

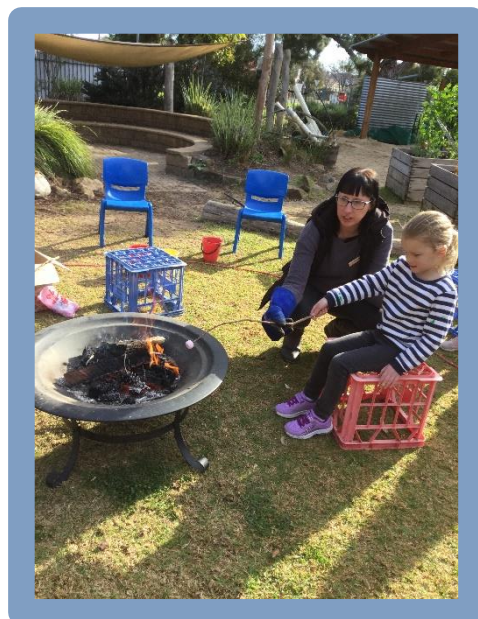
LEARNING IN NATURE

FIRE



This term Mandy has planned for the Group 2 children to have a FIREPIT at kindy.

There is lots of planning that happens well before the day with the staff planning this experience and teaching the children the rules. As a staff team we do a **RISK-BENEFIT ASSESSMENT** and once we are sure everything is in place we do this again with the children. During the children's RBA we talk about fire safety and our rules and behaviour expectations. We record the children's ideas and draw a picture showing what happens. Children learn about our **SAFETY CIRCLE**, the **FIRE WARDEN**, the number of children allowed inside the safety circle and the importance of walking around the safety circle. They also learnt that they must be wearing enclosed shoes when inside the safety circle, how to enter and exit the safety circle and that they must sit on a milk crate. We setup our fire pit and practice a number of times before our first fire so we are all prepared.



On Friday we had our first fire. Mandy was our FIRE WARDEN. She lit the fire with a **FLINT** (we do not use matches with children) and wore her protective gloves. A bucket of water and one of sand were placed by the fire pit as part of our safety precautions. After the fire was established and the children had enjoyed warming up standing at a distance they were able to take it in turns come inside the safety circle to cook a marshmallow. They were all really responsible and followed the rules and instructions to keep themselves safe around our fire.

We had a wonderful time and hope to have more fires together before the end of winter.

After lunch time the children drew a picture of their first fire.

