

Report for Pups 'n' Bubs Programme at Lockhart River 2017 from Morgan Schatz Blackrose and Roman W. Schatz

Roman and Morgan returned to Lockhart River in May 2017 to continue their work on the *Healthy Dogs, Healthy People* Programme. After the success of the *Happy Healthy Dogs of Lockhart River* Calendar for 2017 and working with the children to create a mural for the Kuu'aka Healing Centre, they followed up with the *Pups 'n' Bubs* programme.

This involved working with Kuunchi Kakana, Early Childhood Centre and the Pre-Preps and Lower Primary students on arts and music activities to promote healthy and safe ways of interacting with dogs and puppies. The premise of the work is the One Health philosophy, that teaches the health of humans and animals is inextricably linked and that programmes promoting animal health are essential for the maintenance of human health.

The programme was also the basis for gathering material to create a DVD for Carers and young children on how to care for dogs, prevent disease transmission between dogs and people, address safety issues and celebrate the relationship between dogs and their owners. Ten copies of *Songs for Pups 'n' Bubs* will be made available to Lockhart River Community as an educational resource.



Mothers, Aunties, Grandmothers and children attended the morning group sessions of doggy songs and dances. By the second week many of the children were familiar with the songs.



Some children were very proud of their own puppies and wanted to show them to us. We visited them later to be introduced.



The puppet dog was used as a model for demonstrating kindness and what 'real' dogs like.



Keen students in Grade 3 listening to the folktale, Why dogs sniff each other's tails. They later acted out how to protect yourself from a 'cheeky' dog.



Parents and carers are important models for their children. Teaching compassion and kindness to adult carers ensures their children become compassionate and kind too.



The Prep children made their own dog sock puppets. With the assistance of their teacher and aids they were able to make choices about the colours and markings of their puppet. Unfortunately the glue did not take very well, however Miss Betty, decided to take the puppets home and sew them.





Both Kuunchi Kakana and Pre Prep children made Rainbow Dogs. Choosing the colours of their dogs. Pre-Prep also made dog masks.





Recording the 'Lockhart River Sapphires' for a song or two on the DVD.



Jess, Nelson and Scorpion on the set for filming the Pups 'n' Bubs DVD.