

# Newsletter



Term

3



“There are no perfect parents, and there are no perfect children, but there are plenty of perfect moments along the way.”  
— Dave Willis

## Thank you to Families

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our families for your active participation this term. Your engagement in our closed Facebook group, especially in sharing your heritage stories, has been invaluable as we build a more diverse and inclusive community.

We also appreciate your support in embracing the new Xplor app. We hope you're enjoying the weekly updates on your child's learning journey, and we look forward to continuing this connection with you in the coming term.



## Family Involvement

We Value Your Feedback:  
Help Us Improve Our Learning Environment by emailing us any feedback or requests at [care@splashcentre.org.au](mailto:care@splashcentre.org.au)

If you would like to contribute to the program we welcome parents to. If you have a unique talent or an interesting career, or perhaps you would like to do an activity with the children please reach out to Oli at [care@splashcentre.org.au](mailto:care@splashcentre.org.au)

# Learning Highlights from the Educational Leader

As we reach the end of Term 3, I would like to reflect on the wonderful experiences and learning opportunities your children have been part of.

This term has been full of creativity and exploration, we've seen tremendous growth in every child. It has been a pleasure and an honour to be a part of the children's lives and helping them to learn and grow through fun and play!

Thank you for your ongoing support, whether it was through your participation daily engagement via our Closed Facebook group, face to face, or sharing feedback. We've truly enjoyed this journey together and are excited to carry forward the momentum into Term 4.

This term's program was packed with diverse and enriching experiences for the children, focusing on creativity, physical activity, and community involvement. Some of the highlights include:

**Dollhouse Renovation Project:** Each week, the children transformed their dollhouse, from painting walls to crafting outdoor furniture and wallpaper. This project helped them develop skills in design, planning, and creativity.

**Outdoor Sports:** Our weekly sports sessions included both leisurely games and team competitions, helping children build physical fitness, teamwork, and resilience. A notable highlight was our Olympic Games Week, where children competed in friendly matches to celebrate the global event.

**Edible Playdough Fun:** Over several weeks, the children created edible playdough, using it to craft items like burgers and produce for our pretend play kitchen, bringing a sensory and creative aspect to their playtime.

**Science Week:** We had dived into the wonders of science with hands-on experiments, sparking curiosity and a love for discovery. The children were thrilled by the cause-and-effect relationships they uncovered.

**Self-Portrait Poster:** We created a collaborative self-portrait poster where each child, along with staff, had the chance to draw their likeness. This project promoted self-expression and celebrated individuality.

**Community Garden Exploration:** Weekly visits to the community garden provided endless learning opportunities. The children learned about herbs, took care of the chickens, painted rocks, made mud pies, had tea parties, and enjoyed scavenger hunts, connecting deeply with nature and each other.

**Indigenous Craftsmanship:** Over several weeks, the children crafted traditional bush survival tools such as boomerangs and shields, learning about indigenous culture and history through hands-on activities.

In the last two weeks of the term, we embarked on a special project celebrating our community's diverse heritage. The Parents and children began sharing their family backgrounds, and we've started incorporating these stories into our service. Each week moving forward, we will cook a dish from a different cultural background, with the goal of compiling these recipes into a Multicultural Cookbook that celebrates rich cultural diversity of the Splash Community.

## Looking Ahead to Term 4

Looking ahead, The Diverse Heritage Project will continue into Term 4, and we invite families to contribute recipes and stories that reflect their heritage. Together, we are building a deeper understanding and appreciation of each other's cultures. In Term 4 we will dive into different traditions, stories, and celebrations - Oli & Team

# Spotlight on Key Learning Outcomes

## Children's Learning Journey: Building Confidence Through Play

This term, our activities supported the development of essential skills through fun and engaging experiences, aligned with the My Time, Our Place framework:

**Outcome 1:** Sense of Identity, Projects like the self-portrait poster and dollhouse renovation encouraged creativity and self-expression, helping children build confidence and feel a sense of belonging.

**Outcome 2:** Connecting with the World: In the community garden, children learned to care for living things, work together, and appreciate nature, fostering respect for their environment.

**Outcome 3:** Wellbeing: Physical activities like sports, the scooter course, and our Olympic matches strengthened motor skills, teamwork, and a healthy approach to competition.

**Outcome 4:** Involvement and Learning: Hands-on projects, such as edible playdough, science experiments, and making indigenous tools, encouraged curiosity, problem-solving, and resilience.

**Outcome 5:** Communication: Group activities like cooking, the Minecraft characters, and our Diverse Heritage Project helped children practice collaboration, storytelling, and sharing their heritage with others.

These experiences not only made learning fun but also supported your child's overall development in line with the MTOP framework.

# Message from Centre Director Justina



As we reflect on the busy year it's incredible how quickly time has passed. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for your support during our Xplor transition. Splash is pleased with our new service provider, which allows families to view children's observations through the app.

This is a friendly reminder for all families enrolled in our upcoming Spring Vacation Care. Please ensure your child brings a hat and a water bottle. If your child is booked for an excursion day, kindly arrive at Splash before 9 AM, as the bus will leave promptly at that time.

Please stay tuned to our website and closed Facebook page for updates on the fun activities our children will participate in during the new term. Oli, our educational leader, has been developing an incredible cultural heritage food project that we're excited to share! Justina

# KEY DATES &

## Reminders



- **Splash Spring Vacation Care starts 30th September and the last day will be the 11th of October**
- **Splash will be closed for Labour day on Monday the 7th of October.**
- **Splash Term 4 starts again on the 14th of October with Before School at 7am.**
- **Term 4 2024 finishes up on Wednesday 18th of December. Splash will be open for Vacation Care on the 19th and 20th of December.**
- **Splash will then be closed from the 21st of December for two weeks over Christmas and New Year opening back up for Vacation Care on Monday 6th of January.**
- **We will then have a jam packed four weeks of vacation care up until the start of Term 1 2025 on Tuesday 4th of February.**

### 2025 Orientation

Splash will be at the first orientation morning on Wednesday 16th of October. Justina will be giving a small presentation on all things Splash and then taking the opportunity to meet new and existing families at morning tea and being available to answer any questions on the enrolment process. As part of your orientation pack, you will receive a Splash handbook and enrolment guide that outlines the new Xplor enrolment process.

After Wednesday 16th of October, we will open our enrolments for 2025 with parents being able to enrol their child/ren through the enrolment link on our website. Once enrolled we will be able to create any permanent bookings for 2025 and Vacation Care bookings for January. If you have any questions on the enrolment process, please reach out via email at [care@splashcentre.org.au](mailto:care@splashcentre.org.au). We look forward to welcoming our new Kindy cohort for 2025!

Thank you, in your role as parents and carers, for supporting SPLASH.

### 2024 SPLASH AGM

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all families of SPLASH to attend our Annual AGM to be held on Monday 21st October 2024 at 7pm. Under the rules of our Constitution, at least one person from each Splash family is required to attend the AGM.

**Many thanks to our current executive committee members:**

**Joel Gilberthorpe - President**

**Tara Rees - Vice President**

**Michelle Rees - Secretary**

**Natalie Cizmesija - Treasurer**

**Kate Bartlett - Vice Treasurer**

**Kate Meyer and Meredith Simons - General Committee Members**

This year, the meeting will be in person at the school hall, and we will also offer the option of joining online by zoom.

All committee positions will be open at the AGM and need to be renominated. This year, we are particularly seeking a President and general committee members.

There will be a number of important Agenda items discussed at this year's AGM, and we need families to come along to be involved to ensure Splash continues to operate at Ashbury Public School.

Even if you don't want to join the committee, attending the AGM is a great way to get to know the newly elected committee and understand how this not-for-profit organisation operates. It is also a great way to influence the activities and focus for the upcoming year.

Please consider joining us in making a positive difference to SPLASH. A wonderful way to get involved in the community, contribute ideas and important skills. A full and active Committee is vital to keep the service running smoothly.

You will be made very welcome! If you would like to discuss any of the Committee positions, then please feel free to call 02 9797 8854.

Thank you, in your role as parents and carers, for supporting SPLASH.



# HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELL BEING!



Keeping active with your child not only supports their physical health but also creates opportunities for family fun! Whether it's an outdoor adventure or a quick game at home, staying active together can be simple and enjoyable. For a fun list of activities to try, check out this [article from this great link](#).

## JUST FOR FUN



Actual footage of my children getting ready for school.



**Thank you & have a fun  
and safe holiday!**

