

3/8/17

Outcome 2: CHILDREN ARE
CONNECTED WITH AND CONTRIBUTE
TO THEIR WORLD

Children become socially responsible and show
respect for the environment

Outcome 4.2: CHILDREN BECOME
CONFIDENT AND INVOLVED LEARNERS
Children develop a range of skills and processes such as
problem solving, enquiry, experimentation, hypothesising,
researching and investigating

Today Toby's family brought into kindergarten 2 orphan emu chicks. Toby's grandparents run Minton Farm Animal Rescue Centre. Jess (Toby's mum) told us that the chicks were 3 weeks old and that their parents, brothers and sisters were killed by a car. There was great excitement as the children began the day and word spread to the school and some school families also visited the kindergarten to see the chicks. We discovered that the emu chicks like to eat "greens" and crumbles and at fruit time we collected some extra "greens" for them. We gave them some strawberry leaves but they didn't seem to be interested in them. The children got a chance to pat a chick and discovered that their feathers were a little prickly. We also compared the colour and size of the emu egg against our chook eggs. We noticed the patterns on the emu's body- strips on the body and a different pattern on its head. The emu chicks were a little wonky on their legs and one had an injured leg.

Thanks Toby and family for sharing your emu chicks with us at kindergarten.

At group time we talked about the emu chicks and reflected on our previous learning about the Peramangk people. We remembered that the emu is their totem.

The children were asked- "Why don't emus live in the Wirra now?" Coco thought- "because their food is not there."

Jess told us the emus eat insects, seeds, grasses & fruit. We do not have seeds in the Wirra, we have insects & grass.

Annie wanted to know if
Emus eat strawberry leaves

Hazel told us that the mum lays
the egg & then the dad looks after
it.

Evie wanted to know how
long before they ~~start~~ grown?



Tristan told us that emus come from an egg.

Term 3
Week 2
Hazel thought the
chick felt spiky
and soft