It has been extremely busy this month in the ELC, each week we have had an exciting event occur. I have a feeling it is going to be like this for the rest of the year!

**Book Fair**

We have our Book Fair running from Monday 28 September to Friday 9 October please come along look and purchase your child a book (maybe a stocking filler as Christmas is just around the corner). The Centre is aiming to sell over $1000 in books. If we achieve this, we will receive 30% of the sales to spend on literacy resources for the Centre. You could also purchase and donate a book to the ELC (thanks to a parent who suggested this). We are getting stickers designed to put inside the books donated by families. The Educators will have a wish list for you to choose from.

Books are important for children for oral language, receptive language, cognitive function and of course pre reading skills. You can never have too many books!

Thank you for everyone for collecting Earn and Learn Stickers. We collected 10,600 points to spend! We are waiting for verification of the points and will let you know how much outdoor equipment we are able to purchase for the ELC.

Pirate Day was lots of fun and we raised $105.00 for Motor Neurons Disease. Thank you.

White Balloon Day coincided with our Father’s Day BBQ breakfast where we raised $100.00 for Braveheart’s. Thank you so much for assisting us in supporting these two amazing organisations.

Parents, stay positive!

**Triple P Parenting Program**

I am very excited to announce that the ELC will be hosting Triple P Parenting Program. It would be wonderful if all Parents of young children could attend. The course contains great tips and ideas on how to work with your children and set good behaviour strategies and to let you know that you are not alone on your parenting journey. This is a must for all parents of 6 week olds – 12 years. Three nights – three different subjects. No cost. [www.triplep-parenting.net.au/qld-uki/positive-parenting/five-steps-to-positive-parenting/](http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/qld-uki/positive-parenting/five-steps-to-positive-parenting/)

The three nights will each run 6.30pm-8.00pm. The dates are Tuesday 27 October, Tuesday 10 November & Tuesday 1 December 2015 in the Cecile Ryan Centre (Secondary School Library). Tea and Coffee will be available on the nights. RSVP at the Centre or College Reception. Invite your friends and family.

**Tuesday 20 October - Community Helpers Day in the ELC**

Come dressed as your favourite community helper and bring a Gold Coin Donation for the Daniel Morecombe Foundation.

For the children heading to Prep in 2016 we will be working very closely with the College to assist with your child’s transition to school. We will be going on little excursions to the College, playing in the playground. Jess and Jaime-lee will be commencing your child’s transition statements in the coming weeks. We will also be asking families to contribute to these and complete a drawing with your child about what they like about kindy.

We are continually reviewing Centre policies and procedures please feel free to request a copy of any of the policies and have input. This is welcomed.

We are also looking at our Quality Improvement Plan and welcome suggestions and feedback. I will be sending out a questionnaire to families and asking for feedback on your year to date so we can continue to grow and celebrate the year.

**Immunisation Update**

From 1 January all children need to be immunised that attend an Early Learning Centre and immunisation status needs to be up to date or this will affect your child care benefit and child care rebate. We will require an up to date print out of the Immunisation Schedule. Please note we can no longer accept a photocopy of your child’s health booklet.
Health Alert – Asbestos Identified in Crayons
Following health concerns about traces of asbestos detected in some brands of children’s crayons that have been imported into Australia, please find attached information from the relevant authorities:


Christmas Closure
The Centre will close on Friday 18 December 2015 and re-open on Monday 4 January 2016. No fees will be charged for this closure period.

Children will commence in their new room 25 January 2016. All days should now be confirmed for your child for 2016. If not please come and see myself or Kerrie.

If I can be of any assistance, or you have any questions please come and see me.

Bronwyn Waters
ELC Director

Community Child Health
Community Child Health offer a wide range of free health services to families with children from conception to completion of high school. Services are provided within a Primary Health Care framework and are available from a variety of locations on the Gold Coast. Appointments are essential and referrals may be made to other health professionals as appropriate.

Community Child Health consists of three main service areas:
- Child Development Service
- Child Youth and Family Health 0-3 and 4-18
- Community Paediatrician

Clinics are located at Southport, Palm Beach and Helensvale. Locations and contact details - Phone (07) 5687 9183

WHAT’S ON?
28 September - 9 October
Book Week
Tuesday 20 October
Community Helpers Day
Gold Coin Donation
for Daniel Morcombe Foundation
Come dressed as your favourite Community Helper

Tuesday 27 October
Parenting Program Session 1:
The Power of Positive Parenting

Tuesday 10 November
Parenting Program Session 2:
Raising Confident, Competent Children

Tuesday 1 December
Parenting Program Session 3:
Raising Resilient Children
Hello to our Families,
I’m sure you have heard lots of excitement and a sense of wonder coming from our room recently. The children have been so intrigued about insects and bugs and it has truly taken off throughout the month. We have had endless conversations, and questioning which has provided a big foundation to lead this learning further.

This interest evolved from our discussion about the change of seasons as we moved into Spring. We started sharing books and looking on the internet to discover facts, which had the children inquisitive about lifecycles. With the children wanting more we set up the light table with real encased insects, lifecycle posters and an insect role play area. The children started discovering insects and bugs around the playground and we carefully placed them into bug catches to take a closer look.

We want to say thank you for all our family input this month it has really created a great connection between home and kindy. We were lucky enough to have a caterpillar that Ty found at home. It spent some time at kindy as we watched it create a chrysalis and transform into a butterfly. It was a beautiful process the children were so lucky to witness. Our class have been very excited about Bee’s and thankyou to Harry and Lucy for bringing in the honey comb, which created a hands-on experience. We loved Aiden’s idea of making honey sandwiches too.

Please continue to have input into our program, it really supports the children’s learning and enables you to share some meaningful conversations at home. Thank you to Jasper’s mum for sharing some traditional celebrations in her culture and taking the group for a cooking experience, where we made Vietnamese rice paper rolls. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and developed their self-help skills while promoting healthy eating.

We are continuing to work on the children’s self-help skills. Independence is an essential part of preparing the children for the years ahead. We have been encouraging having a go at shoes and socks, dressing and undressing. The children have engaged in the dress up area, where they have taken on many challenges. Please help us support the children during this learning process with shoes that are easy to put on and take off.

We are continuing to support the children’s ability to follow instructions, listen to others and use their words. This is ongoing learning, where we use show and tell, small and large group times and games to support these skills. It’s a chance to strengthen the children’s language skills.

We want to say thank you to all our special Dads, Pops and Grandads who joined us for the Father’s Day Sausage sizzle. We loved having you share this special morning of activities including playdough with tools and pipe cleaners, fishing games, Lego and dinosaurs with natural materials.

You may have noticed furniture has moved around in our class room. We love having changes in our room to support the children’s changing needs and interests. Don’t forget to check out what we have been learning and take a look at our “Day Book” at the end of the lockers.

Miss Stephanie, Miss Alison, Miss Stacey and Miss Ali

REMINDERS:

• With the warmer weather approaching, please assist your child in putting sun cream on when arriving, and a hat for outside play.
• Please use our Communication Diary on the lockers for any reminders or messages.
Dear Families,

We have been able to enjoy a few special events in September such as the Father’s Day Breakfast and Pirate Day. Thank you so much to all of the families who attended the Father’s Day Breakfast. It was wonderful to see all of the Fathers and Grandfathers enjoying many experiences with their children. It was great to see so many children dressed up on the Pirate Day. Miss Jana enjoyed greeting the children by saying ‘Ahoy’ and later taught the children the Czech word for Ahoy.

As the weather has been warming up the children have been enjoying water play. The Educators decided to extend on this interest by introducing the theme of solids, liquids and gases. Multiple activities were available to explore this concept further. Miss Jaime-lee modelled the difference between solids, liquids and gases to the children through three different balloons; with water, air and ice. The children then explored this independently in the water trough. The class explored solids and liquids further through melting ice with salt. This experience then led to creating crystals out of salt and water through the melting process.

Gravity was another strong interest within the room this month. Miss Jaime-lee led discussions with the class to understand their prior knowledge of gravity; the children knew that there was no gravity in space, which meant you floated. This led to dramatic play experiences of ‘space walking’. Inquiry and experimentation was used to explore gravity through testing different objects that would or would not roll down ramps and hills.

The Educators within the room have been very impressed this month with the learning that has occurred. Through exploring these scientific concepts the children have been demonstrating their abilities to research, investigate, test and experiment their own ideas in play.

A Few Reminders:

- Please remember the sun safety procedure in the morning by putting sunscreen and a hat on your child.
- As it is warming up we will be engaging in water play, please ensure your child has a spare change of clothes in their bag at all times.

Thank you again for a wonderful month in the Pre Prep 1 room.

Miss Jaime-lee, Miss Jana and Miss Sarah
Hello Families!

It has been such a pleasure to teach your children this month. We have noticed such a positive change in the children's behaviour. The willingness and desire to learn has also been particularly evident and the children's ability to concentrate and work on different activities for longer periods of time has significantly improved. We are certainly impressed at the knowledge and understanding the children have in particular in regards to electricity.

The theme of cities has continued into the month of September. We were very fortunate to have Tyler's dad, Andrew visit and explain his architect career. His visit has sparked some interest in other significant sky scrapers around the world, particularly the tallest building in Dubai. This building is almost four times taller than the Q1.

Another interest that has emerged is electricity. This interest developed from an interactive eBook we implemented called the City Nights. There was much collaboration on the difference between night and day cities. Lights was a common theme that emerged from these discussions. This led to contacting the Colleges Science Department and inviting the Year 12 Physics class to teach the children how electric currents and lights work. The Year 12's brought in circuits and explained how electrons travel in a circular motion to make lights work. The children were able to explore the circuits by creating their own. This experience went for 45 minutes and the children were all very engaged. We are very thankful to have had the Year 12's visit our class.

The electricity theme continued, with looking at light circuits using playdough, drawing electrical circuits and also exploring static electricity. We investigated static electricity by rubbing balloons and seeing what objects stick to the balloon. The children enjoyed seeing their hair sticking to the balloon the most. We also discussed how lightning is a form of static electricity. We were very impressed at the children's understanding of electricity. Their eagerness to learn and comprehend this complex topic has been phenomenal.

This month we also celebrated Father’s Day. Thank you to those who attended. We also had our Pirate Day, which was definitely a fun and successful day. Thank you for your support this month.

Thank you all,

Miss Jess, Miss Mardi and Miss Shelley