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A day in the Kindy Room at Withcott Early Childhood Centre

Bec is the Team Leader and she holds a Certificate III in Children's Services and is currently studying her Diploma of Children's Services, as is Terrie the Team Member.

Our Kindy children are aged between two and a half and three and a half years old, and Terrie and Bec love working with them. They put their heart and soul into caring for them and making each day full of new and fun experiences.

The Kindy children are a part of the open play based program which gives them the choice of where they want to play, either inside or outside. Each room is open and children can choose whether they want to play in the art room or the room that has music, dramatic play and construction equipment. This encourages them to make decisions for themselves, which enables them to learn and develop while they are doing something they enjoy.

Some of the Kindy children have shown an interest in space recently, so Bec and Terrie decided to decorate our room with planets stars and rocket ships which were made in the art room by those who were interested. Terrie brought in some large boxes so they could make a big rocket ship to play in.

The Kindy Room continues to develop children's independence and self help skills. Toilet training, which started in the Toddler Room, continues and many children manage independently. Self help skills are fostered through an open morning tea. The children are advised that morning tea has started at about 9.30 and they can come and have some as they are ready. There is a selection of seasonal fruits for the children to enjoy.

At about 11.15am the Kindy children will come inside for group time where they enjoy stories, felts, puppets, active songs and sometimes games. Lunch is then served and they say grace together. Lunch time is a great opportunity to talk about what has happened throughout the morning and about the yummy food they are eating.

After lunch the children all have a rest on their special beds from about 12.30-2.00pm, which varies depending on how long they sleep. Those children who don't sleep may read stories quietly on their beds. Then they are given special sleep bags with interesting surprises to play with. At get up time the children are getting very good at putting on their own shoes and socks, again developing their independence.

After enjoying an open afternoon tea of fruit and a variety of snacks, the children again have the choice to play outside, which develops their gross motor skills, or inside.

This is a snapshot of what a day in the Kindy Room looks like. If you would like any more information about Withcott Early Childhood Centre, please phone 4630 3722 or drop in to see us at 42 Biggs Road.

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