

Our trip to the beach

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Lately the Possums have been very interested in talking about keeping our beach clean.

Today we walked down to Mona Vale beach to do some cleaning ourselves.





First we ate morning tea on the grass. After morning tea we put on gloves and carefully walked through the sand dunes collecting rubbish.



We found so much!



We then walked down to the storm water pipe and saw where it goes into the water. We discussed how rubbish can flow down the drain into the storm water pipe and out into the ocean.



While we were walking on the beach we collected some driftwood, dried seaweed, and cuttlebones to bring back to kindy.

Possums we are so proud of you for helping to keep our beach and ocean so beautiful and clean!!



I asked the children to tell me about their trip to the beach

Here are some of their thoughts.....

'We picked up all the rubbish.' Oska

'We saw the fire truck' Zahra

'I saw a crab' Liam



'I picked up the rubbish behind the fence (sand dunes)' Jack

'I found a plastic lid' Parker

'I picked up a Freddo (frog) wrapper' Eddie

'I found a piece of plastic' Iluka

'We went to the beach to pick up rubbish' Emily

'I found a plastic bag' Blake

'You had to look down to make sure you don't tread on a blue bottle' Miki



'The rubbish is where the flowers were. The wind blew it there' Imogen

'I found a glass bottle' Ale

'You might tread on glass and it will get in your feet' Florence

'We can't step on the flowers when we get the rubbish' Bonnie



While we were at the beach the fire brigade arrived.

The firemen were very kind and let us all climb inside the truck.





On our way walking back to kindy we found a baby



possum who had lost its mum.

'We saw a baby possum' Kiana

'Sarah caught it.' Ale

'We (Gail and Sarah) took it to the vet.' Miki

What a great day Possums!

We cleaned the beach, climbed in the fire truck and rescued a baby possum!

So much wonderful learning.

We are so proud of our beautiful children!

What learning do I think is happening here?

Possums, I loved going to the beach with you today. As we walked and chatted you all demonstrated an increasing knowledge of, and respect for our beautiful world that we live in. You displayed appreciation and care as you picked up the rubbish. You have developed a wonderful awareness of the impact human activity has on our environment. I love the way you have become responsible citizens by picking up the rubbish and protecting all the creatures who live on our beach and in our ocean.

Opportunities and possibilities?

Create a sculpture using natural things we found on the beach. For example driftwood, cuttlebones, dried seaweed etc.

Find out more about cuttlebones and cuttlefish

Research other sea creatures that camouflage like the crab we saw on the sand.



EYLF (Early Years)

Outcome 2 : Children are connected to and contribute to their world





2.4 Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment

Outcome 4 : Children are confident and involved learners

-  4.1 Children develop dispositions for learning such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflexivity
-  4.4 Children resource their own learning through connecting with people, place, technologies and natural and processed materials

Practices

-  2. Being responsive to children's strengths, interests and abilities
-  4. Intentional teaching – deliberate, purposeful and thoughtful