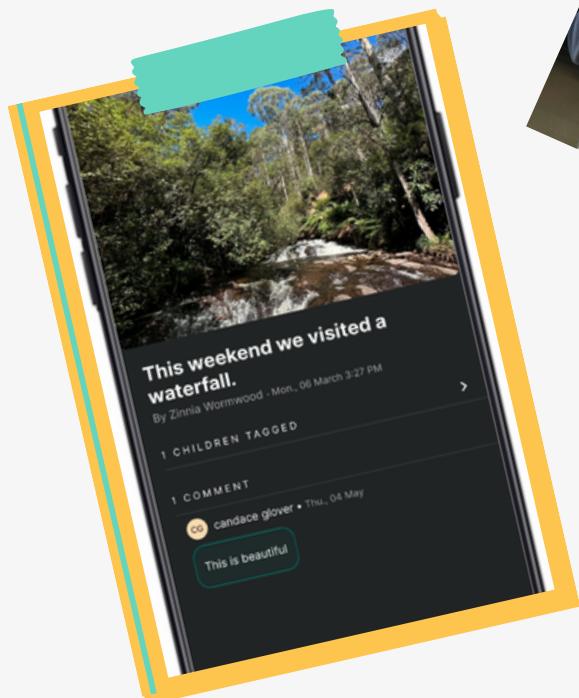


### WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

We love strengthening the Home-School Connection. When we understand what's happening in a student's home life and what excites or interests them, it helps us build a stronger relationship between home and school. This ensures the child receives support in both environments, centered around their passions and curiosities. These connection can be created through Xplor. Please see below

#### Creating Moments

1. Press on Care tab.
2. Beside the Learning title, click View All
3. Press on the double Camera icon on the top right.
4. Select Photo, Video, or Gallery
5. If necessary, grant the app permission to your camera.
6. Add a photograph/video.
7. Write text under the description.
8. Add a location.
9. Tag a child if there is more than one.
10. Press the send icon in the top right.



## Everything Number

The Koalas have been absolutely loving everything to do with numbers, so we decided to set up a dedicated number provocation in the classroom — and it's been such a hit that it's now into its second week! Number provocations are designed to spark children's natural curiosity and help them develop early numeracy skills through hands-on, play-based learning. These thoughtfully arranged invitations encourage children to explore counting, number recognition, patterns, and problem-solving in fun and meaningful ways. Whether it's sorting natural objects, building towers, or using ten frames, these activities make mathematical concepts visible and engaging. They also provide real-world context, cater to different learning styles, and support children in building confidence with numbers at their own pace all while having fun!



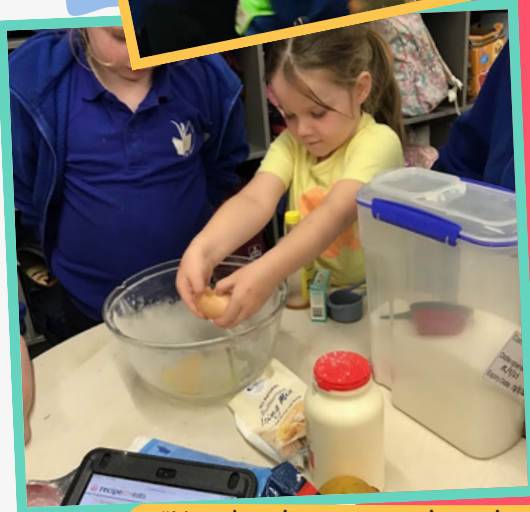
"I love writing magic numbers, they are not there and then they are." (D.S)

## R U OK Day

Thursday of Week 8 marked R U OK Day across Australia. In the Koala Room, we embraced this as a special opportunity to introduce our preschoolers to the important ideas of kindness, empathy, emotional awareness, and supporting others, all in an age-appropriate and gentle way. We talked about how it's important to check in on people who might look a little sad and explored simple ways we can show care and support. The children shared ideas about what we can say or do when someone isn't feeling their best — from offering a kind word to simply sitting with a friend or giving them a cuddle. We also discussed what we can do to help ourselves when we feel a bit sad. Together, we created a list of helpful mood-changers and calming activities — and then we put them into practice! These included: Blowing bubbles, Dancing, Cooking, Colouring-in, Solving puzzles, and of course, a comforting cuddle! It was a wonderful way for the children to learn that everyone has feelings, and that there are many ways we can support both ourselves and each other. We're so proud of how caring and thoughtful the Koalas were during these conversations and activities.

### Reminders:

- Library (Monday)
- Hats are back on for play time.
- Please check hats and jumpers for names.
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September - Last day of Term 3



"I loved it when we got to have the yellow Face Paint. It made me feel so happy in my heart."  
(A.M)