

Nature. Be in It.

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As the Nature. Be in It team and I took a minute to reflect on the school year, there were so many memories that brought smiles to our faces; moments of delighted kids covered in mud, the awe on their faces of being allowed to learn how light fires and of teachers taking a well deserved moment to sink into the comfort of the bush, remembering that nature can share their teaching load.

So today, as we all start to wind down, we thought it would be fun to share our top nature moments of the year with you. The ones that made us smile, laugh out loud and be so proud of the kids and teachers we get to work with every day.

Our Top 5 Nature Moments of 2023



Top Nature Moment Number 5

Rope play at Bellerive Primary!

So much learning happens when we let kids go. As nature teachers it's our job to find, notice, witness and reflect back this learning.

This year as part of our [Outdoor Mentoring Program](#) with Bellerive Primary we've been working on breaking down the cooperative learning and teaching process.



Top Nature Moment Number 4

Yummy (and safe) fire play at our School Holiday Program

There's not much that kids love more at [School Holiday Program](#) than cooking damper and making popcorn on an open fire (while we are actually using these moments as teaching lessons for inquiry based learning!).

Top Nature Moment Number 3



Rain storms at Dodges Ferry Primary

Our [Whole of Organisation Training](#) got our Dodges Ferry teachers out of their comfort zone setting their Preps a team challenge to build a waterproof shelter before I showed up with a bucket of "rain" ☔. Squeals of nervous excitement rang out through the bush as I called out "the storm is coming!!"

Top Nature Moment Number 2



Watching teachers getting to be kids again!

Teachers make the best learners! It was a pleasure to spend the day with these amazing educators as they kept up to date on the latest nature play research with our immersive [Ultimate Outdoor Classroom Professional Learning days](#). Teachers tell us it gives them more knowledge and confidence to take their learning outside. *** **SAVE THE DATE. Fri May 17 2024 for our NEW Masterclass in Nature Pedagogy!**

Top Nature Moment Number 1



Every time we see a child's confidence grow

While it's hard to choose a favourite, we can't go past one that reflects our core value to 'Let them go and watch them grow'. Along with growing in creativity, team work, perseverance, resilience and courage, the highlight is when we see kids realise they can do things that maybe they thought they couldn't before, like this student: "I climbed 10 trees today. I felt a tiny bit scared cuz I'm high up. It's exciting though. And I know how to get down!"

So a big thank you to all our partners, schools, staff, families, and of course, the kids!



This year we are so grateful to have:

- Worked with over 300 Tasmanian kids.
- Supported over 60 teaching staff in professional development to increase their nature-based learning.
- Worked with 10 schools as well as festivals, museums and conferences to share our belief in the critical importance of nature connection.

To all of you who have been involved in our Nature Mentoring Program, Ultimate Outdoor Classroom PL, Whole of Organisation training, Nature School Quick Start program or shared our School Holiday Program with parents and friends, thank you. We couldn't do this without you and we look forward to building even stronger relationships with you all in 2024.

If your school or organisation (we work with day care centres too!) would like to bring more outdoor learning into your curriculum based learning in 2024, [get in touch](#) to find out more about our programs or organise a 'nature ready' assessment of your outdoor learning space.

See you outside,

Kara



Thank you!
For Taking Learning Outside
in 2023!



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"Bush School has fundamentally changed my pedagogy in and out of the classroom. Kara mentored us as educators to see the open-ended learning opportunities that Bush School provides. It has changed the way I teach."

Jodi Freeman, Cambridge Primary School

"I loved that my boys came home smelling of gum, smoke and Mother Nature, their clothes covered in bits of bark, grass, leaves and dirt, flushed cheeks and sparkling happy eyes and a car trip home full of

glorious tales and the day's adventures of bows and arrows made with twigs, treasure hunts, fire pits, hot chocolates and damper cooking.
Brilliant fun many thanks

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