

LEARNING PLAN

for Julian - Clay [REDACTED]

2024

A OVERVIEW OF MY
APPROACH TO TEACHING
THAT SUPPORTS JULIAN'S
INDIVIDUAL NEEDS



My foundation for Julian's natural learning approach to education is based on pursuing passions, satisfying one's natural curiosity, and learning through life.



For the past 3 going on 4 years my son has been home-schooled following a natural learning-child led approach , as he has been home-schooled in both NSW and Tasmania along with his brother and sister and now with QLD since we moved to [REDACTED] island in December last year. This approach to Julian's learning has proven exceptional as when we first tried a formal learning approach he was filled with anxiety, became disinterest and lost the love for learning , now he is full of questions , full of curiosity and is always ready to have a go and try new things.



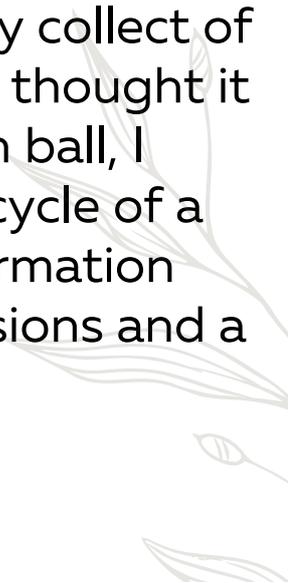
I decided to allow him the freedom to choose when, what and how to learn topics after noticing Julian learns best when he truly has passion for something he chooses and from real hands-on opportunities. He is a very determined self-direct learner. When it comes to pursuing knowledge, he becomes highly motivated in enquiring it, usually through research of his own from google searches and youtube videos or he comes to me with questions or when he needs assistance and help if he is unsure. Julian is always asking questions, He is full of them, why this, how come that, everyday Julian comes to me or his father and asks the most randomist questions, I love it because I know his curiosity is guiding him and he is learning so many topics (usually if I am not sure of the answer for one of his questions, I will do a quick google search on my phone with him there and then - in the moment learning) - like earlier today he asked me how sand is made when we went for a walk down the beach, I had no idea so we did a quick google search on my phone and we discussed that sand is made from rocks becoming weathered and from erosion over millions of years, we furthered discussed what erosion meant, and also that different beaches have different sand types depending on what type of rock is around that area, like red black and even green sands, Over the last couple of years he continues to prove this approach to his learning is the right choice for him, Julian has been able to teach himself how to fluently read and write, he continues to come to me and ask what a word's meaning is if he doesn't know or how to spell a word he is unsure of, he is continually expanding his vocabulary. Julian is always self-researching something he is interested about, via google and youtube, this is always changing and he is always learning so much covering so many different subjects, this week he has been researching and following instructions on - how to make youtube intros (he even downloaded an app that helps him make one called intro maker) - how to make youtube thumbnails, - how to do roblox scripting in roblox studio, as he is creating a roblox game

(and downloaded a software called chat gpt - a AI software to help him with coding in roblox studio) - he also researched how to get more youtube subscribers, and so much more (this is just some of his search history on his phone over the last 3 days!) Julian also loves to have real hands on learning experiences he is always helping renovate our new island home, he has helped his father build garden beds, fences, stairs, lay gravel and other odd jobs , he also loves helping cultivate our 1 acre property by cutting down trees with his axe, gardening, watering and tending to our crops. Julian is growing his own tomato plant, pumpkin and watermelon plant and is in a comp with his sister and brother to see whos plants grows the best. He is always watering ,feeding and maintaing it and having open discussion about his observations and growth of the plants, not only his but all of ours. I will be creating a plant observation sheet for them in the next couple of weeks, now that it is spring he will be able to write his observations and reflections down and any other information about his plants he wants. We plan on growing and selling produce and seedlings as they become ready (Julian has already been selling his pumpkins this year in his own store, we will continue to do this in the upcoming year as julian really enjoyed this) Julian loves hands on learning he has done some work experience this year for our neighbour and his grandma and loved making his own money, and is always looking at ways he can earn some extra money from odd jobs, or making and selling- this will be something he will continue pursuing for this upcoming year, ways he can make his own allowance! . We will be getting chickens and have a worm farm on the way getting delivered this upcoming year Julian will be able to raise, look after and sell produce from these. Julian lives a very active lifestyle , as we have just moved to a small island - norfolk island our new home is full of so much learning opportunities, from festivals ,school holiday programs and events throughout the year to historic sites ,snorkling,hiking and so much more. Julian is immersed inso much history and culture and we will continue to explore these next year as there is still so much to learn , see and be apart off



Julian is always encouraged to have a go and have real hands on opportunities within our home and out in the community, His interests are always changing, so he is constantly acquiring new skills and new knowledge, covering all the key subjects. Julian not only learns by following his interests but he also learns from daily life, he loves to help in the kitchen - he is always helping prepare dinners by cutting and measuring, makes smoothies for himself and siblings, makes homemade yogurt - that he plans on selling when he has his next stall he said!, He frequently rides to the corner shop for me and buys some groceries and lollies and is able to figure out prices and money handling. He loves Creating experiments and projects he has seen on youtube or thought of.

He watches fascinating and informative videos and shows covering so many different topics and often tells me some interesting facts he has learnt...Julian learns so much by on the spot learning through daily life and by what we see and discuss while out in the community and on adventures in nature, where we together as a family end up always finding something new and interesting that we observe and have open discussions about, I call this wild-schooling, we will continue to use every opportunity for this approach to learning for this upcoming year for Julian My children are full of questions and curiosity "why are the bees on the flower" this then leads to further investigations and discussions about pollination and honey bees-naturally. Just last week we were weeding our veggie garden and noticed our cauliflower flowers had so many bees attracted to it, we all observed and discussed how they store the pollen they collect of the flower on their hind legs in a "pollen basket" Julian thought it was so cool as we could see the little yellow pollen ball, I furthered this investigation by bringing out our life cycle of a honey bee resin specimen and a couple of bee information flashcards I previously created we all had open discussions and a mini on the spot natural learning lesson.



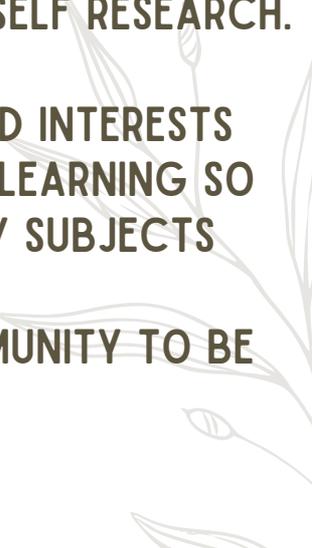


.As well as all our natural approaches for Julians education , I have my own " nature inspired learning resource business"- BarefootChild in which I create and promote nature inspired teaching resources based on the Reggio Emilia philosophy , from time to time Julian likes to fill in a worksheet here or there, or we discuss lifecycles, anatomy or any other thing he becomes interested in or I create him or help teach him how to create a worksheet he is after, like a workout worksheet he created for his situp challenges using the app canva, Julian will continue to always have access to worksheets and resources he seeks in the upcoming years , as we take a natural approach to his education, I do not rigidly enforce him to complete them, we have them on hand if and when he becomes interested

Our holistic approach to learning **has** provided and **will** continue to provide Julian with the same learning opportunities as children who attend a formal school except instead of filling in worksheets and handed information about the world, Julian is given the opportunity to have real hands on - in the moment learning side by side alongside his family.

TEACHING STRATEGIES THAT SUPPORT JULIAN THE BEST ARE

- BY ALLOWING HIM TO USE HANDS ON EXPERIENCES IN THE REAL WORLD
- BY LETTING HIM LEARN NEW SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE FROM ON THE SPOT LEARNING IN DAILY LIFE THROUGH OPEN CONVERSATIONS AND SELF RESEARCH.
- ALLOWING HIM THE FREEDOM TO FOLLOW HIS PASSIONS AND INTERESTS BECAUSE THEY ARE ALWAYS CHANGING AND HE IS FOREVER LEARNING SO MUCH NEW SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE COVERING ALL THE KEY SUBJECTS
- AND BY ALLOWING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY TO BE JULIANS THIRD TEACHER .



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ABOUT JULIAN-CLAYS LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AND TIME ALLOCATED FOR LEARNING



As Julians learning is based on natural opportunities and daily life -his learning is free to take place anywhere in our house .We have a dining room filled with large glass doors that overlooks bird filled trees and a valley.This is setup as our "makerspace" we have a large table with plants and shelving on the walls filled with arts and crafts supplies, nature specimens ,books, chalkboard as well as some of my learning posters I have created on the wall.We have a computer area set up under our stairs in loungeroom with a desk,printer and laminator for whenever Julian or his siblings want to use it,- Julian uses these spaces daily ,our lounge-room, his room, all our outdoor setting spots,Dads tool shed,his grandmas up the road, Not to mention our 1 acre land, Julian has unlimited access to explore our family home and yard along with all our indoor learning spaces,Julian also has other wonderful learning spaces.These include our island community (library,musuems,farmers and artisian markets,shops,historic landmarks,tourist sights,festivals,classes,events,tourists, SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM and other opportunitites that come up throughout the year(i will record these for my learning portfolio as they happen)

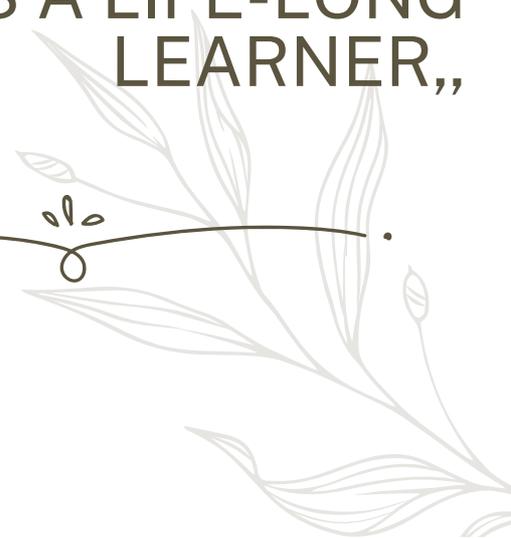


TIME ALLOCATED FOR LEARNING

Julian's learning is not restricted to a strict time schedule put into modules and time restraints. His learning is not only to take place between 9-3 , 5 days a week. Julian will always be learning as his learning entwines with his life. Julian is free to learn when and for how ever long he decides



JULIAN IS A LIFE-LONG LEARNER,,



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SHORT AND LONG TERM GOALS FOR JULIAN



SHORT TERM GOALS

My short term goals for Julian is to keep allowing him to follow his passions and interests as these have so far provided him with a huge variety of experiences and knowledge covering english, maths, history, science and technology. I will continue to keep providing answers, support, help and resources he needs to meet these requirements. We will be pursuing Julian's business venture ideas for this year and will be one of our main focus's again, - run his own stall selling produce he has grown/raised and seedlings, other ideas he comes up with throughout the year will be recorded in my portfolio . Open a etsy store and get him his own bank account !Julian will continue to attend the school holiday programs each holidays , this provides him with such great and new learning experiences. Julian will continue on expanding his youtube channel with video creating and his new roblox hobbies - game creating, as we are investing in a gaming laptop.

LONG TERM GOALS

Julian is STILL undecided on exactly what he would like to do when he is older, as it is always changing ,builder, horticulturist, antique collector and dealer is his new idea! ,pro surfer, marine biologist, running his own business of some kind, I will continue to support him to reach whatever he would like to be in the future by providing classes, certificates and any other resources he requires. (i think he would make a great business owner as he is full of great ideas) Julian is capable of so much and I know he will follow his curiosity and passions as a young adult.

I will always provide unconditional support and allow Julian to continue to experience the world around him with real hands on learning, our new island community provides so many great mentors for Julian to learn from.

SOCIAL INTERACTIONS *in place for Julian-Clay*

Our beautiful new island community provides all the opportunities for Julian to make friends and socialise. Julian has made so many friends since moving here 11 months ago, I am not worried one bit about his social life. Julian is very sociable and is always hanging with other kids, each week he rides his bike with his siblings to the park, (a few times a week) and they meet their friends there and play for hours, he goes to holiday programs every holidays with all his friends and other kids, (3-4 days a week) -he attends most events and festivals on our island community. Julian also talks to his friends online via discord and roblox. Julian rides his bike around the neighbourhood with his siblings almost daily, he goes to the corner shop and lollyshop. Julian also has sleepovers at his grandmas from time to time. Julian is always out and about , nature walks , beach snorkling,swimming,fighing,surfing, and so much more.

,I also cant forget to mention his numerous aunties and cousins ,nana and extended family who will be visiting for holidays



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HOW I WILL KEEP TRACK OF JULIAN'S LEARNING PROGRESS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

For the last 3 -4 years i have been keeping track of his and his siblings learning by writing new skills and interests he has down in his learning journey journal (a notebook I keep and add resources he has used, questions he has asked ,skills he has acquired and any other relevant learning activities done) - so i will keep using this recording method.I also take photos of any hands on learning activities he has done,places he has visited and keep any hard copy worksheets/drawings/paper based resources.I put them into a visual learning portfolio(plastic sleeve folder) i always add dates and a brief paragraph about what he has been doing)

THERE IS NO LEARNING EXPECTATIONS, JUST ENCOURAGEMENT,I TRUST HE WILL LEARN EVERYTHING HE REQUIRES WHEN THE TIME COMES FROM IN THE MOMENT LEARNING



WAYS WE WILL COVER LEARNING AREAS



By using Hands on skills in daily life, following child led passions and interests. And by allowing the natural environment and community to be Julian's third teacher will help him learn english, maths, science, technology, history, the arts and culture



"WHEN CHILDREN BECOME CURIOUS, THE BRAIN BECOMES A FAST MOVING INFORMATION GATHERING TOOL THAT ENCOURAGES LEARNING. WHEN WE ARE CURIOUS WE ARE EAGER TO EXPLORE, DISCOVER AND FIGURE THINGS OUT. CURIOUS CHILDREN NOT ONLY ASK QUESTIONS, BUT THEY SEEK THE ANSWERS."--JULIAN-CLAY CONSTANTLY SHOWS ME THIS EACH DAY.

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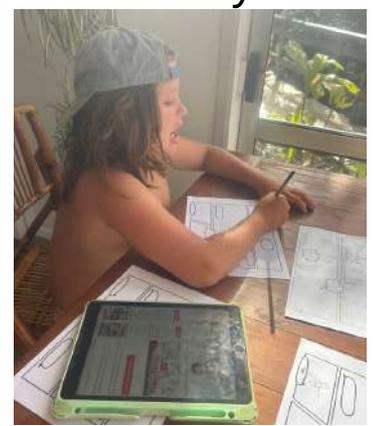
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WRITING ENGLISH

- Using online gaming and software to interact with his online friends through writing messages and following directions daily, -he has advanced at using the keyboard on our computer and has become a very fast typer. He has recently gotten discord so he is always spelling .He is always encouraged to come to me if he needs help with how to spell a word or what a word meaning is - we often discuss silent letters and Homophones this way.Today he asked me what ascend and decal meant. He will also use writing when commenting on youtube videos, on his own youtube video descriptions, gaming instructions and profile about me pages -he will continue to use his interests to further his english writing skills
- He will continue with Daily use of web search platforms like google,youtube and apps to type in things he wants to know about, these platforms are used frequently throughout the day ,- also auto spell on his phone has proven helpful and subtitles on movies to help expand his written and word vocabulary.

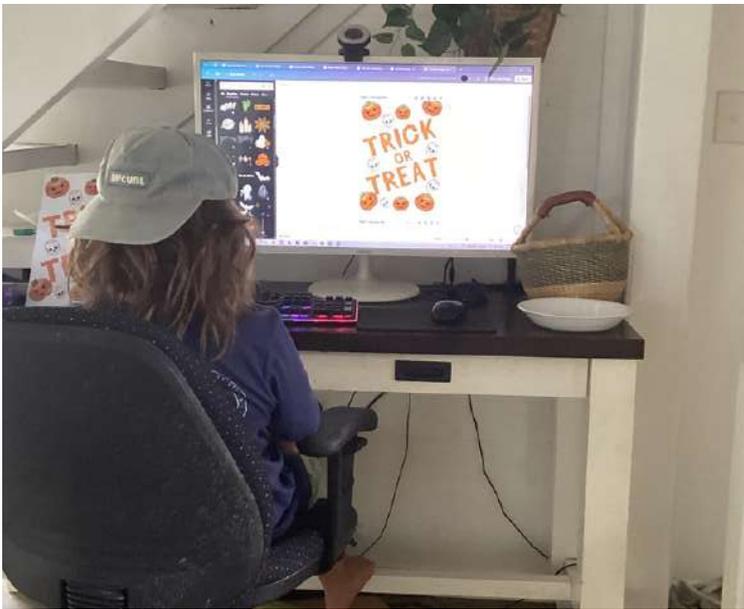


- I have my own small business creating digital learning worksheets covering a huge variety of topics. Julian always has unlimited access to these or he gets me to create him one his after. This is not rigidly enforced, but this is always something he can use for his english writing skills like his comic strip worksheet or pokemon tracker worksheet he had me create for him.
- Although most of julian writing is online he does enjoy writing plans,lists or something he has become interested down in his numerous notebooks or paper from time to time, his pen to paper form is abit shaky/messy but he is significantly improving over time, and will continue to be encouraged to write more this upcoming year-
- -any hardcopy writing he does i keep in his records.

SPEECH

- Julian is a very sociable boy and is able to have great conversations with people of all ages-He frequently goes into shops with his siblings to order and buy things and will continue his public speaking by being encouraged to always join into mine and his fathers conversations, he will continue to be asked his opinions and asked questions ,this will help with his confidence and spoken vocabulary .Julian will always come and sit with me and his father on our deck and just chat away,asking questions,joking and being treated as a young adult.
- Julian uses the chat platform on discord and roblox sometimes and will be using alot more "public speaking" with his youtube video edits once he gets a laptop
- Julian chats on the phone to his nana, aunties and cousins from time to time.
- I will continue to help Julian improve his spoken vocabulary by helping him sound out words he is unsure with ,aswell as words he says that are incorrect (usually silent letter words and words that seem the same like caf=cafe and reality=realty) as example.





READING

Reading is a big part of daily life, it is everywhere Julian has been able to teach himself how to read by following his interests. He is constantly reading when he plays online gaming, walks past shop and community signs, web searches, instructions, books he picks up, when messaging friends any all the other natural daily life reading opportunities

he will continue to follow his passions which inevitably lead to the reading of something new, engaging his curiosity and expanding his reading vocabulary





- Julian will always be encouraged to come to me or his father when he needs help with reading a word or help with understanding what a word means, this happens a few times a week and i have noticed that once it clicks (sometimes he will ask 2-3 times)he won't ask again as he now has learnt that new word
- Julian will continue to use the community and his daily life for reading opportunities, from signs,plaques,tags,posters,instructions,online gaming and all other opportunities that come up.
- Julian enjoys reading books from time to time, not for a very long time, as he loses interest if it doesn't spark his curiosity, but Julian has unlimited access to all of our books on our shelves, I am always adding to our collection and coming across some new ones from the local opshop weekly. Julian found a whole series of goosebump books, he has yet to read but they are there for when he decides he wants to. - books he actually reads will be recorded in my journal.

- We always have subtitles on tv/movies we watch as i find this helps all the kids to match sounds with word , aswell as expand his vocabulary , we will continue this





RESOURCES USED FOR ENGLISH

iphone,ipad,computer ,online software and apps
(will be recorded when he uses them)
roblox,minecraft ,discord, youtube,google,,his own
personal notebooks,pencils,my printables
www.barefootchild.info aswell as printables from
www.mymegabundles.com ,signs, information and
the other reading opportunities provided by the
community, the local libabry , our book shelf books
containing alot of un usborne lift the flap books (books julian actually reads will be recorded as they happen) any other resources he has used will also be recorded as they happen



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MATHS



- Julian is really good at maths and math concepts he is constantly using them each and everyday through life, maths is everywhere, Julian has always been naturally good at maths equations since he was little the same as his siblings
- We do **mental maths** quite a bit throughout the week, and it has been our main learning strategy in learning maths for the last few years—examples of this, is I will randomly ask Julian and his siblings maths questions to see who answers first (I have found this is a fun way for them to learn as they like to compete) I ask large additions, multiplications ($\times 2$, $\times 5$ and $\times 10$ we have mastered) as well as other maths strategies (can you share these equally, what is half of that, what time is it, We practise a lot on percentages, 10% Julian has mastered, we are still working on 20% as he gets confused and Julian has been mastering rounding to the nearest dollar, reading analog clock and we are working on understanding fractions.
- I have just created and plan to hang up some maths posters in our learning area as well as the bathroom this year, which will have a lot of 2D/3D shapes, 1-100 multiplication charts, percentages, and more, feel this will spark a lot of open conversations and Indie will have time to reflect on different maths equations.

Julian is always using maths when helping dad with renovations and when he is tinkering and building, He uses the tape measurer learning length and measurement, fractions, decimals power tools, straight angle, leveller and and so much more—Julian will continue to always be involved in hands on real life experiences

- **cooking**— Julian enjoys helping with preparing and cooking he frequently makes banana and strawberry smoothies without help, scrambled eggs, noodles and toast all by himself, and homemade yogurt. Cooking provides Julian with a lot of maths learning, from measuring in mls and cups, weighing in grams, and kg and learning about volume, temperature, chemical reactions, ratios to name a few. Julian will continue to be involved in helping out in the kitchen
- **shopping and pocket money**— Julian and his siblings earn pocket money from doing household chores—he is encouraged to keep track of his own spending and he wants to open up his own online bank account I will do this, this YEAR for Julian as I wanted to this year but time got away from me!— this will help teach him budgeting, goal setting, saving, and how money works. He will be able to keep track by using his phone app (netbank) to add money and reach target goals through this app, He will also be able to watch graphs and tallies.
- Julian will often read shop tags and signs while we are at the shops where we discuss percentages and decimals and other maths concepts, he will use the scales in weighing and asks lots of questions - we will always continue this type of hands on maths on our outings. He has recently learnt rounding to the nearest dollar, so he enjoys applying his new maths skills when at shops and he sees tags.



- **surf and weather report-** Julian and his siblings frequently check the weather and surf report, using online google search and apps (as they go surfing on high tide)
 - julian has a weather tracking printable i created for him he used for about a month , we will be bringing this back out to use this upcoming year now that it is warming up and he can go surfing again.

- **Maths in online gaming and Julian interests-**

Julian is constantly using maths concepts when playing his online games, from designing roblox house builds using geometry, shapes and length, to answering maths questions in certain roblox games, as well as earning robux online to buy and spend on inventory - (using his addition and subtraction skills) .he uses maths and math strategies like Area, Volume, fractions and sums in the game minecraft also. He uses maths when creating his roblox videos by using timing and grids. He will continue to use his interest to further his mathematical knowledge and is always encouraged to come to me if he needs help with concepts or answers. As he gets older and his interest change- so will his math skills.



• **selling produce in road side stall ,running a etsy store**

Julian will learn so much maths by having real hands on engagements in his own buissness ventures this upcoming year , just like this year 2023 he learnt so much maths by selling his own pumpkins in a road stall from working out inventory, calculating weights ,pricing accordingly to the weight,rounding to the nearest dollar,money exchanging and working out the correct change to give. he plans on selling much more this year once our crops are ready including pumpkins,watermelons,tomatos peaches and seedlings . Julian also has other buisness ideas to sell in his own road side stall (a table setup at the front of our property)-alot of island kids do this also , from chicken eggs once we get chickens, worm tea (plant food) yogurt and other ideas.I will record these in my journal. Julian also has done some work experiences for our nieghbour and his grandma to earn some pocket money, he wants to continue finding ways to "work" and earn his own money this upcoming year. He still wants to open a etsy store selling corals and other "crafts" we will work on doing this for this year, as we didnt get around to it the previous year.

• **worksheets,books and iphone-**

Also the printables we have cover different maths concepts Julians iphone has great tools for him to use - calculator and stopwatch,maps apps and timer.Aswell as the kitchen scales (he is always weighing himself) as the scales measure weight, water, musle and fat measurements he finds it interesting and Fitbit - he JUST GOT HIS OWN FITBIT and always measures his steps ,heartbeat and sleep If Julain ever decides he would like a maths workbook or other math opportunities come up I will also record them in my journal.





RESOURCES USED FOR MATHS

iphone,ipad,computer ,online software and apps ,roblox,minecraft, ,fitbit,capcut,(others will be recorded when he uses them) youtube,google, printables from www.barefootchild.info and etsy-BarefootChildCo, aswell as printables from www.mymegabundles.com ,etsy,notebook,pen,calculator,measuring cups,measuring spoons,kitchen appliances,scales,www.tideforecast.com.au , www.willyweather.com.au iphone weather app,timer,clock,stopwatch, tape measure ruler,and tools, other tools, netbank app, any other learning apps or maths resources he uses will be recorded in my journal



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SCIENCE

Julian has always enjoyed nature and the outdoors ,We experience science daily on our outings from observing rare birds and fauna on norfolk island,collecting and observing insects on our plants ,watching cows and calves roaming the streets ,feeding chickens and chicks, noticing the different changes after storms or dry spells ,nature hikes and so much more,We always discuss what we see with each other as a family,this is always changing as we come across something different,Today we were learning how sand is made,and how the plant alovera helps with sunburns and the other day we were learning about bees, and pollination , we have learnt so much about sustainable living,how things work, what things are used for , and so much more this way

-we will continue this path of learning science concepts naturally as it will forever be changing from the new things we see and discuss on our adventures

things we see and discuss will be recorded



- A new experience for us since moving to the island is the beautiful snorkelling bays around the island, Julian has been snorkelling and observing the amazing coral formats, different fish, sea creatures and the underwater ecosystem. We will continue to snorkel, discuss our findings and discover new things this upcoming year. This previous year I made a few eye spy checklists that Julian and his siblings had fun completing on the various things they observed underwater and on the beach. I'll be making many more worksheets like this for this upcoming year as they had such fun (this will be saved in my records) - also Julian has just started taking underwater photos of what he sees
- Julian also learns a lot of science through various YouTube videos and shorts he watches covering so many different topics - he will often tell me some cool facts he has learnt, yesterday he told me, Mum did you know snails can have over 25,000 teeth even though their mouth is very tiny. We will continue this approach in learning all sorts of science facts for the upcoming year - I record what I can in my journal.
- -he also enjoys doing some experiments he watches, (making playdough, slime, shrinking chip packets in the microwave, Mentos in Coke, creating rainbow celery, making a bottle rocket, making cardboard vending machines, robotic cardboard arm and water cycle in a bag) are a few of our past family experiments. (Others for the new year will be recorded)
- Julian also has been helping tend to our 1 acre plot of land, we plan to grow all our own produce and currently live sustainably on solar power and water tanks, we always discuss what organic means, how solar panels work, pollination, photosynthesis and so much more. Julian has been growing his own veggies and helping grow (tomato, watermelon, pumpkin, peaches, guava and passionfruit, he loves discussing and observing the changes we notice each day of the crops. I am creating a plant observation worksheet for Julian and his siblings so they will be able to record their observations in the next couple weeks now that it is warming up and things are growing!! JULIAN ALSO ATTENDED THE ISLAND ROYAL ARCULTURE SHOW THIS YEAR, HE WILL ALSO ATTEND THE ONE FOR THIS UPCOMING YEAR.

- We came across a few caterpillars on our tomato plants so we created them a environment in a jar and watched them turn themselves into cocoons, This was exciting for julian and his siblings to watch,we discussed a butterflies lifecycle, and observed our butterfly lifecycle resin i got, they have yet to emerge as butterflies ,that will be even more exciting

• I have created a mini bee unit printable and we have just received a bee lifecycle resin specimen in which Julian will be able to learn more about pollination, how honey is made ,the lifecycle of bees and the importance of bees. this is something we will be pursuing this year 2024, I also have several other lifecycle specimens on their way in the mail (as i am getting them to sell in my store) I will be creating printables for them so julian and his siblings will also be learning for that next year.

- My printables aswell as the seasonal mega bundle printables cover a huge amount of nature and earth science and natural learning (its what we specialise in) for whenever Julian may want to explore

- Julian learns alot of science when he is helping dad build ,and out in our community and seeing how things are used and what they are for. Julian always asks questions and loves to find out new information from on the spot natural opportunities. he will continue with this approach for the upcoming year of home-schooling, and i will come continue to support by answering all his questions and providing the resources he needs (I will record anything learnt down in my journal).and other science throughout the year will also be recorded



This upcoming year julian will also get to raise his own chickens, and worm farm and any other livestock we get (will be recorded),

- - and we also have lots of science books on our shelf-mostly usbornes and i am always collecting new ones from the opshop, for whenever julian may want to read through them



RESOURCES USED FOR SCIENCE

signs around the island, natural environment
iphone, youtube, google, netflix, snorkles, garden
, garden tools, printables i create, lifecycle specimens,, printables-
www.barefootchild.info, bom weather app, butterfly habitat
www.mymegabundles.com, books -usborne lift the flap
books, resources and software used will be recorded, as well as
documentaries and experiments he does in my journal, also photos
will be taken)



Our caterpillars that have turned themselves into chrysalis, julian has been busy observing the lifecycle of a butterfly , he cant wait until they finally emerge



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TECH

- Julian is very advanced in the technology department- he is currently teaching himself how to code (a lot of Roblox hack coding at the moment, he is always finding software/apps to add to his gaming experiences to make it advanced or simpler, this week he has added Ropro and Rogold to his Roblox as extensions as well as downloaded a software AI script called ChatGPT to help him with creating a Roblox game), Julian is always researching via Google and YouTube how to use videos to help him expand his tech skills. He follows instructions and is able to apply them, or he asks for help. He has his own YouTube channel - Julian Bloxcraft in which he records, edits and maintains his channel all by himself. He is always researching ways to improve his channel and edit his videos, this week he has been researching/ learning how to create thumbnails, intros and get more subscribers. He uses the software/apps - RecordIt, CapCut, and Canva for his video editing (his videos are of his online gaming turned into "edits" and some live streaming. He asks for assistance when he requires it, he also gets his sister who is very good on technology to help him out and show him how to do some things, like last week she was helping him learn how to create GFXS for Roblox avatars, Julian is always finding new software and apps that he learns how to use, he follows his curiosity. He will continue to advance his gaming experience and YouTube channel for this upcoming year he currently has 81 videos he created and 208 subscribers and he will continue to learn tech by following his passions, I will keep records of this for this upcoming year.
- Julian also gets to have hands-on experiences using our home appliances, in the community and dad's tools, he loves trying to figure out how things work and trying new things. He has been helping his dad and brother pull apart and rewire a tiny kids car they got from the tip, -dad explains how wires and things work to him. They got the car running and Julian thought it was the most funniest thing riding around in an electric car for a toddler, he also has been helping pull apart a scrap car with dad to use the parts in our car.

- Once we have Julian's online banking and a etsy store setup he will have loads of technology learning experiences, that we will learn together-
- any other tech related learning done throughout the year will always be recorded, and photos taken where nessary for my records

RESOURCES USED FOR TECHNOLOGY

Youtube,google,roblox,capcut,iphone,ipad,computer,home appliances,power tools,netbank,etsy app, computer, (other apps,software and tech resources used through year will be record as they happen)



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HISTORY & SOSE

Our new island community is filled with lots of great historic sites, convict and settler history and amazing culture . This will continue to be our main focus for history again this year, as there is still so much to see and learn about in our new island community

We have spent the last several months exploring history sites, attending culture festivals (the [redacted] day)- were Julian and his siblings got to watch a re-enactment of the first settlers, he has attended the spring fair and seen the traditional ways of food and weaving.He also just attended the agriculture and horticulture show in which he was immersed in local island traditional, food,plants,music and "island crafts" he got to listen to local historic stories and so much more..Julian has already visited the old convict prison,blacksmith shop,salt house and historic cemetery and we have yet to visit the mutiny museums ,which is on our bucket list We have learnt so much about the history and convict past from the site signs all over the island at landmarks and will continue to go to all the historic sites, museums this upcoming year. [redacted] is full of wonderful culture and traditions and we are excited to get to explore,see,watch and taste these throughout the year with the upcoming events and festivals ,they also celebrate [redacted] day here to, so this is something Julian and his siblings are looking forward to. Julian is also learning some simple norf'k language words as the locals often say it to them.

- we plan on doing some travelling hopefully this upcoming year as dad has to fly to brisbane for a operation and we plan on flying to nsw to visit family,so there will be some more great history and sose experiences then. (I will keep records of these)

- Julian watches abc ,movies ,youtube videos and documentaries that cover so much history. We have open discussions and julian is full of questions, he has learnt alot this way including like how things were in the olden days, aborigines, mythology world war and so much more.His favourite to learn more about was ned kelly and his gang and william wallace as julian is a descendent, we will continue to discuss things he watches
 - Many printables we have from both mine and my mega bundles seasonal printables cover many history subjects from dinosaurs, famous world landmarks ,australia,historic figures and so much more for when/if julian wants to learn more on that particular subject.He completed a mini australian unit study i created this previous year and dinosaur fossil mini study pack - I will keep hardcopies/record what he used in my journal.
- Julian has also been attending the school holiday programs every holidays that are full of lots of fun learning experiences, each time they are new and different experiences covering all subjects including history and traditional ways.- i will keep record of these
- I'm sure throughout the year Julian will read,watch and be immersed in lots of history and culture activities engaging his curiosity and understanding of how different modern society has changed over the decades as he has learnt so much history already over the past few years,with trips to museums, old mines,historic sites open conversations and abc tv shows like horrible histories and others
 - - i will record things he has learnt.

RESOURCES USED FOR HISTORY

Youtube,google,abc me, netflix,historic sites and events around [redacted] island,(i will take photos of these when we visit for my records) www.barefootchild.info - my printables, iphone,www.mymegabundles.com, other resources, programs or places he visits will be recorded



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THE ARTS

Julian's main focus of the arts is visual art, he really enjoys crafting things using our craft resources and recycled materials. He is always creating projects he has seen on youtube and watches how to videos.

This previous year some projects julian created include- vending machines out of cardboard, robotic moveable arms out of cardboard, - mini can oven, magnetic pokemon ball out of cardboard, easter hats, tshirt and shoe customising, shell and coral hanger from the things he collected at beach, huge amount of artworks, nature crafts with my printables and so much more he has been starting to learn how to draw anime as his sister does and is exploring different art techniques especially abstract. Julian has been starting to get back into digital art and uses the app canva to create all sorts of digital art from banners for his discord and youtube, to thumbnails, gfixs, posters, and more. Julian also enters a lot of online art competitions especially ones his sister holds via discord, in which he draws and takes a photo and uploads - I will allow julian's curiosity for the arts guide him for this upcoming year, I will continue to provide him with resources he seeks and will keep record / photos for my portfolio

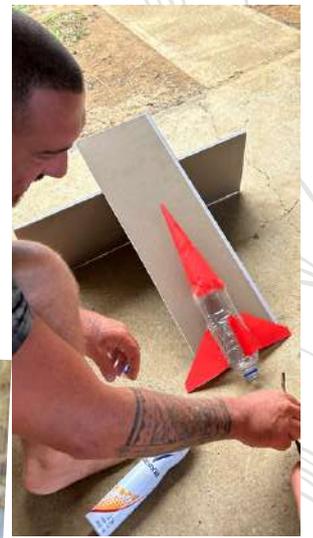
-Julian also attends many festivals on the island that feature beautiful local artworks, he is always intrigued and we have open discussions about how they make him feel. He loves to look at the recycled rubbish style artworks. We have also visit a couple of art galleries on the island and plan to visit the rest over the upcoming year.



- **music**- Julian and his siblings each have spotify app on their phone Julian is always playing different music to listen to with his brother , music of all varieties is often played -julian attends many festivals on the island and is always enjoying the live music being played-he will continue to be exposed to all sorts of music his current favourite song is riptide
- Julian's father plays guitar - from time to time Julian asks for lessons. - he has been practising and learning guitar cords with his father.-he will continue this.He was interested in learning keyboard but has since lost interest, maybe he might restart again this upcoming year.
- paint and canva app on the computer, also many other apps Julian can download on his iphone, colouring, drawing etc (these will be recorded if he uses them in future)
- **drama** - Julian often role plays on roblox with his online friends and brother and sister, playing scripts and real life roles- he uses alot of drama and makes movies with his sister for both their youtube channels- Julian will continue to follow his interests in pursuing " the arts" for this upcoming year .
- my printables and mymegabundle printable have many "arts inspired studies from van gohan to nature inspired arts and craft projects for julian to explore and use when/if he chooses to in the upcoming year (i will keep records/photos for my portfolio)

RESOURCES USED FOR THE ARTS

youtube - various videos julian watches (i will try keep note of them) iphone, ipad,our art supplies, paint,papers,pencils,sketch pencils,craft materials,etc,
roblox canva,capcut,muisc and drawing apps, guitar, events will be recorded with photos for his portfolio. other resources he uses throughout the year will also be noted down,community,



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PDHPE

Julian and his siblings are very active and live a very healthy lifestyle, Julian goes for surfs swims, and snorkelling throughout most weeks, in the hotter months most of the day is spent being physically active and outdoors. We often go on nature walks, beach comb or exploring of some kind. He rides his bike to the shops and to the park a few times a week to meet with friends or to the corner shop for me. He has been getting very interested in soccer, unfortunately there isn't a team on the island, but Julian and his siblings are always playing at home and take their soccer ball to the park to have games with all the kids, everyone gets excited when they arrive with the ball. We have also just got a ping pong table net that is set up over our dining table that we all enjoy versing and having games against each other, In the holidays Julian attends a program-in which they are always active. Julian loves doing workouts with his dad and brother, he frequently makes himself "challenges" and marks them of on his worksheet. Like this afternoon him and his dad and brother ran 10 laps up and down our driveway! He has his own fitbit and is always checking how far his walked for the day, his heart rate and water intake

.I have no concerns for his physical fitness for the upcoming year, we will continue to live a full healthy and active life, learning along the way. Julian eats alot of healthy home grown organic and locally sourced food from the island that we always have open discussions as a family the health benefits, he enjoys harvesting and eating the crops he has grown himself like pumpkin, tomato, and recently lettuce..

Julian and I have discussed personal hygiene and self care over the years, he takes pride in his appearance, he is always encouraged to come to me or his father if he has any questions

- We have discussed online bullying and how to stay safe when online, also about scammers and cybercrime, Julian frequently will ask me if something on his phone is a scam (he has had his roblox account hacked previously so he is very vigilant,I always remind him about giving out his personal information.This will always continue
- Julian loves watching operation ouch on abc me some afternoons where he learns all kinds of things about our bodies, we will continue
- We always discuss possible dangers, what to look out for and what to do if they require help whether in the water,bush walking ,around hazards ,wild weather or from stranger danger. when the opportunity arise we discuss these
- We will continue to discuss more as he grows about his body,what to expect when he reaches puberty , he has just started needing deodoroant and any other questions he may have, we have a close relationship and the kids are always encouraged to come to us if they have any concerns or questions

RESOURCES USED FOR PDHPE

surfboard,snorkle,iphone,soccer ball, ping pong table, bike, nature,holiday program, worksheets,fitbit,abc and netflix,other resources will be recorded





Julian is surrounded by a rich learning environment filled with lots of great hands on learning opportunities that engage all off his 5 senses. To learn by following his interests and from daily life - will help provide Julian with a learning style that suits his individual learning needs, and is easy adaptable as he grows. Julian is surrounded by a loving family ecosystem who trusts in him to learn all they he requires, when he requires it. He is always encouraged to try his best, to ask questions and to be involved in life activities. To me this is the best kind of learning environment to create a lifelong learner. To create a motivated thinker and to create a young adult , ready to adapt to adulthood and the changing future.