This year is off to a great start and we welcome our new Kindy children and our returning Pre-primary children. To begin the year we have been focusing on concepts such as colours, shapes and counting to 10. We have also been learning skills such as holding a pencil correctly, cutting with scissors and using glue neatly and carefully.

Every day, we enjoy a big book story together and then enjoy activities connected to the story or to our focus skills and concepts. For example, we read the story Three Little Ducks, then we acted out the story and then we made ducks by cutting and gluing cardboard and feathers. The children are also given the opportunity to 'write' every day. Some of our youngest children are experimenting with making writing-like shapes, while some of the older children are beginning to use letters they know and to attempt to sound out words.

In Religion, the children have been learning about their bodies and what a wonderful gift from God they are. We have been talking about using the gift of our bodies to do good things. The children have also visited the church to practice how to behave during Mass. They have learned how to make the sign of the cross, how to genuflect, how to go up to Father for a blessing at communion and how to sit, kneel and stand in church. Over the rest of the year, we will have lots of opportunities to practice these church skills.

The outside area is a favourite place for the children to play during the day and we are all looking forward to some cooler weather so we can use the whole area, instead of only sticking to the shaded areas. Outdoors the children have been playing in the sand pit, riding the bikes, climbing on the climbing frames, painting, exploring ice and water and having lots of messy fun with a tub of gloop.

The Pre-Primary's (Monday/Tuesday) have had a very busy start to the year. They have been learning all about the letters of the alphabet and the sounds they make. So far this term we have focused on the letters 's', 'a', 'i', 't' and 'p'. For each of these letters we have shared a felt board story that corresponds to the letter we are focusing on. We then head into the kitchen to make some yummy snacks that begin with that letter. The pictures below show some of the learning that has taken place in our classroom. Charli is retelling a story called, 'The Tiger Who Loves to Sing' by Montgomery Kelly. We learnt this story when we were learning all about the letter 't'. Laney made an 'a' kebab. She made it using all 'a' ingredients (apples, apricots and an avocado). Cooper is using his understanding of letters and sounds to decode our morning message.

The children have also been writing in their journal. The children write about all things important such as their wobbly teeth, family trips to Kalbarri and their favourite toys. Here is just a sample of some of the brilliant journal entries done this term. Parents, please feel free to come in and check out your child's work!