



Briars Bulletin

Week 1, Term 4, 2014



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Important Dates

Saturday 18th Oct
Bunnings BBQ

Wednesday 29th Oct
Pupil Free Day
Governing Council 7pm

Wednesday 26th Nov
Governing Council 7pm

Saturday 6th Dec
Bunnings BBQ

Welcome to Term 4

“Dear Zoo” is the opening theme for term 4 in support of the book “Dear Zoo”, by Rod Campbell.

The last two weeks of term will evolve into a Christmas focus to reflect the book “Dear Santa” by Rod Campbell. Learning experiences will be planned fortnightly with six ‘core’ experiences planned and assessed with children’s individual learning goals. The learning experiences offered are planned with the support of the Early Years Learning Framework.

A key goal of the term will be for the children to go on an excursion to the Adelaide Zoo.



**The next BBQ is
Sat 18th October.**

If you would like to help,
please chat to any
staff member or call
8365 9808

Zoo Goo

(Psyllium Slime)

1 Tb psyllium

1 cup water

Food colouring

Microwave for up to 4 mins



As the sun comes out so do the summer clothes and water play. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and always pack a spare set of clothes. It is also advisable to apply sun screen before kindy. If you would like us to reapply sun screen during the day for you, please provide sun screen with your child’s name and a Medical Authority form. Thank you.



**My goodness, there is a
lion in our group time!!**



**We have had fun making, and eating,
our Zoo food—frog cakes & popcorn**



Term 4, 2014 – The Briars Zoo – Weeks 1&2.

Literacy Experiences

"Dear Zoo" by Rod Campbell
"The Little Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves" by Lucille Colandro
Literacy Table with props and Super talker, story PowerPoint on Interactive Plasma Screen.
Implementing a monitor board for jobs & responsibilities that the children can participate in.
Switches & voice-output devices to support imaginative play.
Recognition of their name in print for new children.
Greetings & the days of the week.
Animal paper bag puppets
Colour selection / naming for Toucan feathers

The Indoor Zoo

An indoor zoo patrol jeep
Popcorn making in the Zoo (Switch activated)
Outdoor painting of the zoo animals on glass
Animal sounds with switch access
Visit Adelaide Zoo planning.

Art Experiences

Easel Painting (free choice) Outdoors
Outdoor glass painting of animals
Sponge painting(jungle greens and browns)
Stamping onto Dear Zoo animal templates to create backdrop for literacy table.

Sensory Experiences

Delta sand with a range of moulding & sculpting tools.
Gloop with rice & other added items.
Zoo Goo – psyllium slime
Jungle Fluff – cornflour & shaving foam
Playdough with sand

Experimentation/Inquiry

Animal from the Nature Education Centre.
Spiny leaf Insects – maintaining & water spraying as required
Cooking – chocolate frog cakes, popcorn
Taking photographs of animals & each other with cameras and iPads.
Collect & sort food scraps for the chickens.
Nature Walk to collect collage materials & to practice leaving & returning to the centre.

Outdoor Learning Program

Free play in paddock with access to quarry, platform, balls and trucks.
Filling round vegetable garden tank & car tyres with soil for planting
Letting out & feeding the chickens.
Plant watering as required.
Collecting mail from District Office.
Taking scraps to the compost bin.
Liberty Swing and Large Trampoline.
Pine cone decorating.

Music

Alice The Camel, 5 Elephants Balancing, Nellie The Elephant,
Green Anaconda, The Lion Sleeps Tonight, Crocodile Rock

