

STOP! They are poisonous!

Thursday 2nd June

Sammy and Isla made a fantastic discovery in the Bush Block today. "Miss Bissex!" They cried. "Come and look what we found! We found caterpillars. you must come and see!" They both shouted together. We walked down the path together and Isla and Sammy showed me two rather scary looking caterpillars crawling over a piece of dried bark. "Wow!" I said. "Do these look like the caterpillars you want crawling over your hand?" "No way! These are poisonous. You have to be super careful because they could kill you!" Sam explained. "Yes they are really poisonous," agreed Isla. "Isla, run and get the iPad so that you can take photos of your discovery." I suggested.



A little while later, Sammy, Charlie and Isla came to talk to me. "We made a video to tell everyone about the poisonous caterpillars so that we can warn them!" Isla explained, handing me the iPad. I watched the video (see below). It was very informative! A little while later, Hamish joined in. I filmed him talking to Sam, Charlie, Isla, Harrison and Reeve about the caterpillars. He told the group that his dad had told him that the caterpillars were really poisonous and if you touch them you would have to go to hospital! Sammy then decided that it was important to show everyone, so that they knew to be careful of the caterpillars. He brought a few people over to the tree so that they could see the poisonous creatures.

What learning is taking place?

Sammy, you are very perceptive! You found these caterpillars and you knew straight away that you shouldn't touch them, just in case. You assessed the risk yourself and made a safe decision with how to behave around these critters. How kind it was that you considered the safety of your friends by warning them about the caterpillars. I think you could be a film or documentary maker when you grow up. what an informative and interesting video you made about your discovery! Well done.

Where to from here?

We will continue to explore the Bush Block in the hopes of finding more interesting creatures. I would like to give Sam more opportunity with the camera, as it is clear that he is a natural!

I hope you enjoy watching the video that captures this interaction...

