

Term 4, 2014 - Weeks 7, 8 & 9

# Christmas!

## Literacy Experiences

- Read "Dear Santa" by Rod Campbell
- **Literacy Table** – "Dear Santa" with props and Super Talker for children to access the text through AAC.
- 'I know an old lady who swallowed a .. star' literacy experience with props.
- **Pretend play:** Zoo area - food, cutlery, kitchen Xmas props, cubby house play.
- Christmas home corner setting on verandah.
- Finding and matching Australian and zoo animal cut-outs.
- Christmas dress-ups with Santa suits, hats & boots, antlers.

## Art Experiences

- Setting up Christmas Tree – roller paint & decorate with sequins & glitter.
- Dripper painting to make Xmas bunting
- Making Christmas lights with plastic shot glasses & cellophane.
- Pasting felt, pasta & bark chips onto cardboard Australian and zoo animals on the fence. Add Xmas hats
- Painting and pasting onto Christmas Tree outlines.
- Christmas paper plate trees
- Green / red handprints to make into a big Christmas Tree.
- Paint & decorate cardboard Christmas hats for cardboard animals.
- Hand prints
- Stained glass cellophane and contact
- Make Santa's throne

## Sensory Experience

- Light box with coloured shot glasses.
- Gloop
- Wet sand, stones & gravel in water table.
- Water play with boats & pouring cups.
- Play dough with Christmas stamps & cutters.

## Experimentation/Inquiry

- Photography by children using iPads and digital cameras. Publish
- Woolworths animal cards – sort and classify and count

## Outdoors

- Cubby in paddock and decorate.
- Exploring: quarry, mud/rock table, cubby house & bark mounds in paddock.
- Ball games & music on the platform.

## Songs

Jingle Bells, I'm a Christmas Candle, Twinkle Star, Home Among the Gumtrees, Christmas in Australia's Hot! Rudolph the Red-Nosed reindeer.



# Briars Newsletter

Week 7 & 8, Term 4, 2014

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## Important Dates

**Saturday 6th Dec**  
Bunnings BBQ - CANCELLED

**Monday 8th Dec**  
End of Year Celebration  
5:30-7:30pm

**Friday 12th Dec**  
Last day of Term 4  
1pm finish

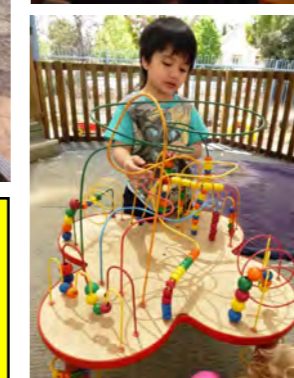
Happy Holidays !!

WE'VE  
BEEN TO  
THE ZOO!

Keep an eye out for all the photos in next weeks bulletin.

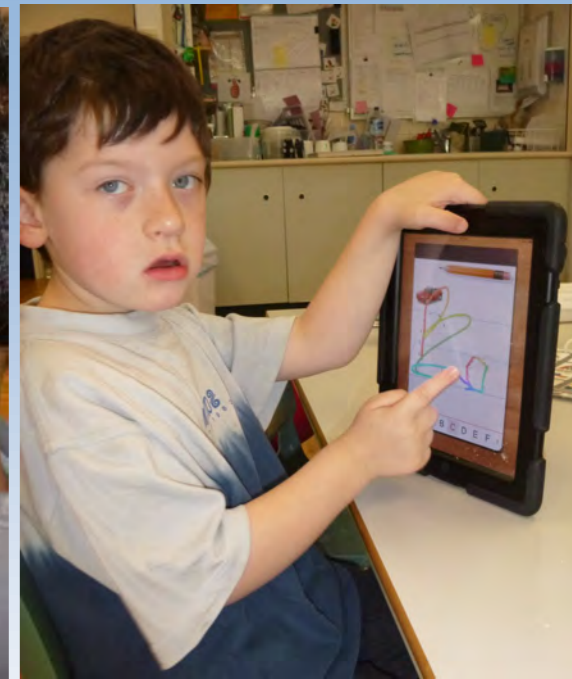


Snail Racing

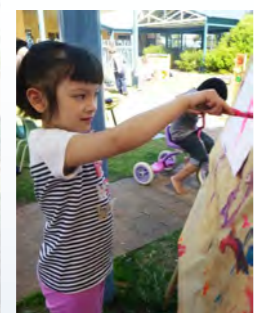


## IMPORTANT!!

Please ensure you clearly name your child's lunch box, drink bottle, hat and clothes.



As part of your child's kindy day, they will be involved in small group 'focus' Learning opportunities. This group is using an ipad app called "Little ABC Writer" and costs \$2.49 from the itunes app store. The children worked very well as they made their way through the alphabet.



A lovely note from one of the Mums  
"I love what you guys do!  
Thank you so much" :)



*thank you!*  
A BIG thankyou to Dee Brown for donating a beautiful arrangement of handmade accessories. All proceeds are going toward the continued development of our outdoor learning space.



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# Focus Learning Group

