



Amazing Play, Everyday, For Every Child



O P A L U P D A T E

Hello Parents,

We hope this newsletter finds you well. As we move into our new term, we want to share some exciting news regarding our OPAL program.

We have some outstanding play already taking place at school and some ideas we have for the future. We believe that the Wet Weather Club and our Play Champions program will be fantastic additions to our OPAL program, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have on our children.

Enjoy the update and find lots of extra photos here: <http://gg.gg/PlayPhotos>



DEN BUILDING

We have bought plastic pallets, tarps and sourced wooden pallets and bamboo and our den building has come to life. The children have been taught how to carry safely and check the stability. Look what they have been up to!



SAND & WATER PLAY

We altered our pond area, cleaned it up and filled part with sand to make it easier for the children to get into it. They are having great fun, feeling the sand and water beneath their feet and creating new play ideas.



MUD KITCHEN

We have built a 'mud kitchen' from donated wooden pallets and purchased some garden tools. The children have been taught 'tools, not toys' and are loving digging in the mud and making us delightful muddy treats. Mud pie anyone?

OPAL UPDATE



WHEELED PLAY

We have purchased a range of wheeled vehicles including a circular bike that fits 8, chariot-style taxis and swivel cars. We also have a lot of donated scooters, skateboards and swivel boards. The children are loving moving around and are learning how to keep themselves and others safe using them.



NEW – WET WEATHER CLUB

We are delighted to announce that we will introduce a Wet Weather Club. This will provide our children with the opportunity to continue learning and exploring outdoors, even when the weather is not on our side. We believe that this will be an excellent way for our children to develop resilience and perseverance, as well as foster a love for the great outdoors!

We asked our students and they showed great excitement about the opportunity to go out in the rain, but we also made it clear it had to be with your permission. We have purchased some rain jackets and wellies so the children will not get wet during this time and we will also adhere to our lightning policy already in place so they will not be able to go out if there is lightning nearby.

If you are happy for your child to be part of our Wet Weather Club, complete this form: <http://gg.gg/WetWeatherClub> by Fri 29th Sept

NEW – STUDENT PLAY CHAMPIONS

We are currently looking for students who are interested in becoming Play Champions. These students will take on a leadership role in promoting the importance of outdoor play within our school community. They will also work closely with our OPAL team to set up fun play, take photos of play, bring out special resources and manage the music playlist amongst other things.

We are looking for one Play Champion per year group for Years 1-8. We will change these each term. If your child would like to be a Play Champion this term, then please ask them to set up some play outdoors or in your house and please film them playing with it. **We only need videos of less than 1 minute and email them to gaby.chan@scips.org.my by Fri 29th Sept, so we can make our selections**