Term Four
Week 3
22nd October 2014

The finer points in life

This week our focus has been developing the muscles in the fingers that control fine motor movements. Over the year we have been building the skills associated with the development of these muscles. This has been done throughout various activities. However, this week completing tasks independently was the focus of our development.

The children have been practicing using different types of clips, zippers and buttons. They have been manipulating these throughout their play. It has been fantastic to see the children challenge themselves to not only dress themselves, but to help each other when they want to dress up with clothing items that have zips and buttons on the back.

We have also had hairdressing sessions in the preparation for dramatic stage performances. The children having been practicing doing each other’s hair. Some children have been able to cleverly put their own clips in, tie hair up into pony tails and begin to create hair plaits.

We have also been practicing tying knots. The children have thoroughly enjoyed being able to use this skill. They have been able to tie string onto their craft, ribbons into their hair and some have even attempted to tie shoe laces.

If you saw your child practicing these skills it would be fantastic if you could encourage their attempts. Fine motor muscle control is not only essential for children to become independent but also for more complex skills in later development.

To do

- Our town library program is on this week. Please remember to bring a library bag so your child can bring the book home.
- Please ensure that your child is packing a healthy lunch and a water bottle on your Wednesday session at Alma as there is no more access to the canteen on this day.
- Please don’t allow your child to climb the rock wall at the Alma transition room. It is against the school rules and is a WHS hazard. We would also appreciate your supervision in this area to ensure that consistency and safety is maintained.
- Please remember to close the transition room door to ensure that no other children can follow or exit after you. This is to ensure safety at all times.

Happy Birthday Lucas and Makayla

Just a reminder that we are trying to be a NUT FREE ZONE