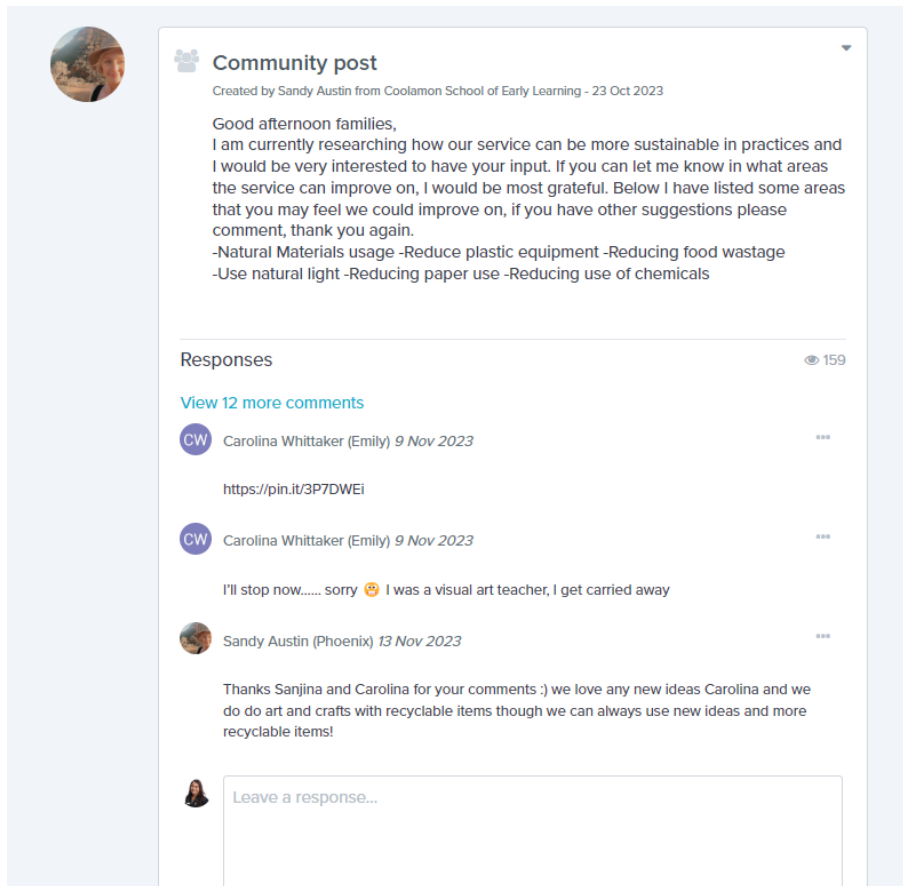


## Evidence of family input in the curriculum

### Story park post to families



**Community post**  
Created by Sandy Austin from Coolamon School of Early Learning - 23 Oct 2023

Good afternoon families,  
I am currently researching how our service can be more sustainable in practices and I would be very interested to have your input. If you can let me know in what areas the service can improve on, I would be most grateful. Below I have listed some areas that you may feel we could improve on, if you have other suggestions please comment, thank you again.  
-Natural Materials usage -Reduce plastic equipment -Reducing food wastage  
-Use natural light -Reducing paper use -Reducing use of chemicals

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**CW** Carolina Whittaker (Emily) 9 Nov 2023  
<https://pin.it/3P7DWEI>

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I'll stop now..... sorry 😊 I was a visual art teacher, I get carried away

**Sandy Austin (Phoenix)** 13 Nov 2023  
Thanks Sanjina and Carolina for your comments :) we love any new ideas Carolina and we do do art and crafts with recyclable items though we can always use new ideas and more recyclable items!

Leave a response...


### Documented in fortnightly reflection

#### Fortnightly Reflection Plan 23/10/2023\_03/11/2023

<b>Room Leader</b> (Assign rows to educators by putting their name in the boxes below, evenly shared amongst all educators in the room)	<b>LAST FORTNIGHTS REFLECTION:</b>  Plan: Fortnightly Reflection Plan 9/10_20/10 2023 Fortnightly Reflection Plan April Lee 10 Oct 2023	<b>THIS FORTNIGHTS PROGRAMS:</b>  Plan: Weekly Curriculum Plan 23/10/2023-27/10/2023 Weekly Curriculum Plan Michelle Ford 16 Oct 2023  Plan: Weekly Curriculum Plan 30/10/23_3/11/23 Weekly Curriculum Plan April Lee 23 Oct 2023	<b>EDUCATORS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO REFLECTION:</b>  April Sandy Heather Haylee
Sandy	<b>SUMMARY OF THE FORTNIGHT:</b> This fortnight we have been working on sensory development, mainly touch with exploring different mediums such as slime, rice, paint, jelly, cooked spaghetti. we have also done sound activities such as the Tibetan singing bowl and smell through smelling different types of herbs such as Vanilla, mint and lavender. we have also been learning about Halloween mainly art and craft on top of our sensory experiences. Last week we also replace our home corner with a Babies corner with high chair, cots, bottles, bowls and utensils, the toddlers have been very engaged in this corner practicing their social and emotional skills.	<b>WHAT WENT WELL?</b> The children loved exploring their senses during the planned activities, they also have been having a great time in our new baby corner which has replaced home corner, we have seen the children develop their social and emotional development by brush the babies hair, patting them to sleep in their blankets or feeding them bottles or food.	<b>WHAT NEEDS IMPROVMENT?</b> We need to work with the children to care for our environment more ,I feel pack away song each day will help the Explorers to care for their learning environment. We also need to put some practices in place for sustainability that we received feedback for from the parents and educators. for example using wet bags provided, establishing a worm farm for scraps etc. Lastly I will support April with the latest QIP around transitions and making sure all of discoverers and explorers get the required transition time.

## Implemented into curriculum planning

<p><b>MONDAY 6/11/23</b></p>	<p>Ext from 30.10.23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Painting using recycled material</li> <li>Painting recycled bottles to make water bottle wind spirals.</li> </ul> <p>Plan: Weekly Curriculum Plan 30/10/23_3/11/23</p> <p>Weekly Curriculum Plan</p> <p>April Lee 23 Oct 2023</p>	<p>Evaluation by Haylee</p> <p>This morning after morning tea I invited the children to join me around the table to help paint and create water bottle wine spirals. Firstly we talked about what items we had in front of us and what colours we were going to use. Though the children understood what we wanted to do they weren't able to communicate what colours we had placed in front of us. All the children were eager to join so I allowed them to free style our bottles with our chosen colours of pink and purple. The children all participated great throughout this activity. While still gathered around the table we did our second activity of art painting using a recycled paper towel roll where we painted the ends for the children to use there hand co ordination skills and dab onto a piece of white paper. Both these activities are in recognition of nation recycling week.</p> <p>Story: Photo day with the Explorers 📷 🌍 By Sandy Austin 6 Nov 2023</p>	<p>5.4 Children begin to understand how symbols and pattern systems work.</p> <p>5.1 Children interact verbally and non-verbally with others for a range of purposes.</p> <p>3.1 Children become strong in their social and emotional wellbeing</p> <p>2.3 Children become aware of fairness</p> <p>1.4 Children learn to interact in relation to others with care, empathy and respect.</p> <p>1.1 Children feel safe, secure, and supported.</p>	<p>Ext to 13.11.23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adding a new theme into our room exploring "Reef Life"</li> <li>Sponge painting our glass window different shades of blue</li> <li>Making coral reef from pipe cleaners</li> </ul> <p>FF CE Diwali Festival</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Celebrating Diwali through dancing</li> </ul> <p>Plan: Weekly Curriculum Plan 13/11/2023_17/11/2023</p> <p>Weekly Curriculum Plan</p> <p>April Lee 6 Nov 2023</p>
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<p><b>FRIDAY 10/11/23</b></p>	<p>FF Calender Event National Recycling Week Ext from 3.11.23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Egg carton caterpillar</li> </ul> <p>FF Calender Event:Remembrance day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gluing to make poppy seed</li> </ul> <p>Spontaneous activity Celebrating Dhruvah and Harleys birthdays with Balloons and a dance party</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IO KT ext from 9.11.23</li> </ul> <p>body recognition</p>  <p>Plan: Weekly Curriculum Plan 30/10/23_3/11/23</p> <p>Weekly Curriculum Plan</p> <p>April Lee 23 Oct 2023</p> <p>Plan: Kaito Thomas Individual Observation Plan 2023/2024</p> <p>Individual Observation Plan</p> <p>Raksha Pandya 9 Mar 2023</p>	<p>Evaluation by Haylee</p> <p>Egg carton caterpillar</p> <p>This morning as the children ventured outside I setup our morning activity which we created and painted an egg carton caterpillar in recognition of national recycling week. Firstly the children were able to pick a colour then add paint to our egg carton. This activity was pretty simple for the children to do helping with their hand co ordination. Once the paint was all drie we then placed eyes onto the carton along with using pipe cleaner as the antennas.</p> <p>Evaluation by Sandy</p> <p>This morning we created a poppy glueing tissue paper to a poppy flower drawing. I had scrunched up red and black tissue paper with a poppy flower with glue ready for the explorers to place the tissue paper onto. As we created the poppy flower we named the colours, and I explained to them it was a type of flower called a poppy flower. As the children completed the activity many of them including Mia and Fletcher would say 'sticky' describing how their fingers were sticky from the glue. This activity helped with language skills, fine motor skills and cognitive development recognising colours.</p>	<p>3.2 Children take increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing</p> <p>3.1 Children become strong in their social and emotional wellbeing</p> <p>2.1 Children develop a sense of belonging to groups and communities and an understanding of the reciprocal rights and responsibilities necessary for active community participation.</p> <p>Learning through play</p> <p>5.1 Children interact verbally and non-verbally with others for a range of purposes.</p> <p>1.4 Children learn to interact in relation to others with care, empathy and respect.</p> <p>1.1 Children feel safe, secure, and supported</p>	<p>Ext to 17.11.23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coral reef sensory bin</li> <li>Singing slippery fish</li> </ul> <p>Plan: Weekly Curriculum Plan 13/11/2023_17/11/2023</p> <p>Weekly Curriculum Plan</p> <p>April Lee 6 Nov 2023</p>
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