

Group 1 News



Our mini worlds have continued to grow over the last couple of weeks and the fairy theme has lent itself to maths experiences. A letter from the Leaf Fairy, thanked us for creating the village but requested that it be relocated. They asked for somewhere sheltered, near water and trees but also not too far away from the 'friendly giants'.

Group 1 discussed options and after exploring Kinma from a fairy's perspective settled on the clearing in the ferns behind Group 1's raised garden beds. We used lots of the directional language that we had practiced during a giant grid game on the basketball court such as: to the left of, to the right of, forwards, backwards and many then used grid paper and co-ordinates to plot features on a map.



Kayden's map

We also used it as inspiration for a 'thinkboard'. This is a shared maths activity in which the children work in pairs to solve a problem. The children are encouraged to use a variety of methods to help them including discussion, drawing pictures and using objects. Alongside this, comes discussion about which method they prefer. This thinkboard was a 'Finding all possibilities' problem meaning that there was not ONE correct answer but many and the challenge was to find as many as possible. For those ready for an extra challenge, we used extension questions such as: An EQUAL amount lived in each house, how many were there? True or False: There could be three ODD amounts?

All 24 residents of Fairy Town live in one of these 3 houses.

How many live in each house?

How many different ways can you find?



As well as Maths experiences that are linked to our theme, Group 1 also has sessions that we call 'Toolbox Maths'. These begin with a small group Mental Oral Starter (often an energetic group game) and are followed by time in which the children are presented with options to choose from. Term 3 has kicked off with lots of number play and place value games. We have been grouping ourselves into different amounts and counting on for addition particularly looking at one more and one less.

Rhymes have been used to explore digit formation and this and ordering has been practised through chalking out numbers on the playground and creating giant hop scotches. Darts has been a popular choice of late and the children have been working on finding the total of 3 numbers, firstly finding the biggest and counting on from there. Pictures and digits have been used as a method and to record.

We compared numbers by using blocks to measure our feet. Grace's were 13 cubes long. The children held their cube tower next to it and counted on to find the difference.

A firm Kinma favourite, 'The Exchange Game' has also made an appearance! Using a spinner, the children collect unit blocks (ones), can exchange ten of those for a tens rod and so on...why stop at 100? William and Rafferty have been eyeing up the 1000 block!







Snack attack is a flat \$5 regardless of what bits your child is having, and we are no longer serving juice. Parents making Snack Attack - please put out water for the kids to drink.

Snack Attack has been a part of Kinma for a very long time...and how wonderful for the children to have their parents come in and fill the air with a good home-cooked meal. There have been some amazing foods and traditional goodies that parents have become loved and famous for.

There are 64 children in the Primary and 28 in Preschool, approx. 10 adults on Wednesdays.

We have 17 gluten-free, 10 dairy-free children, and 3 vegetarians. If your child is any or all of these 3, please let me know.

Usually we have 2-3 parents that come in on a Wednesday and one makes the Main and the other Dessert...or you do it all together on the day. It is a great way to meet and get to know the parents of Kinma and spend the day with the children.

Like everything at Kinma it is a very relaxed easy day. There are not many rules, all we ask is for it not to be too junky and offer vegetarian, dairy-free and gluten-free options.

The kids really enjoy Snack attack, and it's great when we can make Snack Attack happen every week. Below are the dates for Term 2 Snack Attack.

PLEASE REMEMBER – We do not use nuts or nut products anywhere at Kinma.

Sep 7 th	Isobel, Sona & Tan
Sep 14 th	Sam, Sam, Stephany & Georgie
Sep 21 st	Liz & Sally G

If you have any questions or want to contribute please email me at hayleyjl@tpg.com.au or call 0435 145 486.

Some examples of successful meals have included Chicken wings/ drumsticks and salad, tacos, nachos, pasta dishes, pizza, sushi, quiche, fruit and yoghurt, baked apples with cream/yoghurt, natural ice blocks... and much more.

All expenses for ingredients are reimbursable.

Thanks,
Hayley Lewis (Turiee's mum)