

HERITAGE NEWSLETTER



HERITAGE UPDATE

It feels like a while ago now, but we were so pleased to see so many families join us for the Teddy Bear's Picnic on campus a couple of weeks ago. Since then, we have noticed lots of members of our community wearing their special "We choose Heritage" jumpers to show our united message.

The Heritage bus program will ramp up for the second half of the year, with lots more trips out into the community. We recently sent additional educators to driver training and are also sending two educators on a Nature Play Leaders course towards the end of the year. This will set our bus program up well for the remainder of the year and into the future.

Our recent Educator Training day was a big success, with the four community-based centres coming together to participate in a day of learning with Alma Fleet. Alma is such an inspiring speaker, and I know her time spent with us will help to inspire our educators and the way we document children's learning (more info on page 2). Alma also works as a consultant for Seamann and Slattery (a name you may continue to hear in our future training schedule in 2024-25).

A big thank you to all our families for your support over the last month; the time has moved very quickly, and our committee has worked tirelessly to meet the deadlines that ANU has imposed on us. As you know, due to this advocacy and support, ANU has allowed a short period for the four community childcare centre operators to negotiate directly with ANU to ensure our future.

All centres submitted proposals, including "stay" proposals by Cubby and Acton; because they were rejected, both Cubby and Acton have given their full support for the Heritage and UPCCC proposals to operate in the new facilities.

The University has announced today that it will defer the tender process for the new childcare facilities while discussing them with UPCCC and Heritage. In the coming week, we will be working alongside UPCCC and ANU to finalise an agreement for the two new facilities. As we enter this phase of discussion, our existing families and continuity of care are of great importance to us.

As these talks continue with ANU, the Heritage committee has decided to **reschedule the SGM meeting to next Monday 29th July at 5pm**. Due to the fluid nature of the negotiations, it is difficult to advise on the agenda and matters requiring a vote, and we may advise of a delay to these proposed dates at any time prior to their occurrence. The agenda for the 29 July SGM will hopefully go out in the next few days, following further negotiations with ANU.

ANU continues to predict that the new facilities will move in February, with an agreed-upon transition period between the centres. This is a time of year when many children across all childcare centres go off to school. Continuity of care is so important to us, so we will be sending out our enrolment needs early to get an idea of our families' needs. Please keep a lookout for a link coming soon.

Our families and community remain of utmost importance to us, and we can feel the great support from all of you. We have an exciting calendar coming up for families to get together, including Science Week, Book Week and another Family Day organised. We can't wait to see you get involved!

Katie Fuller, Acting Director (Happy holidays to Vicki!)

Upcoming Dates:

10-18 August: Science Week

17-23 August: Book Week

2 Sept: Family Afternoon

New Members Area

Website Password:

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EDUCATOR DEVELOPMENT DAY

We had a delightful Educator Development Day last Friday, with Alma Fleet and the ANU community-based centres. Alma Fleet, renowned for her expertise in early childhood education, led an engaging session on implementing meaningful and sustainable child-focused observation techniques. Her guidance and insights were invaluable as she encouraged educators to reflect deeply on our current practices and documentation, emphasising the importance of observing children in nurturing environments.

Pedagogical documentation emerged as a central theme during the development day. This method not only serves as a vital tool for observing young children but also fosters a collaborative learning environment among educators, families, and children themselves. Alma Fleet's expertise has empowered us to enhance our educational practices, promoting continuous growth and development within our community.



HERITAGE X WILDBARK COMMUNITY EVENING

At the end of May, Heritage collaborated with Wildbark at Mulligans Flat for our first ever 'Guided Night Walk'. Educators were eager to hold an event here to share with our community the amazing work the Rangers at Mulligans Flat do, and show off the beautiful sanctuary that a group of our Preschoolers have been learning in over the past few months.

Once arriving at Wildbark, we shared the excitement for the evening ahead and had a lovely time forming new connections across the centre. Rangers then started to circulate the room with some reptiles, a shingleback lizard and a bearded dragon.

Soon it was time to collect some red flashlights and head out into the Sanctuary, guided by the Rangers. Walking along the boardwalk we were able to appreciate the beauty of the Sanctuary, quickly spotting some kangaroos. The Rangers pointed out many things and shared information, such as various animal scat, the floppy top fence and possums in the trees. We were even lucky enough to see a quoll, a nocturnal predator of the Sanctuary! We turned around and headed back, warming up a bit before being invited in small groups to meet Nancy the bettong!

We would like to thank all the families that made our first Heritage X Wildbark evening such a success, and look forward to more events like this in future!

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