

Banksia Day Book

Wednesday 24th of July 2024

'Desert Rose' inspired playdough creations



Yesterday the children sparked an interest in Tina's 'desert rose' natural cluster she brought back from her travels in Qatar. Today, Tina placed provocations of the crystal next to a table of playdough, inviting children to mould the playdough with this as inspiration.



Float or sink unstructured experimentation



Educators set up a tub of water and prompted the thought of what floats and sinks. The children ran around the garden in search of resources to test. They tested things such as bark and rocks, as well as random toys.



Playdough engineers



We found a bug!



Shion, Marlou and Fenn discovered a bug outside. We decided to put in a plastic jar and observed it. Shion commented, "It can't breathe in there." He was demonstrating his awareness of how living things need to breathe. So, we decided to cover the jar with cling wrap and make holes on the top for air to flow in.

Being Creative with construction sticks



To the Gallery / Nature Play!



Today we had planned to go see Hannah Quinlivan's (community parent) exhibition at Grainger Gallery in Fyshwick. The exhibition called Resonance interrogates the intricate connection between place and the structure of feeling. Once we got there, they had had a surprise closure, not to worry, we will try again another day! So this meant the preschoolers got to explore the nature playground out the front. The preschoolers decided to do roleplay of underwater creatures, and thoroughly enjoyed this time despite the change of plans. We had planned to do an art activity post the gallery so we decided to do this anyway, drawing pictures of something we had enjoyed today.



