

## PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Welcome to these children and their families.....



Katie



Lewis



Marley



Abby

## WATER PUMP



Our water pump is broken and it is a popular piece of equipment. The plumbers have taken it away to try to mend it. Cedric, Eloise, Marcus, Michael and Joshie were concerned to see what was happening, observing and talking with the plumbers about what they were doing.

## BLOCK PLAY



Wooden blocks are part of the Preschool's "continuous provision" – that is, resources, equipment and play and learning opportunities that are available for the children throughout the week for most of the day. Children are free to use the blocks as they choose. The structure around that freedom is that everyone stays safe, we share the blocks and space and take turns with others. Also a responsibility to be involved in putting the blocks away is engendered. The blocks are played with by individual children, with a friend or sometimes large teams get involved in a big project. Often, other play equipment gets introduced – dolls house furniture, cars, dinosaurs, farm and zoo animals.



Gus, Lucas, Zeon, Teo, Grace, Claudia, Azariah, Harley, Joshie and Cedric involved in block play

## SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

**TRANSPIRATION** Lizzie brought in some celery stalks. Joshie, Cedric, Camille, Elly and Eloise mixed some dye with water and then placed the stalks in jars that had the different coloured water in them. They talked about what might happen and documented their ideas.

“Change colour – the plants and turn into water” – Cedric

“Maybe the veins might change colour in different times but the celery sticks are changed by the colour of the water” – Camille

“Joshua’s colour is green and I love doing experiments” - Joshie



**AIR PUMPS** Teo described how he now had a rocket, how he acquired it and how he used it. “I said to Jakob that I want to be on the rocket and he will pump it and I will fly up” explained Teo. Nina told Teo about her water spring which functions in a similar way to the rocket. She brought in the water spring and Teo, Lily, Alexander, Lily, Anica, Lola, Leni, Camille, Harley, Darcy, Elodie and Claudia took turns to use the pump. They observed the water spraying out when they pumped the air. Harley said, “It looks like a firefighter” Leni, Lola and Teo pulled the spring apart and set it up again.



## AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

The children have enjoyed meeting up with old friends and making new ones



From Nina, Christine, Felicity, Lizzie, Kay and Pat