



## Welcome to the Possum Room - 2021

We welcome you and your child to our centre family and into the Possum room. We hope that this letter outlines everything you need to know for a seamless settling in period. The Possum room is a place where independence is fostered, and the children will have much more responsibility in managing their own care and education.

**Your Child's Bag** – A small bag containing 2 sets of weather appropriate spare clothes, spare undies, a wide brimmed hat, any very special attachment item (e.g. a teddy) and a water bottle is needed every day. You must take the water bottle home at the end of each day for thorough cleaning. Please remember to name everything you bring to our centre. Remember, Tugulawa is a messy place at times. Please dress your child in clothes that can get dirty!

**Sunscreen**– We supply sunscreen but do require parents to apply sunscreen in the morning before entering our playground. We will support your child to reapply before outdoor play sessions later in the day. If you prefer, you can provide your own named bottle of SPF30+.

**Toileting** – Nappies and Pull ups are provided if required in this classroom. Our team are on hand to support each learner as they gain competency in this area. Independence is important as is promoting their self-help skills.

**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 and can be placed in the laundry hamper in the room. At the end of your child's week, please take these sheets home again for washing and return the following week.

**Information Available to You Every Day** – Every day we collect lots of information about your child that you can access via Storypark. We note how well (or not!) they ate and how long they slept for.

**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 Space** – 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, share information and knowledge and it allows siblings to spend time together.

**Toys from Home** – We have many and varied toys here and toys from home cause friction amongst the children and are stressful for the 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.