



Quantin Binnah

Quarterly Newsletter

October to December 2026

Message from our CEO

Final Newsletter for 2026

Welcome to our 24th quarterly newsletter and our final newsletter for 2026.

In this edition, we reflect on the wonderful achievements and activities from the third quarter of 2026, while also sharing exciting information about what is coming up in the final quarter of the year.

You can view our full 2026 Calendar via

<https://www.qbcc.org.au/annual-reports> Each month features beautiful illustrations and inspirational quotes aligned with our yearly themes.

You can also access a summary of our 2026 events calendar at

<https://www.qbcc.org.au/newsandpolicies>

In the Third Quarter of “QB Colours Your World”, We Celebrated:

- July – Brown: Appreciation and Imagination
- August – Silver: Listening and Role Models
- September – Green: Growth and Nature

As you will see throughout this newsletter, Quantin Binnah Community Centre has undertaken many wonderful activities, engaging people of all ages and abilities across our community. Our team strives to authentically engage with our community and live our values of nurturing belonging and connection with all our families and community members through meaningful activities, events and programs.

Looking Ahead – Final Quarter Themes

We also have some exciting plans as we embrace Spring and prepare to welcome Summer.

Our upcoming themes include:

- October – Purple: Confidence and Self-Expression
- November – Navy: Hope and Perseverance
- December – Rainbows: Reflections

These themes will help us celebrate the final quarter of the year while encouraging connection, creativity, resilience and reflection across our community.

Supporting and Advocating for the QB Community

This quarter, we continued to support our community with a wide range of programs and services.

Unfortunately, QBCC was not successful in its tender to become the successful long-term provider for The Grange. This opportunity would have provided access to additional space to help meet the growing demands on our services.

QBCC has recently submitted a request to Wyndham City Council (WCC) for an external review of this tender process, along with many other tenders and requests QBCC has submitted over the past seven years of my tenure.

While an unsuccessful tender outcome, in isolation, would not ordinarily justify an external review, our concerns extend well beyond a single procurement decision. They relate to a pattern of decisions, actions and omissions over the past six and a half years concerning the management, maintenance, redevelopment and strategic future of the Quantin Binnah Community Centre.

We have also written to our newly elected local councillor and arranged John Lister our local MP to visit the Centre.

We will continue to keep you updated as we advocate for our community facility, ensuring it is fit for purpose and that QBCC receives reasonable consideration in future tender processes.

Kindergarten and Program Information

The enrolment process for 2027 kindergarten has commenced through WCC, and we are pleased with the number of families who are choosing QBCC as their first preference.

Please note that QBCC will continue providing both 3-year-old and 4-year-old kindergarten programs throughout 2026 and into the future, with increasing hours for children as part of the Victorian Government’s Best Start, Best Life reforms.

More information can be found at: Best Start, Best Life Reforms

All other QBCC services and community programs will also continue to operate and remain available to our families and community members.

Thames Boulevard Redevelopment Project

By now, if you are local to Thames Boulevard, you will have received direct communication from WCC about the proposed Thames Boulevard redevelopment project.

While the redevelopment will be a positive improvement for the area in the long term, QBCC remains concerned that, during the project period, the works may create additional



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demand on the QBCC car park, which is already under significant pressure.

Concerns regarding the car park have been raised consistently throughout my tenure of nearly 7 years and will continue to remain high on our advocacy agenda with WCC.

Separate meetings are planned for this project with key stakeholders. QBCC's aim is to request community forums so that everyone is informed about the process and can advocate for adequate safety measures and parking supervision during peak periods for the duration of the project.

We will continue to advocate for the safety and accessibility of our community and ensure the potential impacts on QBCC families, visitors and service users are appropriately considered.

Community Ideas and Feedback

Please continue sharing your ideas and suggestions to support our themes and help enhance our programs and services.

Thank you to everyone who continues to provide feedback about how we can improve our customer service and program delivery.

You can explore our community activities and programs and provide feedback through:

- <https://www.qbcc.org.au/feedback>
- QBCC Facebook Page
- OWNA Parent Platform

Community Safety Reminder

Please continue to prioritise safety in our car park and surrounding areas.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe, respectful and welcoming environment for everyone.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Barca

CEO

Quantin Binnah Community Centre

Annual General Meeting

Quantin Binnah invites you to attend our AGM at 7:00pm on Wednesday 28th October. Please RSVP via the website.

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34th Annual General Meeting

The Board of Governance of Quantin Binnah Community Centre warmly invite you to attend our Annual General Meeting.

Wednesday 28th October 7pm
61 Thames Boulevard Werribee

We will be celebrating the year through our curated slide show and themed video to launch our 2027 Theme and to complement our 2026 Annual Report and 2027 Calendar. A light supper will be served at the conclusion of the AGM.

Please RSVP by **14th October** to the WIX invite including any dietary requirements.

For more information about Quantin Binnah Community Centre please visit: [qbcc.org.au](https://www.qbcc.org.au)

CHILD SAFETY

Quantin Binnah is a Child Safe Organisation.
Please remember to keep children who are unwell at home.

CAR PARK SAFETY

A reminder to please drive carefully in our car park. Please turn your engine off when parked and do not leave children alone in cars.





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2026 Term Dates

	Start Date	Finish Date
Term 1	29 th January	2 nd April
Term 2	20 th April	26 th June
Term 3	13 th July	18 th September
Term 4	5 th October	18 th December (return for 2027 Tuesday 5 th Jan)

Important Dates

October	November	December
1 st International Day of Older Persons	3 rd Melbourne Cup	1 st Beginning of Summer
2 nd Vacation Care End	8 th Diwali Festival	3 rd International Day of People with Disability
2 nd World Smile Day	9 th -15 th National Recycling Week	5 th International Volunteer Day
4 th Daylight Savings Start	11 th Remembrance Day	10 th Human Rights Day
5th Term 4 Start	19 th International Men's Day	18 th International Migrants Day
5 th -11 th National Family Week	20 th Kindergarten Parent Information Packs distributed	Centre wide Concert Dates (TBC)
10 th World Mental Health Day	23 rd -29 th Social Inclusion Week	17th Centre Close
12 th National Carer's Week	25 th International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	18th Term 4 End
30 th International Friendship Day	25 th White Ribbon Day	25 th Christmas Day
22 nd National Bandanna Day	25th Board Meeting	26 th Boxing Day
25 th Children's Week		
28th QB AGM		
30 th Teacher's Day		

Community Support Reflection

We showed APPRECIATION to our Carers Group with an excursion to Village Gold Class; a first-time experience for many and they were deservedly spoilt. We showed our APPRECIATION to those around us on International Day of Friendship by making affirmation cards and friendship bracelets in many of our groups. We asked members of Movement, Mindfulness & Meditation (MMM) to show themselves APPRECIATION with topics covering gratitude and self-compassion.

IMAGINATION was spun into our craft activities with Craft & High Tea creating Fairy Lights & Fabric Collages. Our little friends used their IMAGINATION in JoJo & Friends and OOey gOOey messy play using sensory equipment, toys and craft to produce their own creatures, worlds and creations.

Being a ROLE MODEL is an important part of our daily duties; by exhibiting appropriate behaviours and demonstrating skills to our volunteers and group members it gives everyone the opportunity to develop personally and professionally.

We have been LISTENING to songs of the 60's in our Hawaiian themed Morning Melodies. Our English for Beginners students were LISTENING intently as they learned new words and ways. We have also used our bodies as a LISTENING tool in Bingo Moves & STRETCH paying attention to the needs of our Body & Mind.

We expanded our personal GROWTH by joining in learning activities during the Wyndham Learning Festival, Adult Learners Week and our ACFE Learn Local course. Chatty Café saw continued GROWTH as the group grew from 1 hour to 2 and doubled in size.

As Spring seemed to start early, we explored how we can re-invigorate our community garden and bring NATURE into our places and spaces.

Term 3 of 2026 continued to deliver popular Community Activities and Initiatives including:



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Monday	Breakfast Club
	Café QB
	Chatty Café
	Food Pantry
	Creating Villages Craft
	Walks for Carers
	Connecting Wyndham Carers
	Lunch with the Bunch
	Craft & High Tea
	Cozy Kennel Crafts
	Yoga
Tuesday	Breakfast Club
	Café QB
	JoJo & Friends
	Food Pantry
	Creating Villages Craft
	CraftABILITY
	Puppet Pals with JoJo
Wednesday	Breakfast Club
	Café QB
	Creating Villages Craft
	Food Pantry and Fresh Food Collection
	BINGO Moves Community
	Leftovers & lunch
	Community Connector
	All Abilities Cooking Class
Thursday	Wonder Women
	Knitting Group
	STRETCH
	Movement, Meditation and Mindfulness (MMM)
	Wyndham Women's Narcotics Anonymous
Friday	Gen U Gardening Group
	Yoga
Saturday	Australian Crochet Club
	PerformX Academy
	Werribee Autistic Mum's Support Group

Community Support Reflection

Behind the scenes	Volunteer recruitment & management
	Policy development
	Statistics & Data
	Food collection and management
	Room hiring and community groups
	Grant submissions & acquittals
	Program planning & development
	Advertising and promotion

Community Initiatives & Partnerships	Community Connectors
	Wyndham City Council
	ACFE – Learn Local
	Victorian Government
	Creating Villages
	Chatty Café
	Trish Simpson Music
	Wyndham Mum's & Mini's
	The Melbourne Locals
	Foodbank
	Neighbourhood Houses Vic
	Brotherhood of St. Laurence
	Network West
	IPC Health
	Gen U
	Big Group Hug
	Salvos
	Carers Vic
	Kids First
	Community Connectors
	Mercy Health
	Estia Health
	Hearing Australia
	Diabetes Australia

Pop Up Events	Homelessness Week
	Loneliness Awareness Week
	Morning Melodies
	OOey gOOey messy play
	Wyndham Learning Festival
	Transport Project for All – Working Group
	Aged Care Morning Tea Excursions
	Adult Learners Week

Courses	Let's Learn English
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Community Support Reflection

Keep an eye out for how Community Support demonstrates our monthly themes throughout Term 4 of 2026 Confidence and Self-Expression, Hope and Perseverance and Reflections starting from October.

For further information on Community Development activities and information please visit www.qbcc.org.au/community-groups, check out our Community Programs Term 3 Brochure for more details available at <https://www.qbcc.org.au/community-activities-and-programs>, like the QB Facebook to receive posts and information about our Pop-Up Events or pick up a hard copy brochure in centre.

If you haven't met us in the Community Support Team and would like to get a better understanding of what we do at QB, please send us an email or make a time to catch us.

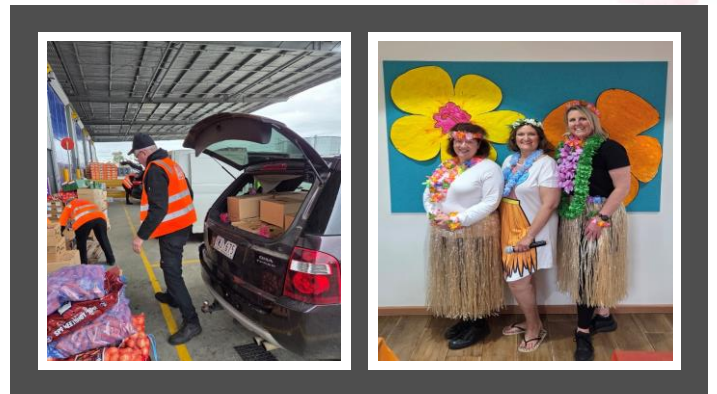
To discuss anything in detail email community@qbcc.org.au or call Emma or Penny on 9742 5040.

We are currently looking for a new (volunteer) Volunteer Coordinator to assist with managing our Volunteer Program at QB. This person will be responsible for recruiting and onboarding new volunteers and managing volunteers. If this is something that is of interest to you, please contact us to discuss further.

We encourage you to continue to pop into Café QB Monday to Thursday and support this fantastic social initiative enterprise. Café QB is serviced by volunteers and is a not-for-profit training venue for people with disabilities and mental health issues to gain valuable experience. All purchases made at the café are reinvested into the menu and activities. We look forward to your ongoing support.

Please get in touch with the Community Support Team at community@qbcc.org.au should you have any requests for programs and activities or if you have any special skills you'd like to share with others. We can't be a community without you.

Community Support Reflection





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Quantin Binnah Service Reflections School Age Care Reflections

St Leo

This term, after school care has continued to provide children with a variety of engaging, creative and meaningful experiences that encourage learning through play. The children have participated enthusiastically in activities that support their imagination, relationships, confidence and connection with the natural world. Our Term 3 themes of "Appreciation and Imagination," "Listening and Role Models," and "Growth and Nature" have provided opportunities for children to express themselves, recognise the positive people around them and explore how they grow and learn. The experiences have encouraged children to build confidence, develop positive relationships and reflect on the people, places and experiences that are important to them.

July - Appreciation and Imagination

July encouraged children to explore appreciation while using their imagination and creativity. Children participated in experiences such as kindness clouds and dream drawing, providing opportunities to think about the people and things they appreciate while expressing their ideas creatively. Children were encouraged to share what makes them happy, what they are thankful for and the things they hope to achieve. Through drawing, craft and imaginative play, children were able to express themselves in ways that reflected their individual interests and personalities.

August - Listening and Role Models

In August, children explored the importance of listening, communication and positive role models. Children participated in experiences that encouraged them to think about the people who support, teach and inspire them. Activities such as "Who Helps Me Learn?" drawings and role model crafts encouraged children to identify important people in their lives and discuss the qualities they admire in others. The theme also provided opportunities to strengthen children's listening skills through group conversations, games and collaborative experiences. Children were encouraged to listen to their peers, take turns speaking and consider different ideas and perspectives. These experiences supported respectful communication and helped children recognise that role models can be found within their families, school, community and wider world.

School Age Care Reflections

St Leo

September - Growth and Nature

September has focused on growth, nature and developing an appreciation for the world around us. Children have participated in hands-on experiences such as planting seeds, allowing them to explore how living things grow and the importance of caring for plants. Creative experiences such as "I Am Growing" self-portraits and painting Australian animals have encouraged children to explore both personal growth and the natural environment. September has also provided opportunities for children to participate in outdoor experiences, where they can connect with nature through exploration and play. These experiences encourage curiosity, responsibility and an understanding of how we can care for our environment.





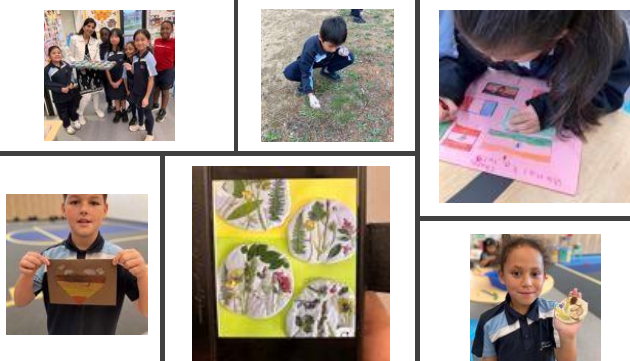
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School Age Care Reflections St John

At St John's Before and After School Care, children enjoyed participating in Cultural Diversity Week, Reconciliation Week, and World Environment Day activities. Children explored different cultures through cooking, cultural dress-ups, and dance videos. Reconciliation Week included nature connection experiences, Sorry Day art and painting, cooking, and videos. For World Environment Day, children enjoyed creative art and craft activities and helped clean the school yard to care for our environment. The session not only encouraged environmental awareness but also fostered teamwork, responsibility, and artistic expression.



As winter began, children in our Before and After School Care enjoyed fun, hands-on activities like creating Winter Wonderland Dioramas and making salt-and-glue snowflakes. They explored ice painting and crafted penguins and snowmen from recycled paper. Looking after the winter veggies. A favourite was uncovering winter animals hidden in ice by gently tapping with small hammers. The kids loved describing the salt snowflakes as “crunchy” and “just like real snow,” while developing creativity and fine motor skills through these seasonal projects.



School Age Care Reflections St John

Book Week Celebration 📖 ☀️

This week, we joined the school community in the spirit of Book Week. The children loved dressing up as their favourite book characters, proudly sharing their costumes and stories with friends.



At OSHC, we extended the celebration with creative activities such as storytelling, colourful mask-making, imaginative play, and book-inspired crafts using recycled materials. It was a joyful day filled with imagination, laughter, and a shared love of books and stories. ✨

Science Week Reflection

This Science Week was filled with curiosity, creativity, and hands-on fun! We kicked things off with ice-breaker activities that got everyone talking and working together. Children explored fascinating milk experiments, learning how colours can dance and swirl, and discovered the rainbow magic of M&Ms in water. Our young astronauts imagined life in space, creating their own colourful solar systems, while others shaped dinosaurs from clay, bringing prehistoric creatures to life. We experimented with shaving foam clouds to see how rain falls, and explored the wonders hidden inside frozen ice balloons.





School Age Care Reflections

Our Lady

As we move towards the final term of 2026, we are delighted to reflect on the many experiences, achievements and special moments that made Term 3 so memorable.

Our term commenced with the theme “Imagination to Appreciation”, alongside extended NAIDOC Week activities. Children explored Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture through engaging experiences that encouraged respect, appreciation and understanding.

Our August theme “Listening to Role Models” encouraged children to recognise the positive influence of people around them. We celebrated Jeans for Genes Day, Science Week with lots of STEM experiments and Keep Australia Beautiful Day. These special occasions provided opportunities for children to develop their knowledge, ask questions and connect their learning to the wider community.

Book Week was another highlight, with children enjoying a variety of book-inspired experiences, literacy activities and opportunities to use their imagination and creativity.



As we progressed through the term, our focus moved towards “Nature to Growth”, our connection with nature continued through nature walks supporting children to think about growth, change and development. We also enjoyed celebrating Father’s Day, recognising the important role of fathers and special people in our children's lives.

School Age Care Reflections

Our Lady

🇬🇧 Special Experiences and Community Connections
Our Prep children celebrated their 100th day of school with a fun activity where they dressed up as older people. Their creativity made this a wonderful celebration!

We were also pleased to participate in the Wyndham Council Donation Drive, with donations collected and provided to Quantin Binnah (QB). It was a valuable opportunity for children to experience the importance of generosity, helping others and contributing to our community.

Children also participated in an evacuation drill, helping them become familiar with important safety procedures and understand how we work together during an emergency. We were proud to celebrate National Educators’ Day and acknowledge the commitment and dedication of our educators.

🌈 Looking Forward to Term 4

There is still so much to look forward to as we enter the final term of the year. We are excited to plan experiences around the QB themes of “Confidence – Self-Expression” and “Hope – Perseverance”. These themes will encourage children to express themselves confidently, believe in their abilities, develop resilience and keep trying when faced with challenges.

Term 4 will also be a time to reflect on our 2026 journey, celebrate the children's achievements and prepare for our Year 6 Farewell. We are equally excited to welcome our new Prep children and families as they begin their journey with us. We look forward to finishing 2026 with another term full of learning, laughter, confidence, connection and wonderful memories! ☀️





School Age Care Reflections

Carranballac Boardwalk

Quarter Three was filled with meaningful learning experiences that encouraged children to express their ideas, listen to others, appreciate important people in their lives, and connect with the natural world. Through creative play, group discussions, art, games, and outdoor experiences, children continued to build confidence, friendships, and a strong sense of belonging.

JULY | Imagination & Appreciation

Children explored imagination and appreciation through pretend play, drawing, storytelling, construction and collaborative games. Sharing resources, taking turns and celebrating each other's ideas, supporting communication, creativity, confidence, and positive friendships.

AUGUST | Listening & Role Models

Listening and positive role models were explored through group conversations, Book Week, character art, bookmarks, and role-play. Father's Day keychains and clay gifts encouraged children to appreciate family members and other important people who guide and support them.

SEPTEMBER | Nature & Growth

Children explore nature, sustainability and growth by planting and caring for indoor plants. Nature printing, seed-to-plant artwork, Australian animal tracks, bird craft and Connection to Country artwork encouraged observation, creativity, responsibility and respect for the environment.

School Age Care Reflections

Carranballac Jamieson Way

July – Imagination and Appreciation

During July, children explored Imagination and Appreciation, with a special focus on NAIDOC Week through dot painting, creative arts, recycled crafts and group discussions, developing creativity and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. Children also enjoyed construction, board games and outdoor play, supporting teamwork, communication and problem-solving. Child-Led Group Time encouraged children to confidently share their ideas and experiences. We also celebrated Educators' Day, where children showed their appreciation by creating wonderful flowerpot crafts for their educators.

August – Listening and Role Models

In August, our theme Listening and Role Models encouraged active listening, leadership, kindness and respect. Children enjoyed gratitude jars, dream catchers, kindness chains, LEGO, magnetic tiles, Hama beads and group games. National Science Week was a highlight, with hands-on experiments including Walking Rainbow, Magic Milk, Salt Painting, Floating and Sinking, and the germs experiment. Children made predictions, observed changes and shared their discoveries, developing curiosity and scientific thinking. Father's Day was celebrated through cards, photo frames, Hama bead creations and other handmade gifts. Child-Led

September – Nature and Growth

Throughout September, children are exploring Nature and Growth, learning about the natural environment and the importance of caring for living things. As part of our sustainability project, children are helping to care for our new plants by watering them regularly and discussing what plants need to grow and stay healthy. Children are also participating in planting seeds, observing changes and taking responsibility for their care.



LEARNING & WELLBEING ACROSS THE QUARTER

Daily group time, our Acknowledgement of Country, shared games, creative experiences and outdoor play supported children's wellbeing, self-expression, teamwork, communication, coordination and sense of belonging.





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School Age Care Reflections Quantin Binnah

The past few months have been filled with fun, creativity, learning, and memorable experiences for the children. Children enthusiastically participated in a wide range of activities throughout July, August, and September. They especially enjoyed the Vacation Care excursions and incursions, creative craft experiences, science experiments, nature activities, and special celebrations.

July – Appreciation & Imagination:

July began with an exciting Vacation Care program, including incursions and excursions such as Airo World, Kidzalia Playcentre, Hip-Hop Dance, Cosmodome, and movie outings. Children also enjoyed creative activities including friendship bracelets, appreciation badges, magic wands, collages, and our Friendship Flower Garden. We also celebrated NAIDOC Week and OSHC Educators Day, creating opportunities for children to learn, appreciate, and celebrate together.



August – Listening & Role Models:

Our August theme encouraged children to develop their leadership and communication skills. Grade 5 and 6 children took on leadership roles during walkovers, supporting younger children with guidance from educators. Children also explored science through hands-on experiments during National Science Week and learned about caring for our environment during Keep Australia Beautiful Week. SES Week activities helped children explore safety and emergency preparedness through creative and educational experiences.

School Age Care Reflections Quantin Binnah



September – Growth & Nature:

This month, children have been exploring Growth & Nature by planting, watering, and caring for our garden. They also enjoyed creating special Father's Day gifts. Throughout September, children will continue exploring creativity and nature through leaf crafts, spring activities, mindfulness experiences, nature walks, and scavenger hunts. These activities encourage children to connect with nature, develop responsibility, express their creativity, and support their wellbeing.





School Age Care Reflections St Martin

In July, our focus was on Appreciation and Imagination, and the children worked together to create a beautiful fairy garden. Educators offered open ended experiences that encouraged children to design and make items for the garden, helping them appreciate their creations and feel proud of their contributions. Children went on nature walks to collect sticks and rocks, used recycled boxes to build fairy houses, decorated rocks to form pathways, and crafted clay accessories. These experiences helped children feel connected to their world and supported a positive sense of self as they contributed to a shared project. We also continued our knitting project, using recycled paper towel rolls as base. Children chose to make beanies, scarves, or small blankets. This activity remained very popular throughout the winter season.



In August, our activities centred around Listening and Role Modelling. Children engaged in experiences such as crafting listening monsters, making emotion masks, straw painting, and creating a compliment paper chain.

A highlight was the project where children decorated wooden people figures, which led to creating a cultural diversity display on a tray using a recycled cardboard box. This activity celebrated the unique backgrounds and identities within our group.



School Age Care Reflections St Martin

As Science Week approached, children were full of curiosity and excitement. They explored scientific concepts through hands on experiences including spinning colour wheels, Oobleck play, cloud and rain jar experiments, and a scavenger hunt. For Book Week, children enjoyed creating imaginary friend characters and reading books together.

Children also had many opportunities to play board games, both new ones like the mega board game and familiar favourites where they practised decision making and strategy skills.

With the weather becoming more pleasant and sunny, children spent more time outdoors exploring both the junior and senior playgrounds. They practised soccer and basketball skills, engaged in mud play, and collected natural materials during nature exploration.

In September, we incorporated Father's Day crafts, including decorating ties, making photo frames, and designing Father's Day cards.

We have also planned experiences such as creating collages with natural materials, making leaf prints, decorating pinecones, and exploring an upcycle world using recycled materials.





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School Age Care Reflections Corpus Christi

Throughout the year, our monthly themes have provided meaningful opportunities for children to develop their social, emotional and personal skills while connecting their learning to everyday experiences at Corpus.

In July, Appreciation and Imagination encouraged children to show gratitude, value their relationships and express their creativity through imaginative play and creative experiences.

In August, Listening and Role Models, children explored the importance of respectful listening, positive behaviour and learning from people who inspire them.

During September, Nature and Growth, children will be encouraged to explore and natural environment, understand growth and change, participate in gardening and sustainability experiences, and reflect on their own learning and development.



Looking ahead, our upcoming themes will continue to build on these skills and support children's confidence, resilience and emotional wellbeing.

October – Confidence and Self – Expression will encourage children to express their ideas, feelings and individuality.

November – Hope and Perseverance will focus on resilience, positive thinking, problem – solving and encouraging children to keep trying when faced with challenges.

In December – Reflections, children will have opportunities to look back on their experiences, celebrate their achievements, recognise their growth and share meaningful moments from throughout the year. These themes will continue to create a positive and supportive environment where every child feels valued, heard and encouraged to grow.

Re-enrolment for 2027

Re-enrolments are now open for School Age Care and Childcare for 2027.

All families have been sent an email with instructions on how to re-enrol their child for next year. You must complete this re-enrolment if you intend to use care in 2027 for either permanent or casual care.



End of 2026 Closure and Re-Opening 2027 Dates

Thursday 17th December is the last day of care for 2026 and Tuesday 5th January is the first day of Childcare and Quantin Binnah Vacation Care for 2027.

St Leo and Corpus Christi Vacation Care will open on Monday 11th January.

Information about last day of before and after care for your child's school, curriculum days and Vacation Care Programs will be sent out in Term 4.

A friendly reminder that we are closing for this period to enable the necessary maintenance of programs to be undertaken and to give the staff a well-earned break so as they can return in the new year refreshed and well rested.





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Playgroup Reflections

Smiles All Around at Playgroup!

We were delighted to welcome all our playgroup children back to Quantin Binnah Community Centre for a wonderful beginning to Term 3. Throughout the term, children engaged in a range of themed experiences celebrating special events, including International Yoga Day, Pyjama Day, Father's Day, Teddy Bear Picnic, Book Week, and Science Week. Children participated in a variety of indoor and outdoor learning experiences that supported their social and emotional well-being while fostering skills such as critical thinking, curiosity, exploration, investigation, and discovery. This term, our playgroup children enjoyed a special dental education visit right here at the centre, with a mini dental clinic set up indoors!

The dentist spoke about healthy, nutritious foods and "sometimes" foods, helping children learn how to care for their teeth. The children were very curious and excited to show their teeth during the pretend check-ups!

It was a fun and engaging way for them to begin understanding the importance of dental care and learn about the helpful people in our community.



World Environment Day

At Playgroup, we celebrated World Environment Day through a range of engaging and meaningful experiences. Children enjoyed spending time in the garden, taking turns watering plants and learning about the importance of caring for nature and protecting our environment.

The children also participated in creative arts and crafts activities inspired by the Earth and sustainability, encouraging them to think about ways we can care for our planet. During group time, we shared discussions about simple actions that help the environment, such as recycling, conserving water, reducing waste, and planting trees.

Playgroup Reflections



Book Week

This year, Playgroup celebrated Book Week with our special guest, JoJo, making it a memorable and exciting experience for children and families. Throughout the week, children enjoyed engaging stories, interactive songs, and imaginative activities that brought books to life and fostered a love of reading. One of the highlights was seeing the children dressed as their favourite book characters, proudly sharing their costumes and talking about the stories they loved. The celebration provided wonderful opportunities for creativity, self-expression, language development, and a deeper appreciation of books and storytelling. It was a joyful week filled with fun, learning, and imagination for everyone involved.



Science Week

This week at Playgroup, we celebrated Science Week through a variety of hands-on experiences that encouraged curiosity, exploration, and discovery. The children were fascinated by the M&M experiment, eagerly observing how the colours spread and blended to create beautiful patterns. Another favourite experience was the dinosaur-in-ice experiment, where children used different strategies to chip, melt, and investigate the ice to uncover the hidden dinosaurs.



4 Year Kindergarten Reflections

Throughout July, the children explored the themes of appreciation and imagination through engaging experiences.

During our “Thank You Circle”, they shared who and what they are grateful for, we followed this up by doing art and craft, also thank-your hands and talking about us being united as one, all these are related to this topic, also, encouraging empathy and positive relationships.

The children also created a “Kindness Tree”, celebrating acts of kindness they had shown or witnessed.

These experiences supported the development of gratitude, kindness, and caring relationships while encouraging children to use their imagination to make others feel valued.



Throughout August, the children explored the themes of listening and role models through engaging experiences.

During our Sound Hunt, children practised active listening by identifying and describing different sounds in their environment.

Through Storytime with questions, they developed their listening and comprehension skills while reflecting on the positive qualities of role models and how these can be demonstrated in everyday life.

These experiences supported communication, respectful relationships, and thoughtful participation in our kindergarten community.

4 Year Kindergarten Reflections



Throughout September, the children explored the themes of growth and nature through hands-on learning experiences.

During our planting seeds and looking after our garden, the children learned about what living things need to grow and enjoyed caring for their plants.

Through our “measure me experience”, they explored how people grow and change over time by measuring and comparing their heights.

These experiences encouraged curiosity about the natural world while supporting observation, early mathematical thinking, and an understanding of growth and development.



Creating our Appreciation Tree

Creating a fun nature theme and planting mung beans, where children can feel a real connection to sustainability. It is such a wonderful idea! It helps them bond with the great outdoors and gets them excited to explore and learn more about nature. By making it engaging, we can inspire their love for the environment and encourage them to take care of our planet!



A visual representation of emotions helps us understand children's feelings, especially for those who struggle to express themselves verbally.



Such process art helps the children to develop concentration, fine motor skills and perseverance as the project takes multiple sessions to complete. They could choose from a range of colours to make their individual work creative and unique.



Growing Seeds The children planted grass seeds and will observe their growth over coming weeks. Learning about what helps seeds to grow and observing their growth links in with our Science Week experiences. We also conducted the Skittles experiment and watched with fascination as a colourful rainbow grew.



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QB Childcare Reflections

For the theme, "Appreciation and Imagination," the children have been engaging in a variety of meaningful learning experiences that promote creativity, curiosity, self-expression and a sense of belonging.

We introduced a self-portrait area with a mirror, allowing children to observe their unique features and express their identity through drawing. The children have also been exploring light and shadow, developing their understanding of cause and effect through hands-on investigation and experimentation.

To strengthen our connection with the natural environment, we have introduced Bush Kinder once a week, providing children with opportunities to explore nature, observe their surroundings, develop independence and build respect for the environment.

Alongside these experiences, we continue to incorporate early literacy and numeracy into our daily program through play-based learning, stories, mark-making, counting, number recognition and pattern exploration.

Through these experiences, children are developing their creativity, confidence, cultural awareness, communication skills and appreciation of themselves, others and the world around them.



August was filled with curiosity, wonder and exciting discoveries as we celebrated Science Week in Toddler Room! The children enjoyed hands-on experiments, including colour mixing, the milk and dishwashing liquid experiment, and our walking water rainbow. They were excited to observe the changes and share their wonderful discoveries with educators and friends.

QB Childcare Reflections

We celebrated Book Week by exploring the much-loved story Dear Zoo. The children enjoyed a Dear Zoo tabletop experience created using recycled boxes, where they could open the boxes, discover the animals and connect with the story in a hands-on way. This experience encouraged imagination, language development, problem-solving and a growing love for books.



September has been a joyful month filled with connection, exploration and meaningful learning!

We enjoyed a special Father's Day Afternoon Tea, where the children had lots of fun playing games, sharing special moments and celebrating the important people in their lives. It was a wonderful opportunity to build relationships and create lasting memories together.

Our learning has also been enriched through storybooks, songs and hands-on exploration. The children have enjoyed discovering new stories, developing their language and communication skills, and using their imaginations as they explore the world around them.

With spring arriving, we have been learning about growing and caring for plants. The children have been exploring soil, seeds, water and sunlight while helping to care for our plants. These experiences encourage curiosity, responsibility and an understanding of how living things grow and change.

We look forward to continuing our spring adventures and discovering many more wonderful learning opportunities together!





Woodville Reflections

Science Week

What an exciting week of discovery and exploration we had during Science Week! Our Koala children had lots of fun investigating the world around them and learning through their senses. They participated in a fun chemistry experiment using bicarbonate soda and vinegar. The children were fascinated as they watched the ingredients react and create bubbles and fizz. This hands-on experience encouraged the children to make observations, ask questions, and develop their curiosity about how and why things happen.

The children also explored their senses through water and sand play. They used sponges to soak up and squeeze water, developing their fine motor skills while exploring different textures and properties. During sand play, the children used gumnuts to create interesting prints in the damp sand, encouraging creativity, sensory exploration and imaginative thinking.



Book Week

What a wonderful week we had celebrating Book Week! Our children and educators enjoyed dressing up and celebrating some of our favourite books and characters. The children were invited to explore special story areas, where familiar and much-loved books were transformed into engaging play experiences. Through storytelling, dramatic play and shared reading, the children had opportunities to develop their communication and language skills, imagination, creativity and confidence. It was lovely to see the children bringing their favourite stories to life through play. A big thank you to all our families for supporting the children and making Book Week such a special celebration!

Woodville Reflections



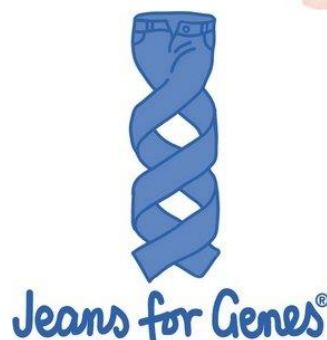
Growing and Cooking

The Possum children enjoyed a wonderful hands-on cooking experience, preparing snow pea and vegetable soup. The children were involved in exploring the fresh ingredients and participating in the cooking process. Experiences like this provide valuable opportunities for children to develop independence, confidence and an understanding of healthy foods. Cooking also encourages children to practise early mathematical and language skills as they explore quantities, ingredients, colours, textures and new vocabulary.

Jeans for Genes Day

We celebrated Jeans for Genes Day by inviting the children to wear denim and participate in a fun creative activity. The children enjoyed decorating a pair of jeans using their favourite shades of blue, allowing them to express their creativity and imagination.

We also invited families to support this meaningful cause by donating a gold coin. We would like to thank all our families for their generous contributions and support. It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved and helping us make the day a special and meaningful celebration.





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PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

QUANTIN BINNAH OPERATES SERVICES AT THE FOLLOWING SITES:

Quantin Binnah 61 Thames Boulevard Werribee- 4-Year-Old Kinder, 3-Year-Old Kinder, Playgroup, Childcare, School Age Care, Vacation Care and Community Programs

Woodville 82 Woodville Park Drive Hoppers Crossing – Childcare, 4-Year-Old Kinder and 3-Year-Old Kinder

Corpus Christi P.S. 29 Russell Street Werribee – School Age Care and Vacation Care

Our Lady of the Southern Cross P.S. Howqua Way Wyndham Vale – School Age Care

St John the Apostle P.S. 76 Kingbird Avenue Tarneit – School Age Care

St Martin de Porres 25 Bellin Street P.S. Laverton – School Age Care

St Leo the Great P.S. 389 Mason Street Altona– School Age Care and Vacation Care

Carranballac P-9 College Boardwalk Campus – School Age Care and Vacation Care

Carranballac P-9 College Jamieson Way – School Age Care



Our services will be running the following activities and more.

Please see your OWNA Parent App for regular updates about what is happening during the year.

	October Confidence and Self-Expression	November Hope and Perseverance	December Reflections
4 Yr. Kindergarten	"I Am Amazing" Self-Portrait Confidence Crowns	"Keep Trying" Obstacle Course "My Mountain of Challenges"	Gratitude Circle My Favourite Moment
3 Yr. Kindergarten / Playgroup	Confidence and Self-Expression (Children verbalizing and understanding their boundaries for themselves and others)	Hope and Perseverance (It's important for kids to feel ready and excited as they move on to the next stage of their education!)	Reflections (Children addressing what they learned and enjoyed the most in kinder)
School Age Care	All About Me confidence posters "I Can!" strengths and achievements craft Compliment cards My strengths superhero craft	"Never Give Up" motivational posters Growing through challenges craft Hope clouds	My Year in Review Favourite Memories craft Things I Have Learned Gratitude and reflection tree
Childcare	Dental Incursion for World smile Day Halloween activities. -Pumpkin decorating, Dress-ups, Halloween art &craft Create self-portraits to celebrate children's day on 28th Oct.	Celebrating festival of lights for Diwali Making Poppy art work for Remembrance day Create a display for "What makes me happy?"	Christmas celebrations- Christmas art & craft, Baking activities, Christmas party with families International animal Rights Day - Create animal care role play area, explore local wildlife
Community Development	Please see the Program Brochure on our website https://www.qbcc.org.au/community-groups	Please see the Program Brochure on our website https://www.qbcc.org.au/community-groups	Please see the Program Brochure on our website https://www.qbcc.org.au/community-groups