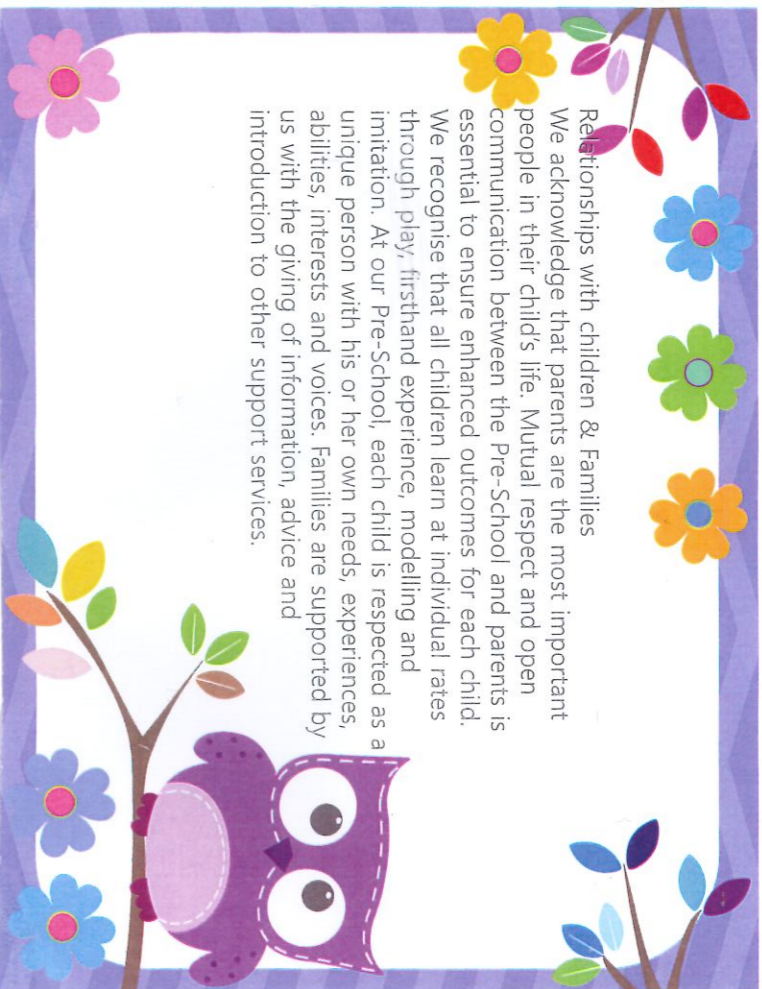


Manilla Community Preschool Philosophy

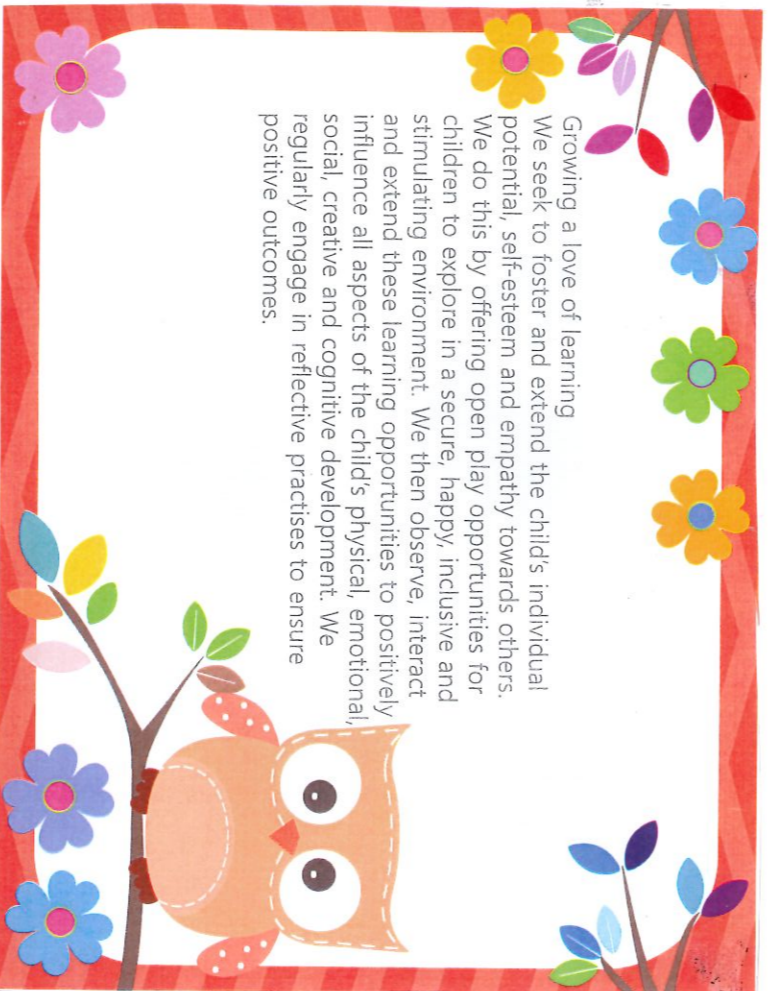
Relationships with children & Families

We acknowledge that parents are the most important people in their child's life. Mutual respect and open communication between the Pre-School and parents is essential to ensure enhanced outcomes for each child. We recognise that all children learn at individual rates through play, firsthand experience, modelling and imitation. At our Pre-School, each child is respected as a unique person with his or her own needs, experiences, abilities, interests and voices. Families are supported by us with the giving of information, advice and introduction to other support services.



Growing a love of learning

We seek to foster and extend the child's individual potential, self-esteem and empathy towards others. We do this by offering open play opportunities for children to explore in a secure, happy, inclusive and stimulating environment. We then observe, interact and extend these learning opportunities to positively influence all aspects of the child's physical, emotional, social, creative and cognitive development. We regularly engage in reflective practises to ensure positive outcomes.



Our Learning Environment

We center our educational program around the Early Years Learning Framework of Belonging, Being & Becoming. We recognise all children need to "belong", by being part of a family, part of a culture & part of a community. In "being" children are involved in the "here & now". In "becoming" children are learning & growing at great speed throughout their early years. We endeavor to provide exciting, open ended experiences for our children, aimed at encouraging curiosity, exploration and choice making. We encourage sustainable practices within our Program. We aim to instill a love for our world amongst our children and a desire to look after well into the future.

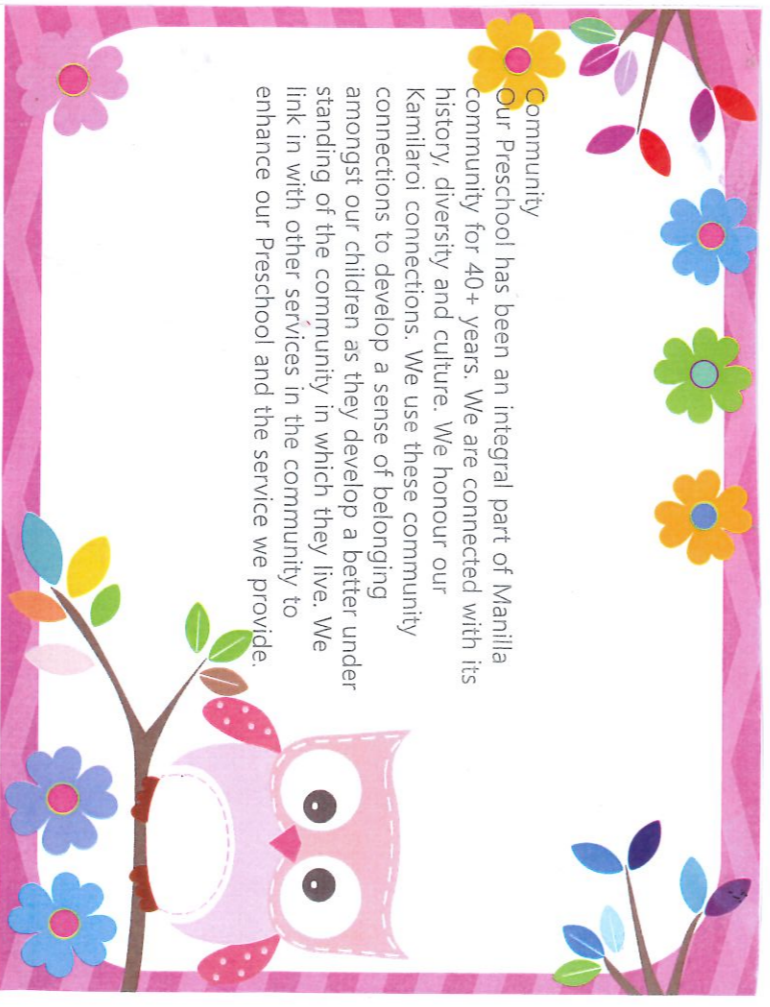


Our staff are committed to working as a team with fellow teachers, parents and committee. All our teachers have Early Childhood qualifications and share a passion for the importance of an Early Childhood Education. All staff & Committee are encouraged to participate in further training and opportunities are provided to support this.



Community

Our Preschool has been an integral part of Manilla community for 40+ years. We are connected with its history, diversity and culture. We honour our Kamilaroi connections. We use these community connections to develop a sense of belonging amongst our children as they develop a better understanding of the community in which they live. We link in with other services in the community to enhance our Preschool and the service we provide.



Diversity

We value, respect and celebrate our cultural differences, including our local Indigenous Kamilaroi culture. We believe in the rights of all children, regardless of gender, cultural identity, family background and religious beliefs. We aim to regularly incorporate language, stories and practises that are respectful of the Kamilaroi people and their cultures.

