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Ball Play

Why your child should be playing with balls. . .

By Stephanie Brown

All children can benefit from (and will likely enjoy) rolling, catching, kicking, dribbling, and tossing a ball - an inexpensive, readily available, and versatile toy. Playing with balls improves children's motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and timing, which are important parts of the developmental progression of toddlers. The skills children learn by playing with balls will also be important once they graduate to collaborative and competitive play.

What Your Child Learns

Balls are must-have toys. You can introduce them to your baby very early on because they immediately strengthen motor skills and familiarise little ones with their environment. Early on, babies gravitate toward things that roll. Your infant will be fascinated by a ball's continuous movement. Balls allow children to feel in control of something other than their own movements.

Balls help build balance skills and allow little ones to practice transferring an object from one hand to the other.

Rolling a ball back and forth is a way to build a social bond between two people (you and your baby, or your baby and a sibling or playmate). This turn-taking game is also an introduction to the concept of cause and effect.

Toddlers will enjoy discovering a ball's abilities and the different effects of bouncing, rolling, tossing, and kicking it. A ball will remain an entertaining toy as your child transitions from independent play and parallel play to collaborative play, which is vital in developing social skills, such as learning how to share, how to follow rules, and how to negotiate.

Choosing the Right Ball

You have a wide variety of choices for balls, with variations in size, texture, and firmness. Large balls will take two hands to throw, which is an entirely different skill than throwing a small tennis ball with one hand. Give your toddler the opportunity to practice with both.

The best balls for toddlers overall may be Wiffle balls because they are lightweight and have holes that make them easy for toddlers to handle. They are also less likely to cause injury or damage.
For indoor use, you may want to pick Wiffle balls or small, soft balls that are less likely to break anything. Beach balls can also be a fun alternative. Keep large and/or heavy balls outdoors or use them inside only when you are able to supervise.

Rules for Play

Set ground rules about throwing balls, indoors or out, and enforce them. You should also set rules about not throwing balls at other people except when they are prepared to catch them. Teach your child that balls should not be used as a weapon and that balls thrown in the house can cause damage.

Any games that you play with a ball will also have rules that are appropriate for the age of the child. A toddler may be too young to understand rules other than what is needed for safety, so keep their games simple (and breakable items far away).

Ball Storage

A large box or basket kept on the floor serves as storage and as a place to throw the balls for a fun game. Wicker baskets, laundry baskets, and plastic containers all work well. Make sure the container is not deep enough that toddlers could fall in when they are trying to retrieve their toys.

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Ball Play is a vital part of the Curro curriculum. Children should have as much opportunity to play and explore with different types of balls as possible. A number of Grade R children are still finding catching a large ball with two hands a challenge.

Ball play develops so many vital skills for children to be school ready for Grade 1.

When children play with balls they build the following skills:

- Temporal Awareness, which helps children time and coordinate movements
- Eye-Hand Coordination
- Gross Motor Skills
- Fine Motor Skills
- Object Permanence
- Spatial Awareness
- Grasping Skills
- Problem-Solving Skills
- Balance and Coordination
- Language Skills, including pragmatic (social) skills

As a teaching team, we encourage all families to dig out the soccer balls, tennis balls or even homemade paper balls and get playing!

EXTRA-MURAL

Extra Mural	ID	DAY	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
Ballet	B1	MONDAY	Grade R (Aftercare) Room	13:00:00	13:30:00
Ballet	B2	MONDAY	Grade R (Aftercare) Room	13:30:00	14:00:00
Tumbling Tigerz(3/4/5)	T1	MONDAY	Back Garden (Top)	13:00:00	13:30:00
Tumbling Tigerz (3/4/5)	T2	MONDAY	Back Garden (Top)	13:30:00	14:00:00

Extra Mural	ID	DAY	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
B-Active Group	BA1	TUESDAY	Back Garden (Top)	12:30:00	13:00:00
B-Active Group	BA2	TUESDAY	Back Garden (Top)	13:00:00	13:30:00
B-Active Group	BA3	TUESDAY	Grade R (Bike Track)	13:00:00	13:30:00

Extra Mural	ID	DAY	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
Playball	P1	WEDNESDAY	Grade R (Bike Track)	13:00:00	13:30:00
Playball	P2	WEDNESDAY	Grade R (Bike Track)	13:30:00	14:00:00
Poco Tots	PT	WEDNESDAY	Grade R (Classroom)	12:30:00	13:30:00
Tumbling Tigerz(Grade R)	T3	WEDNESDAY	Back Garden (Top)	13:00:00	13:30:00
Tumbling Tigerz (Grade R)	T4	WEDNESDAY	Back Garden (Top)	13:30:00	14:00:00

Extra Mural	ID	DAY	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
Abacus (Grade R)	A1	THURSDAY	Grade R Class (Room 7)	12:30:00	13:00:00
Abacus (Grade R)	A2	THURSDAY	Grade R Class (Room 7)	13:00:00	13:45:00
Playball	P3	THURSDAY	Grade R (Bike Track)	13:00:00	13:30:00
Playball	P4	THURSDAY	Grade R (Bike Track)	13:30:00	14:00:00
Expri-Buddies	E1	THURSDAY	Grade R (Aftercare) Room	12:30:00	13:30:00

Extra Mural	ID	DAY	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
Little Dragons Karate	K1	FRIDAY	Back Garden (Top)	12:30:00	13:30:00
Hip Hop	H1	FRIDAY	Grade R (Bike Track)	13:00:00	13:30:00
Abacus (Friday)	A3	FRIDAY	Grade R Class (Room 7)	12:45:00	13:30:00

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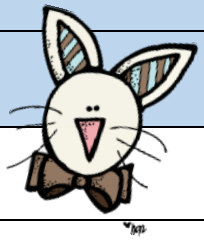
ENROL NOW!

Friday 12 March	Celebrating our Diversity – Dress in Rainbow colours or traditional wear
Tuesday to Thursday 16 to 18 March	**Parent Consultations via MS Teams – You will be required to book your time slot, (14:15 – 17:00)**
Sunday 21 March	**Human Rights Day**
Monday 22 March	Public Holiday – School will be closed
Wednesday 24 March	**Easter Hat Parade and Easter egg hunt**
Friday 26 March	Term 1 Break up day 11:00 or 11:30 – Aftercare will continue until 17:00
29 March – 12 April	**Holiday Care – BOOKING ESSENTIAL**
Friday 2 April	Good Friday – School will be closed
Monday 5 April	**Family Day – School will be closed.**



Holiday Care – Term 2

Thank you to all the parents who completed the Holiday Care form. The final date was the 5 March 2021.

We have the final numbers and have finalised staff, ordered creative stock, and sent numbers for catering.

A reminder no Holiday Care Card – No entry.

CURRO CORNER CLEAN-UP – THANK YOU!

Since 2018 a lot of time, effort and resources have gone into the upgrading and maintenance of our school.

Various security upgrades including additional perimeter CCTV cameras, new perimeter fencing and 24-hour site monitoring has led to a dramatic reduction of crime related incidents in and around the school.

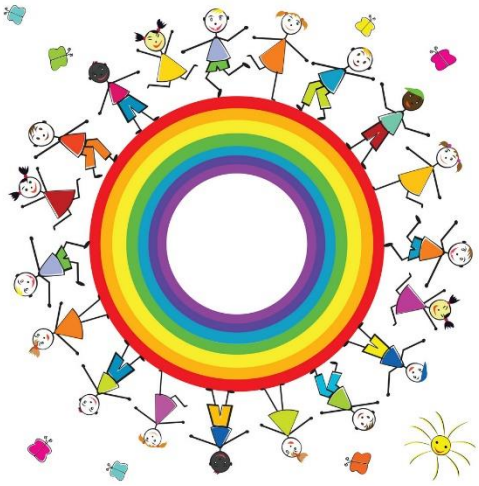
The municipal property (servitude area) on the corner of Northumberland and Beyers Naude has always been an eyesore and a security risk for the school. Various requests directed at the COJ to clean up and maintain this area has unfortunately fallen on death ears. It became clear that we as a school community will have to take responsibility to clean-up this overgrown and polluted area.

After this issue was raised at the last APT meeting **Mr Matthew vd Berg** (father of Joshua - Group 5), offered to make his equipment (TLB and truck) available to assist the school in our effort to clean up this area.

We would like to thank Mr Matthew vd Berg for this generous gesture in support of the school!

Further development of Curro Corner is planned and will require more parent and community involvement. More details to follow shortly.

Mr. JC



Celebrate
Diversity

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DRESS-UP
COLOUR DAY
Rainbow Friday | 12 March 2021
Come dress in in rainbow colours or traditional wear.
Celebrating our diversity – because we are all unique!
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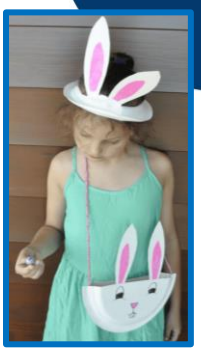

Easter Hat Parade and Egg Hunt

24 March 2021

Time to get creative with your children at home and make an Easter hat for the big parade!

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We are excited to celebrate Easter in the Castle this year. It is going to be an exciting day filled with colour, sugar and fun.

1. Please take time and make an Easter bonnet at home with your child – have fun and remember it does not need to cost you money!

2. We will be having an Easter egg hunt on the day – such a treat to have some chocolate at school. Please donate a SMALL box of marshmallow eggs to your class teacher. All excess eggs will be donated to charity with the Primary school.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Group 3 to Grade R

Consultations will be hosted via MS Teams.
A booking link will be sent two weeks in advance.

Dates: 16 to 18 March 2021 | Time: 14:15 – 17:00

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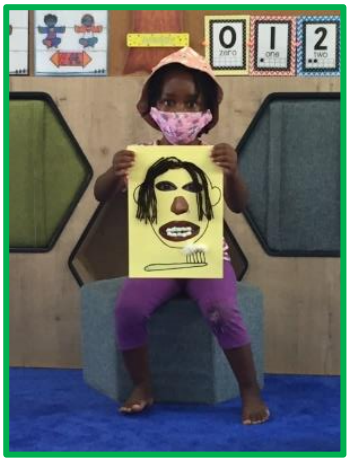

"Always be involved in your children's lives. Life gets hectic but we have to find a way to always stay connected and let our kids know that they are loved."

— Dwyane Wade

Yours in Education,

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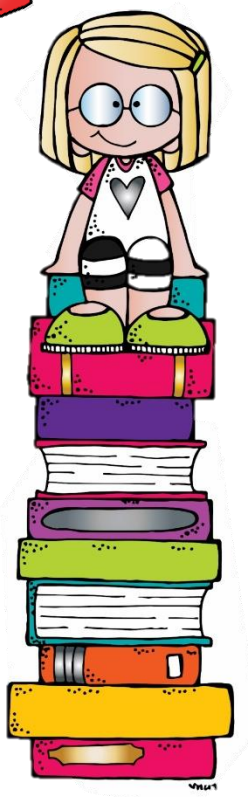
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