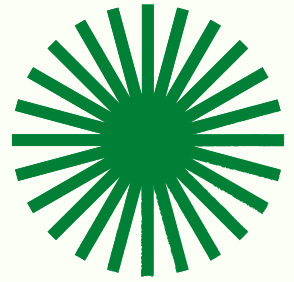




The Children's House
Montessori School

NEWSLETTER TERM 2



Our extended day
children visited the Koala
Park for their school trip
this term.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

A big thank-you to all Parents and Staff, we have survived two terms without COVID coming to our doors. We will be open as usual next week, starting with our Teacher only preparation day on Monday 12th and children returning on Tuesday 13th.

We had an awesome term two with activities such as a visit from a nurse (past parent), the installation of a worm farm (thanks to Miss Amanda for instigating this), visits to the birds and bees presentation and the Koala park by the extended day children and a Parent Evening, to name a few.

You will have all seen new pieces of climbing and balancing equipment appear in the playground from time to time. The purchase of these items came about through a grant from the Department of Education for gross motor activities. Our final pieces arrived just before the holidays so I am looking forward to seeing how they will be used by the children.

The teachers and I hope everyone enjoyed looking at their children's photos at the end of last term. Can I ask those parents who have not returned their USB's to do so the first week back.

I hope everyone has a good last weekend of the holidays, and we will see you at the gate between 8.30 to 8.45 Tuesday morning.

Kind Regards
Denise U

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

Term 2

A worm farm is a great way to recycle organic waste that would ordinarily end up as landfill. Our children collect vegie and fruit scraps, as they prepare their snacks, and put it in a container. Then they take turns to feed the worms.

The worms turn these scraps into worm castings, which are put around our plants, and worm tea, which is a good fertiliser for our plants.



Worms aren't 'dirty' or 'yucky'...they actually have no known diseases and their digestive system destroys pathogens (Gardening Australia)

At the start of term 2 the teachers participated in a session called kNOw waste. The session was delivered and paid for by a company called Cleanaway and the City of Ryde. This session gave us ideas on how to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle much of our waste.

We now have a red bin, a yellow bin and a green bin for children to use inside the classroom.

For this coming term we are going to start collecting soft plastic for recycling. I have added a poster on the next page to let you know what to collect and send to school.

I have included a link to a booklet from the City of Ryde which has a great deal of information about waste management for you to discuss with your children at home.

<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/waste/waste-wise-ryde-toolkit.pdf>



Soft plastic recycling

The REDcycle Program makes it easy for consumers to keep plastic bags and packaging out of landfill.

Do the scrunch test



If it's soft plastic and CAN be scrunched into a ball, it can be placed in a REDcycle drop off bin



If it's not plastic, or it's plastic that CAN'T be scrunched into a ball, it cannot be recycled via REDcycle*

YES PLEASE

Some of the most commonly recycled items include:

bread bags



biscuit packets, wrapper only



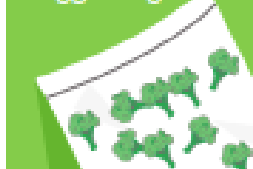
paper goods packaging



pasta & rice bags



frozen food & veggie bags



confectionery bags



plastic bags



old green bags



cereal box liners



NO THANKS

We cannot accept the following:

- X Plastic bottles
- X Plastic containers
- X Any rigid plastic such as meat trays, biscuit trays or strawberry punnets
- X Glass
- X Rubber
- X Paper and cardboard
- X Tin cans
- X Food waste

*Contact your local council to check if it can go into your kerbside collection.

Please make sure your plastic is dry and as empty as possible. For a comprehensive list of what can be REDcycled and more information, check the website.

www.redcycle.net.au

OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Last year we were excited to be part of the Birds and Bee Highway, a City of Ryde community project managed by a group called Planting Seeds. They installed a hive in the area by the side deck, we have also had native flowering bushes planted in this area. Chandani and I took the extended day children up to Ryde East Public School on the 10th of June for a media event promoting the B & B Hwy. We were surprised and delighted to see their advertising included our preschool garden. I am sure Jane will recognise the child sitting on the edge of the garden.



COOKING

GINGERBREAD MEN (Makes 20)

350g Flour
1 level tsp Bicarbonate of Soda
2 level tsp Ground Ginger
100g Butter / Margarine
175g soft Brown Sugar
4 level tbsp Golden Syrup
1 Egg
Currants for decoration

Sift flour, soda and ginger into bowl. Rub in butter.
Add sugar and mix well.
Put the syrup in a warm basin, beat in the egg then add to the flour mix.
Roll out then cut out shapes.
Bake at 190°C for 10 minutes then cool.

One of our favourite recepies

KOALA PARK VISIT



FAMILY FUN DAY

Preparations will begin this term for our Family Fun Day to be held on Saturday 6th November. Our fundraising coordinator Alessia Campagna will be in touch with those parents who have volunteered to assist early this term. I imagine initial meetings will be held online to establish the format of the day and how to achieve sponsorship.

The staff will be working with the children to produce three pieces of artwork to be raffled on the day.

Alessia will be in touch with all parents as the term progresses to see how all families can contribute.

UPCOMING EVENTS

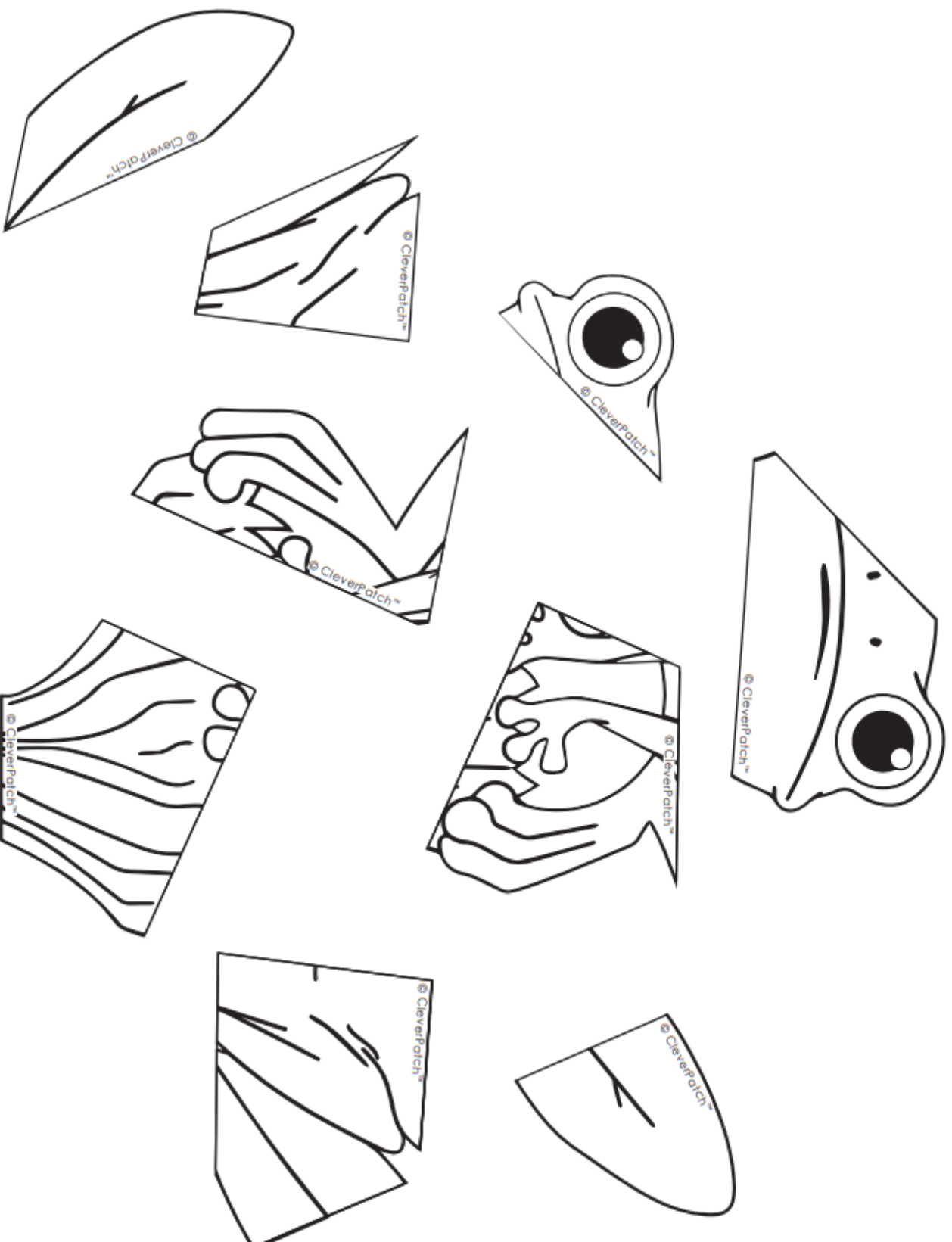
Maintenance Day	Saturday 17th July
National Tree Day	Friday 30th July
Parent Evening	Thursday 27th August
Seed planting	Tuesday 31st August
Guest Week	13th to 17th September

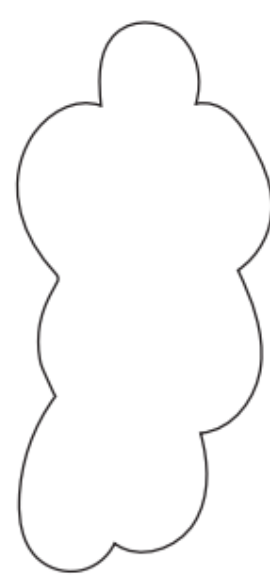
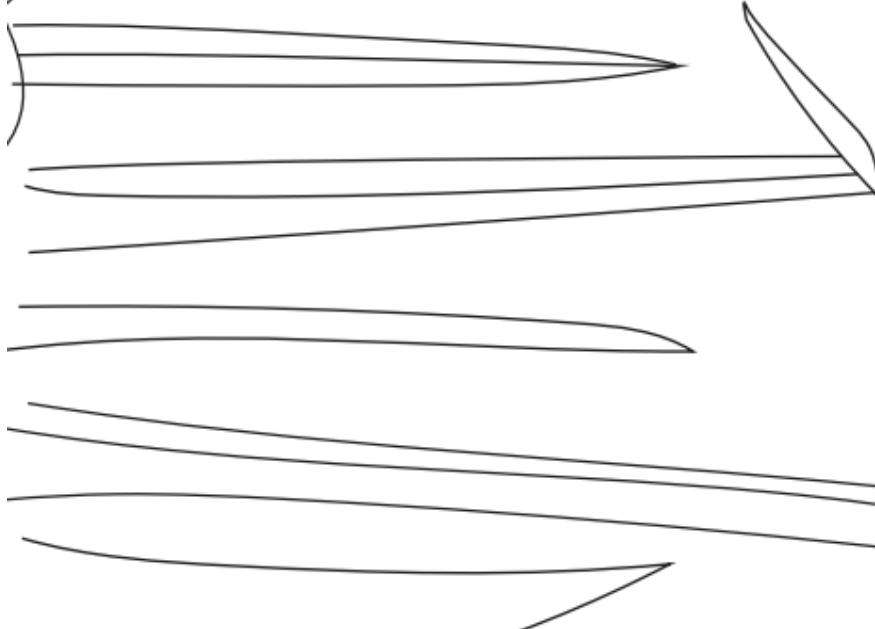
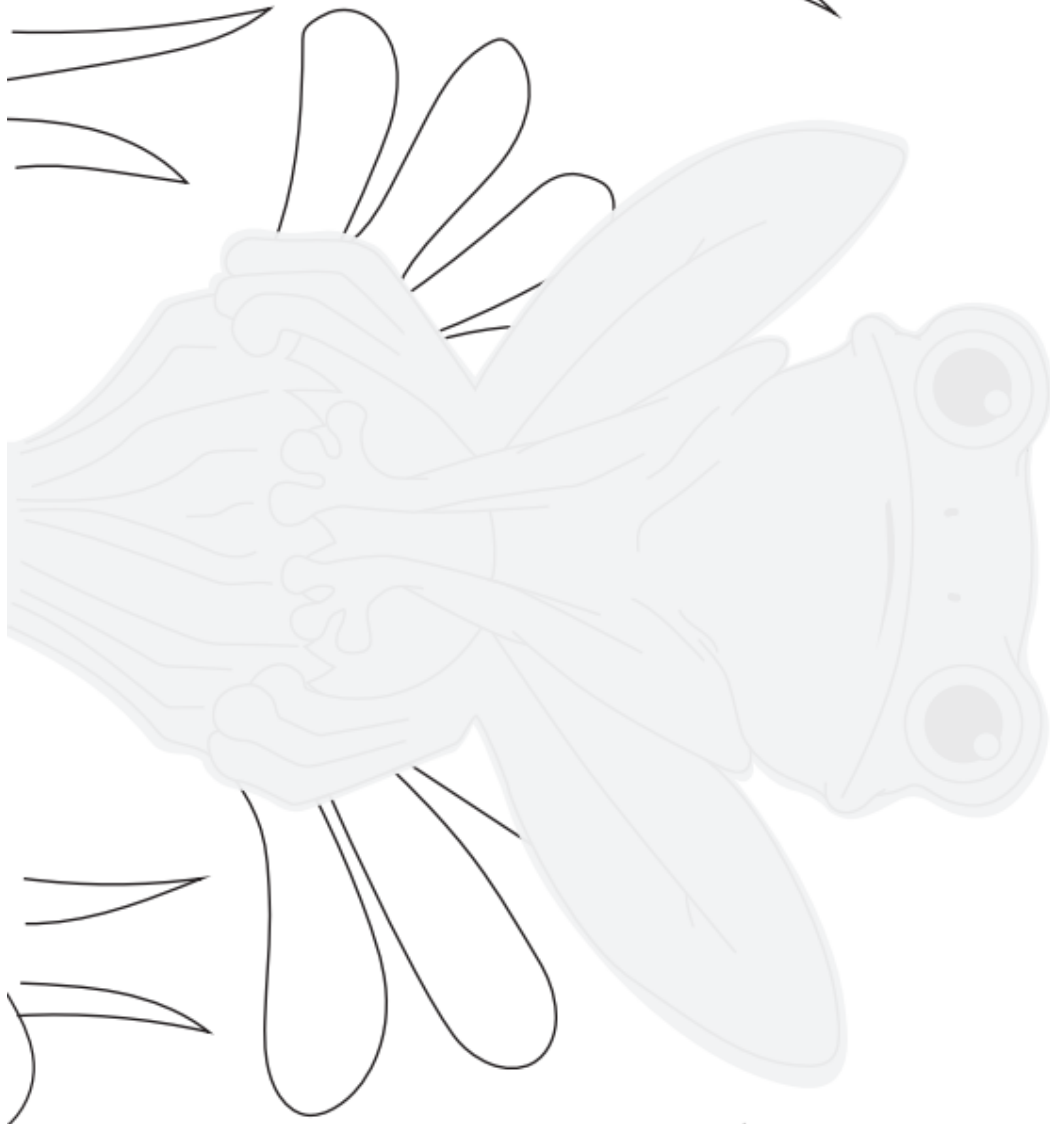
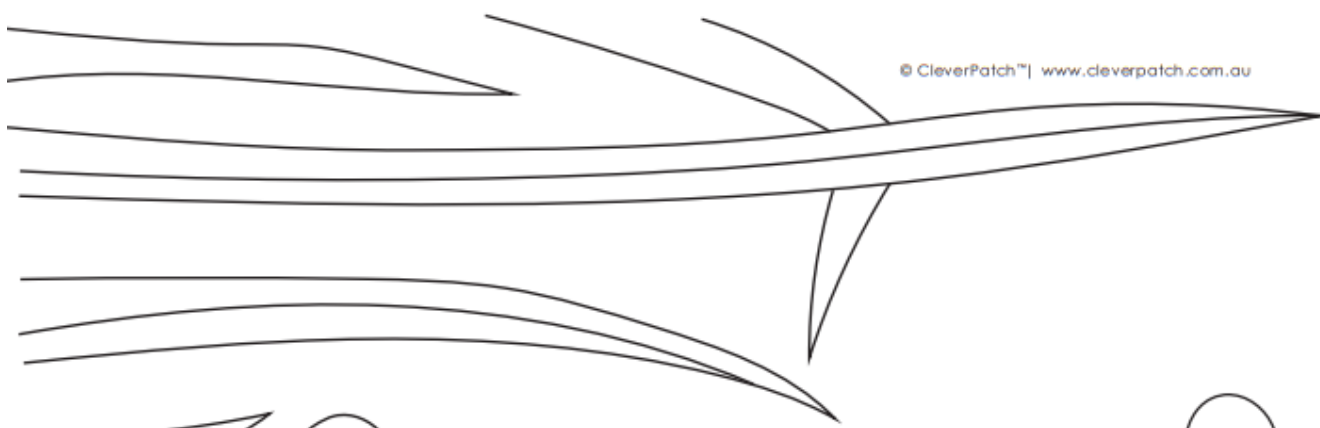


Outdoor Exploration Activities

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Double click on picture to access





How to:

STEP 1

Download and print the template provided.

STEP 2

Colour in your templates using markers, pencils or crayons.

STEP 3

Cut out the frog puzzle pieces.

STEP 4

Reconstruct your puzzle or give to a friend to try and complete!

If you would like, you can even glue the pieces onto the template background to create a permanent artwork

