



Sandybeach Learning and Activity Packs

Welcome to our next edition of Activity Packs. Sandybeach is wanting to keep in touch with our families and support learning from home. We hope you and the children enjoy receiving these activities and would love if you could send back some photos of your child participating in these activities.

There are no expectations and we do not want to place extra pressure on families who already have so much change and challenges to navigate.

Remember, chatting, playing, and reading with children are all incredible powerful tools.



Welcome to Spoonville

Spoonville – a craze involving creating colourful spoon characters and planting them in villages – has well and truly arrived in Melbourne’s outer southeast, days after the reintroduction of Stage 3 restrictions.

Children decorate wooden spoons and start their own spoon village or add them to an existing one in a location people can see on their daily walks.

Like the bear hunt and rainbow movements, it aims to put smiles on the faces of children during the health pandemic.

There’s quite a few Spoonville villages around the areas. The bayside community hub on Facebook mentions where you may be able to find them. A great way to brighten our walks in our wonderful community!

Benefits of Playdough

The children at Sandybeach absolutely enjoy Playdough.

- It develops fine motor skills. ...
- It's calming for children. ...
- It encourages creativity. ...
- It enhances hand-eye coordination. ...
- It improves social skills. ...
- It supports literacy and numeracy. ...
- It promotes playtime

Here is a simple recipe that our educators use to make playdough:

Mix together

1 cup plain flour

½ cup salt

2 TBS cream of tartar

Add Together

1 cup boiling water

2 TBS vegetable oil

Food colouring

Then combine together and mix.

Please be careful when making with children and allow to cool



If you're feeling more adventurous
as the weeks
go on try these different recipes.
Lots of fun for all ages!



Last week we introduced to the children several dance tunes by the iconic duo called

Koo Koo Kangaroo.

Dance and sing along to seriously ridiculous songs. Here are my all-time favorites. We saw some amazing dance movements from the children and which educator needed to work on their coordination skills?!

[Dinosaur Stomp](#)

[Milkshake](#)

[Get Yo Body Movin'](#)

[Awesome Rainbows](#)

Getting to know..... Carmela

Tell us about your family...

I was born from Italian migrant parents who migrated to Australia in the 50's.

My parents met in Australia through mutual friends and married 18 months later and gave birth to three healthy children of which I was the third born.

I am very blessed to both have my parents: dad will be 90 and mum will be 85 both in November.

I also have a son and a daughter who are both in their 20's.

What are 2 things you are really good at?

Two of my fortes I would have to say is looking at life as HALF FULL and being able to enjoy the simple things in life.

How long have you been at Sandybeach?

I commenced Sandybeach in 2004 and I still love being part of an organisation that invests time in the community.

What's your favourite food?

My favourite food??? I would have to say FOOD as I love giving all sorts of food a go

Favourite holiday destination?

My favourite holiday destination I would have to say was Canada in 2018. I had the privilege to be amongst the "Canadian Rockies", walked on a glacier and saw a black bear in the wild. Mother nature was truly generous with Canada.

What do you like doing in your spare time?

In my spare time I love catching up with friends over a nice glass of wine accompanied with an antipasto platter, walks with my walking group, road trips, gardening and jigsaw puzzles.

Do you like cats or dogs?

I am a lover of animals, though the pets I have owned have always been cats

What's your Movie?

I do enjoy a good movie, have to say the Notebook does bring me to tears every time.

What car would you like to drive?

I do dream about owning my own 1950's vintage sports Mercedes Benz one day, driving around on a summer's evening with the top off..... (Dreams do come true, maybe one day).

Tell us a funny story that's happened to you....

What are the odds of seeing a famous singer whilst walking along the Champs Elysees in Paris I ask myself??? Last year in September I was fortunate to go to France. Whilst in Paris with my partner we would ask ourselves each time we ventured out "I wonder what celebrity is in Paris?" till the day came when we saw "The Godfather of Shock Rock" that was the name given by his peers. Alice Cooper was on tour and was quite famous in the 70's, you might know "School's Out For Summer?"





Check out this great article.....It's what we do!
[Play-based learning for preschoolers](#)

MASKS



As we move through the many phases of the coronavirus pandemic, we are going to see a lot more people wearing masks out in public. The masks can be unsettling for children and they may have questions about them. Below is a link that can explain the need to wear masks in easy and simple terms. [Wearing masks](#)

FUN ACTIVITY

Below is a link to an activity that would be so easy to make to keep your little ones occupied. If your child is OBSESSED with cars, trucks and anything with wheels then this is them. And I know we have quite a few at Sandybeach!!

[car ramp activity](#)





So.....we can't go holidaying overseas, Santorini eat your heart out! Amalfi Coast, so 2019!

Here is the new COVID-19 Holiday Plans.

STAYCATIONS!

Levi and Amelia have got the right idea and is supporting the STAY LOCAL, SUPPORT LOCAL!

Tent up in the sunshine and toasting marshmallows' in the fire! AH BLISS!!

Send through to us any snaps of your children enjoying their day filled with fun and adventure!

Here are a couple of jokes to share with your family. Send through some to us and we will share them with you all!!

How do you stop getting butterflies in your stomach??

STOP EATING CATERPILLARS!!

Why did the chicken cross the playground??

TO GET TO THE OTHER SLIDE??

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FLYNN.
WE WISH YOU AN AMAZING BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION WITH YOUR FAMILY.
THANKS FOR THE GOODY BAGS AND HATS!!



THANKS FOR READING AND WE MISS YOU ALL. STAY SAFE AND WELL.

From the Child Care Team.