



## Welcome to the Platypus Room – 2021

We welcome you and your child to our centre family and into the Platypus room. We hope that this letter outlines everything you need to know for a seamless settling in period.

**Your Child's Bag** – A small bag containing 2 changes of weather appropriate spare clothes, undies/training pants (if needed), a wide brimmed hat, any special attachment item (e.g. dummy, teddy, rug etc) and a water bottle is needed every day. Water bottles must be taken home at the end of every day for thorough cleaning. Please remember to name everything that you bring into the centre. Remember, Tugulawa is a messy place at times so dress your child in clothes that can get dirty!

**Milk/Formula** – if your child is having a bottle through the day, please bring an empty one ready for us to use. If your child has milk, we will supply it and fill the bottle when it is needed. Formula needs to be made up fresh, so please bring the formula in a separate container, and we will make it up when it is needed. Please refer to our *Nutrition, Food Beverages and Dietary Requirements Policy*. Expressed breast milk is also welcome (this needs to go into Sandra's kitchen fridge).

**Sunscreen & Nappy Cream (non-prescription)** – Our centre provides sunscreen for children's use each day however if you have a preferred brand please supply one named container of at the beginning of the year. If your child requires nappy cream please also supply in the original container. Sunscreen and nappy cream must be supplied in the original container. As your supply dwindles, our team will let you know so that you can purchase some more.

**Nappies** – Nappies are provided in the Platypus room.

**Cot-sized Sheet Set** – Please send in one set of cot sized sheets on the first day of attendance each week. These sheets need to be stored in a drawstring bag or a pillowcase to ensure they remain hygienic. At the end of your child's week, please take these sheets home again for washing and return the following week.

**Your Child's Learning Journey** – Every day we collect lots of information about your child that you can access. We have many ways in which we document your child's learning journey including project work, floorbooks and room displays. We use photography a lot - a picture really does paint a thousand words! Our online documentation and communication tool, Storypark, allows families to access their child's learning journey in real time.

**Shared Outdoor Area** – Children from the Platypus, Kookaburra, Possums and Wombats share our lovely outdoor space. This provides a rich opportunity to make friends across all of the age groups and it allows siblings to spend time together.

**Toys From Home** – We have many and varied toys at the Centre and toys from home cause friction amongst the children and can be very hard for staff to keep track of. Please do not allow your child to bring toys from home – a book is always welcome though!

**Arrival Time** - It is preferred that your child has arrived at the centre by 9 am to ensure they have access to the full program we offer.