

Introducing 'loose parts' play

In 2020 we are introducing 'loose parts' play. Staff will be encouraging children to use their imagination, playing with resources including cardboard boxes, tyres, bread baskets, tarpaulins, and plastic guttering. These are called 'loose parts'.

They can be used in many different ways, allowing children to make anything from a pirate ship or castle to an assault course or den. Loose parts play will happen within class time and during play time; it will be a chance for children to:

- Play freely with friends
- Investigate
- Discover
- Explore
- Create
- Use lots of trial and error to learn for themselves
- Learn to make their own judgments about adventurous play and recognising safe limits.



Issues including how to use the resources safely have been investigated. Children will be involved in discussing health and safety issues. All items will be checked initially and on a regular basis for safety.

Call for help and donations

In order to make this an eco-friendly project we would like to reuse and recycle as much as possible. If you have anything you think would be useful for our loose parts toy box that would otherwise be thrown out or stored away we would be very happy to add it to our growing collection. Below is a list of 'tried-and-tested loose parts,' although the list is endless...

- Quick drying materials such as fabric, fleece blankets and shower curtains
- Tarpaulins (various sizes and colours – big, small, green, blue, white, transparent)
- Milk and bread crates
- Tough buckets
- Cable drums or reels

- Tubes, guttering and funnels
- Nets
- Tyres – bicycle, motorbike and car
- Large shallow tray
- Old suitcases
- Steering wheels
- Computer keyboards
- Old clothes for dressing up, e.g. jacket suits, waistcoats and handbags
- Portable seats, sit-upons: camping chairs, gardening mats

We do ask that you use a bit of common sense as we don't want anything that is likely to cause injury such as items with sharp edges, old wiring and very small pieces. If you have an object, but are unsure on its suitability, please contact a member of The Loose Parts Team (Aleesha (CE2), Eric (CE2), Jody (CP) and Rachel (CP)) who will be happy to help.

We will hold a collection/drop off session between 8:00 – 8:45 am on Monday 16 December.

Additionally, we would appreciate the help of a handful of parents to collect and sort the donations. If you would like to be involved please email Aleesha at aleesha.mcgrath@condorcet.com.au

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The Loose Parts Project Team

