



The Educating Parent

Children Learning Naturally
at Home and in the Community

Physical Education



learning to use my body board...

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Mathematics

learning
begins
early

sharing the fun



Science

learning
with
friends



beach biology

Physical Education



archery

learning with
friends at a
homeschooling camp

Personal Development & Health



taking risks

finding balance

pushing the limits

developing self confidence

Science

science...

history...

media studies...

or simply
watching
a movie?



Physical Education



learning to slide in
different ways...

becoming confident

taking risks

having fun

Society & Environment

Learning about how people lived in the past by visiting museums with friends on homeschooling group excursions and camps.



Personal Health & Development



Taking turns, playing cooperatively,
following rules, having fun!

Technology & Enterprise



working
cooperatively on
tasks to achieve
a goal

Personal Development & Health

from this....



to this....



Society & Environment

learning real skills
in the real world
for real reasons



The Arts

Junkasaurus: an Adelaide Festival Fringe homeschool collaborative arts project using recycled materials



Health & Personal Development



exercising in the fresh air

bushwalking in
rugged terrain

Society & Environment



Hands on learning: experiencing culturally different modes of transport!

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Health & Personal Development

sharing good times
with friends



at a homeschool camp

Physical Education



sharing and
learning skills
with others on a
homeschool camp

Health & Personal Development



Pets are a fantastic way to learn about life cycles and how to look after living creatures to keep them healthy and happy.

The Arts



performing in front of a crowd at a local school

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Health & Personal Development



Learning to trust in your abilities, embracing challenges in fun ways.

Health & Personal Development



Learning through conversations
with family and friends.

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Society & Environment



Australian
history:
copper mining

Excursions and camps provide hands on
meaningful learning experiences



The Arts



Learning cooperatively with friends – participating in a homeschool puppet workshop for Come Out Festival

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Health & Personal Development

Trying out different
'after school'
activities: creative
dance and movement
class with friends



The Arts



A fancy dress party offers a great excuse to be creative, using and honing design and production skills to have fun with friends.

English



Learning to read naturally

Physical Education

A fun way to learn physics and maths without realising it!
Luck, skill and practice work together to build confidence, ability and success.



The Arts



New skills – stilt walking – are put to good use at a fancy dress competition at an interstate community festival.

Society & Environment



Hands-on
learning:

Visiting a wild
life park on a
homeschooling
excursion

Society & Environment



Homeschooling groups organise visits to work places to learn about what adults do and about essential community services such as the Metropolitan Fire Brigade.

Health & Personal Development



Working together
with friends to
build a 'humpy'

Physical Education



Gone fishing!

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Technology

Practical skills
learned through
pursuing hobbies:
fixing a generator



Health & Personal Development



Best friends.

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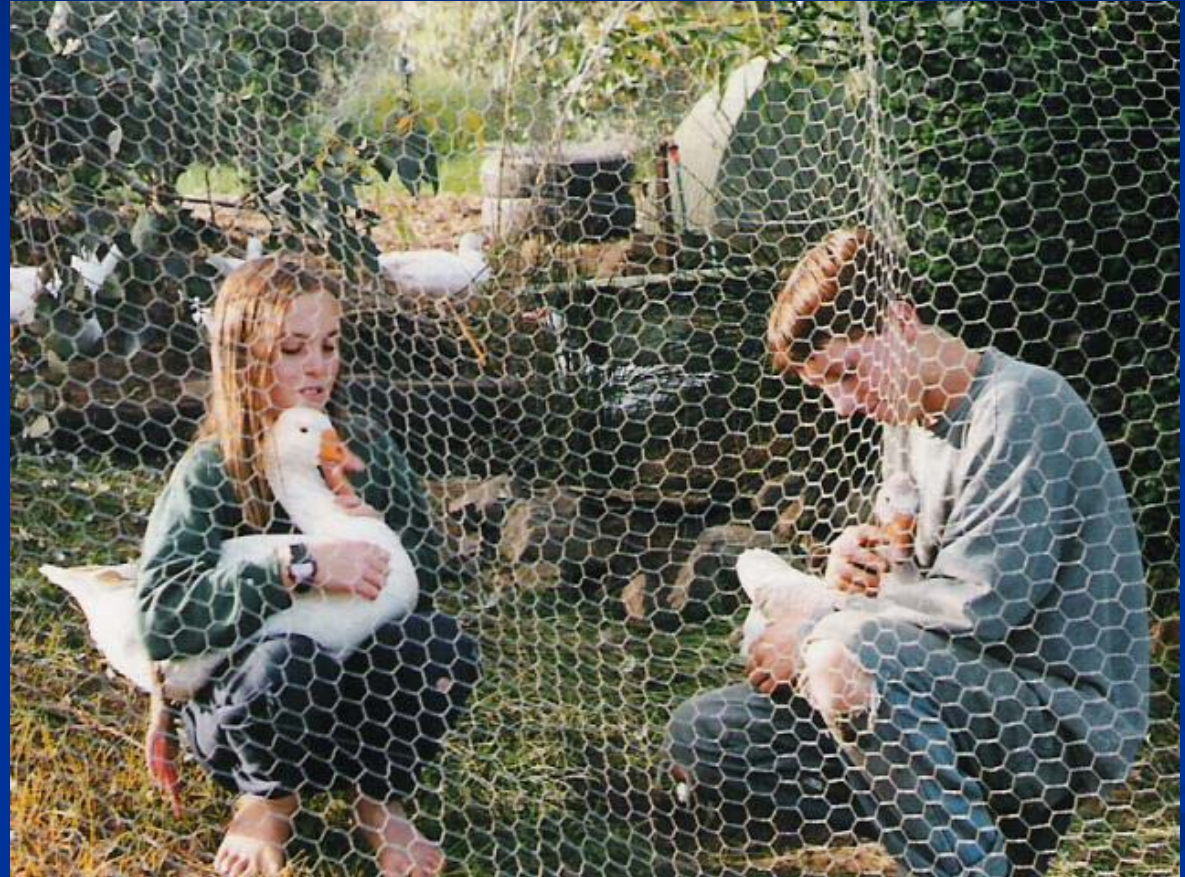
Science



Creating gardens, caring for plants, learning how to look after the environment: practical science in action!

Society & Environment

Animal husbandry: more than pets. Learning how to care for animals teaches respect for nature and the environment as well as responsibility.



Physical Education



Driver education?

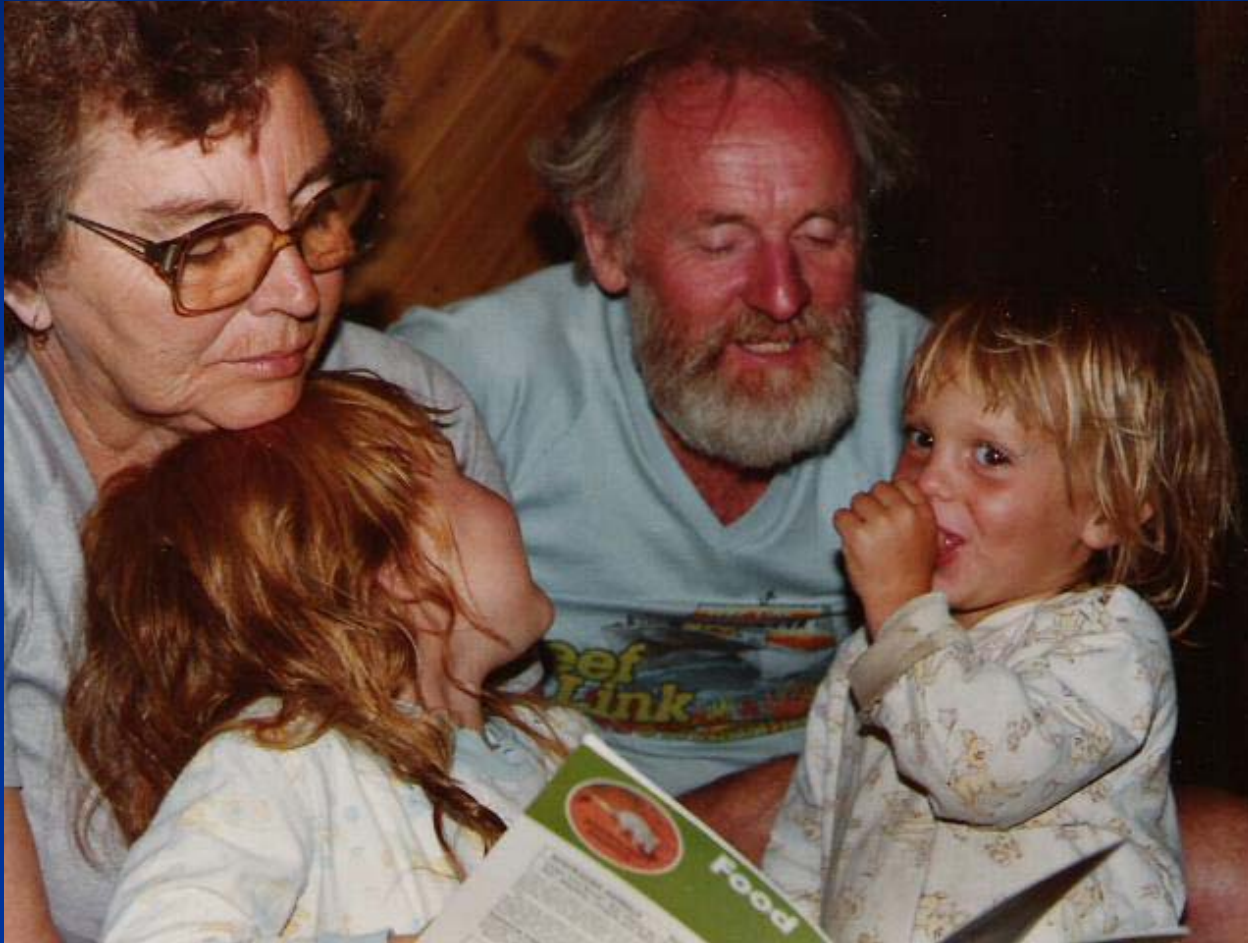
Society & Environment



Visiting a pioneer village – the easy way to learn history.

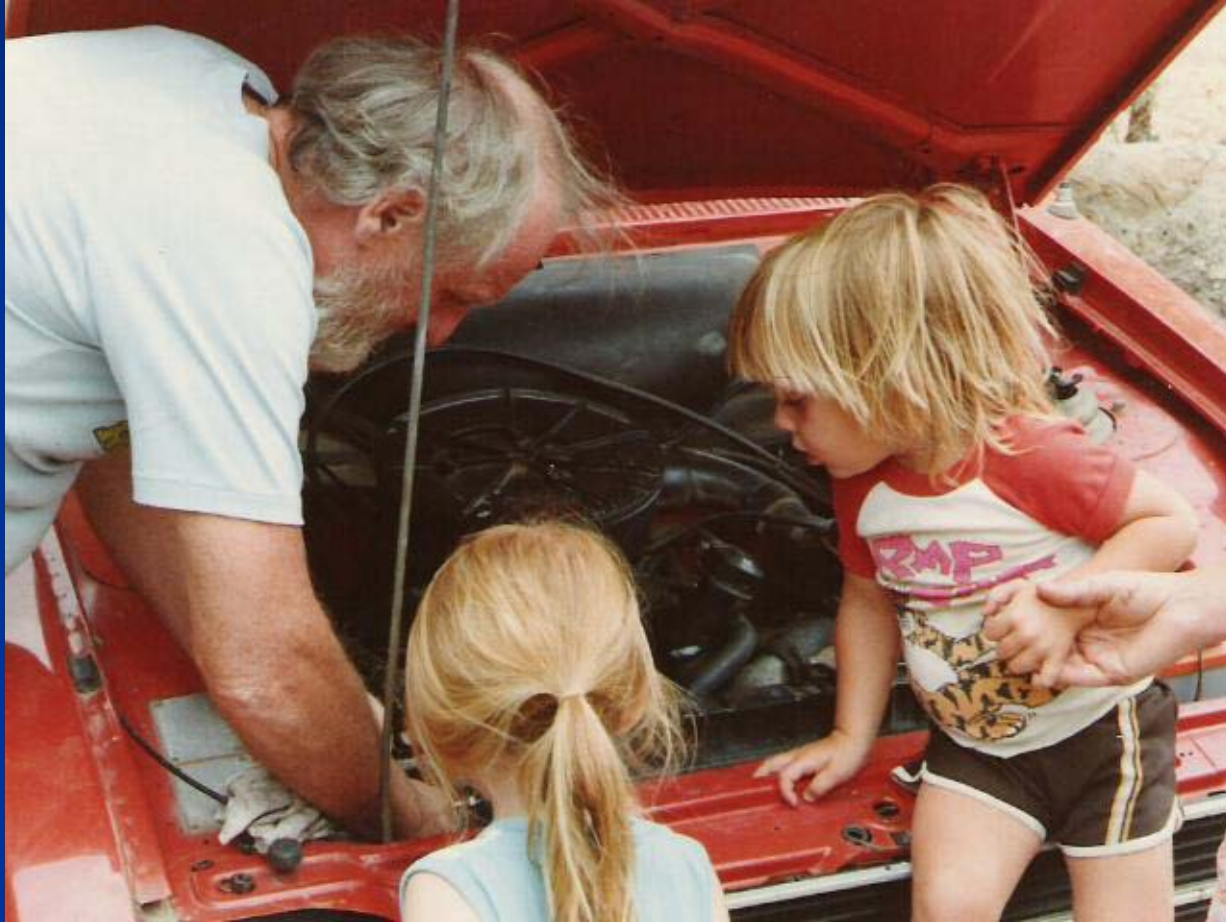
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English



Sharing a favourite book with Grandma and Grandpa.

Technology



Children find many things fascinating and love learning from different people.

Health & Personal Development



Home education includes organising opportunities for children to play in large groups.

Health & Personal Development



Health & Personal Development



An early encounter with guinea pigs at a wild life park led to an enduring interest which included breeding different types of guinea pigs, selling them to pet shops and continued through the teenage years.

Society & Environment



Supplement learning from books with visits to static museums and 'living' museums.

Science

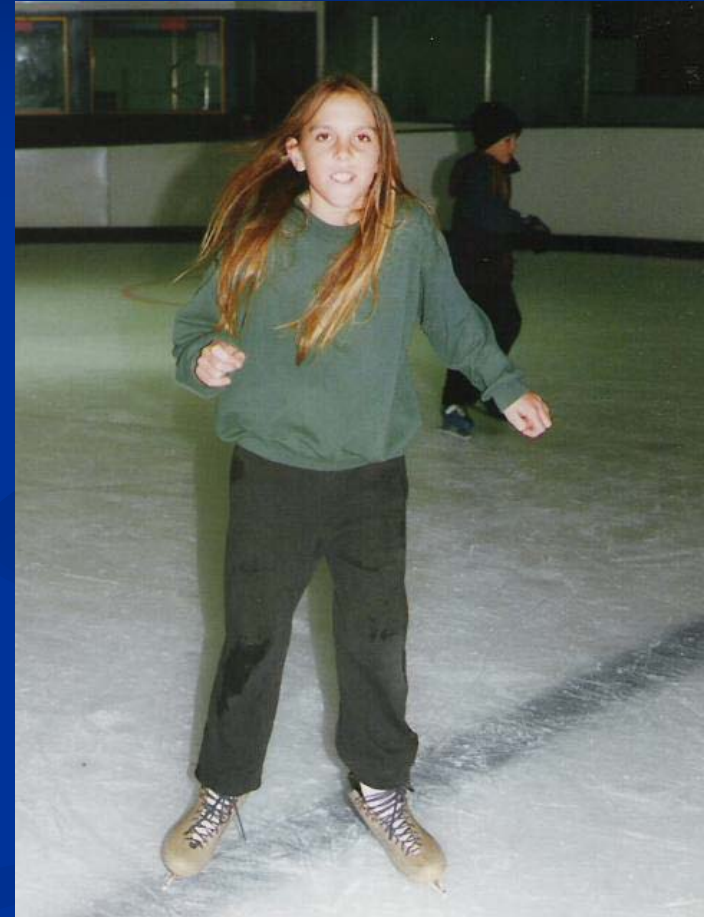


Simple chemistry:
making hydrogen
to fill balloons
that are lighter
than air.
Experimenting
and working
safely.

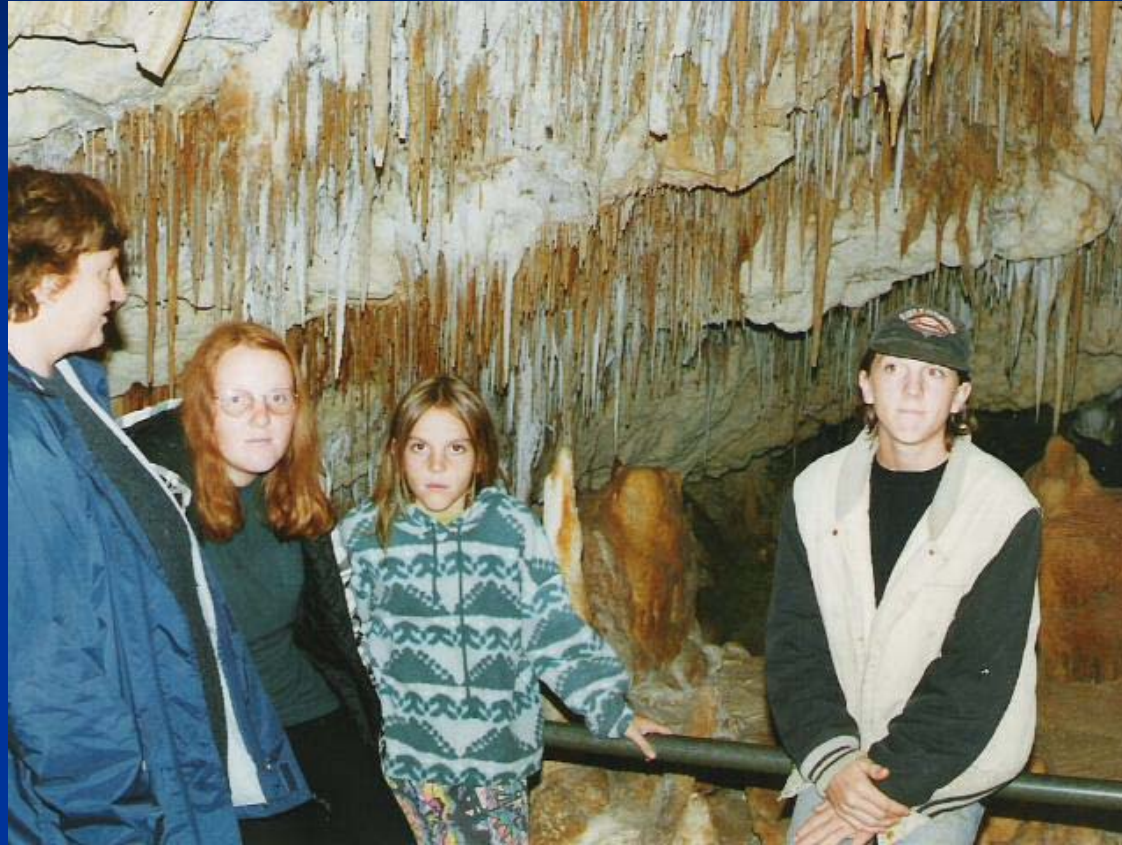
Health & Personal Development



Trying new sports,
learning new skills



Science



Underground adventures

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Physical Education



Homeschooled friends trying out new sports in their teenage years.

The Arts



An interest in history led to making knights in shining armour costumes.

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The Arts



A community arts project: making paper lanterns and joining in with a parade on a festive occasion.

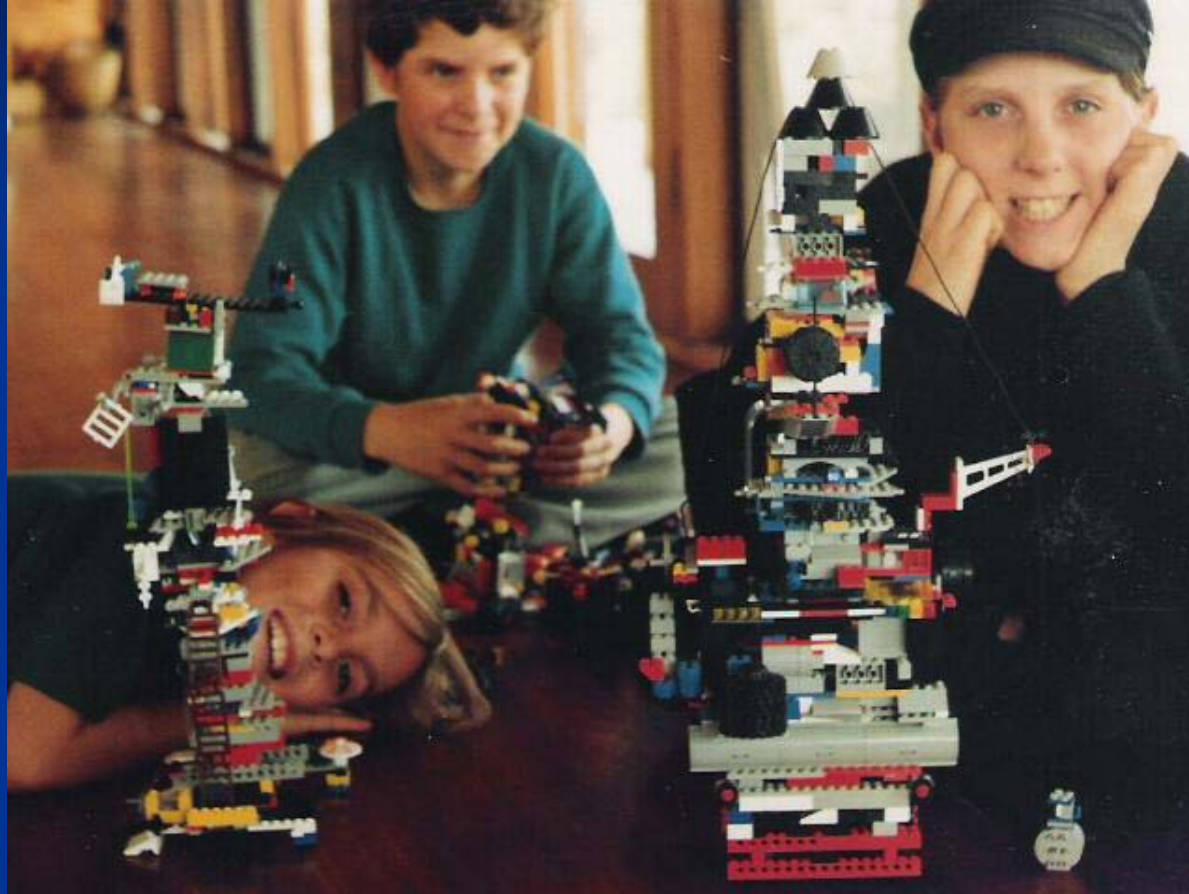
Health & Personal Development



Growing up and leaving home...

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Technology



Play with LEGO proved to be a great foundation for mechanical and electronics skills in their teen years and beyond.

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Technology

The LEGO Castle Game, created over four years, included model building skills, creating rules and checking that they actually work, devising a game strategy and playing cooperatively with friends.



Technology & Enterprise



LETS – an alternative to the cash system and an opportunity for the children to buy and sell goods.

Science



Studying reptiles at Cleland
conservation park

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Society & Environment



Learning about our state's mining history, much better to see it first hand with some homeschooling friends.

Science



Participating in the Solar Car Challenge was exciting, allowing the children to design and build their own solar car. Even without the resources of a school their car performed well and they were very confident when explaining their entry at scrutineering.

Physical Education

Taking the opportunity to play some unusual sports and games always proved popular.



Society & Environment



This is a little different to 10 Pin Bowling: how leisure time was spent in the past.

Science



Growing fruit and vegetables was a great way to learn plant biology.

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The Arts



It all starts somewhere.

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The Arts



Children learn from watching and helping each other. It doesn't matter what they are doing, children are always learning.

Health & Personal Development



Some unusual props can lead to extraordinary learning opportunities and unbelievable fun.

The Arts

Getting involved in community events has many benefits and is a lot of fun too.



Society & Environment



The learning opportunities when traveling are second to none.

Health & Personal Development

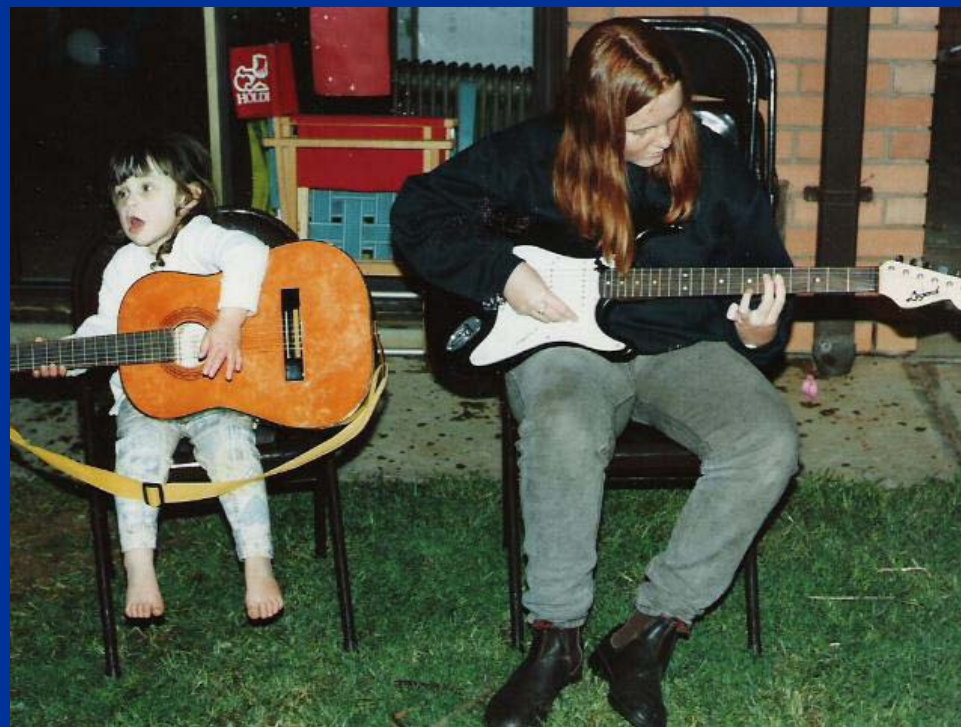


Simple group games played at parties can teach children about following rules, playing cooperatively, managing competition, and taking turns.

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The Arts

Music is always fun, and can involve the whole family.



Health & Personal Development



Learning happens
anywhere, anytime.

Even at midnight in an
empty trailer.

Society & Environment



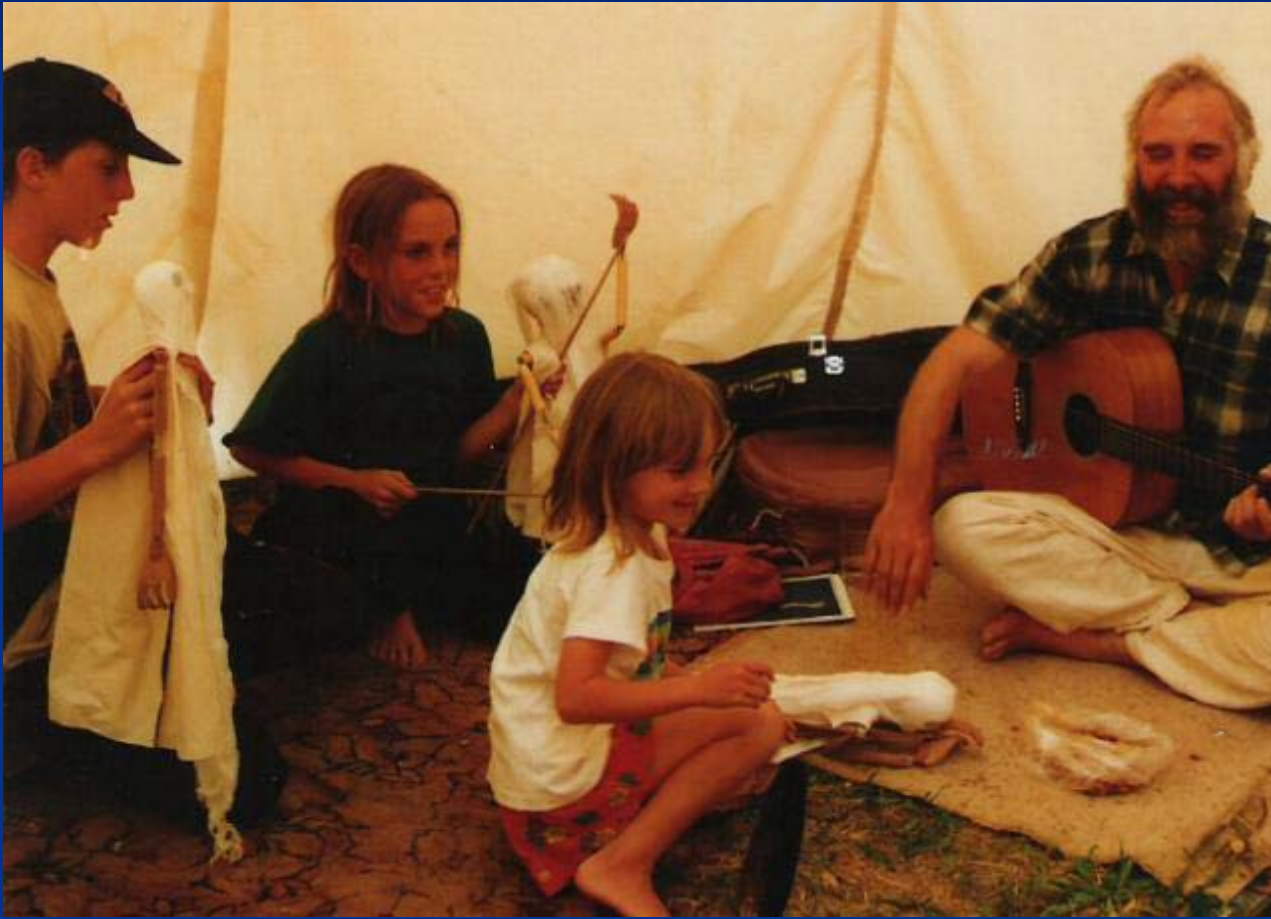
While camping the children create their own toys: here an extensive village, made from twigs and small rocks, grew up beside the tent.

Health & Personal Development

Helping to look after animals,
fosters a caring attitude in young
and old.



The Arts



Meeting with experienced musicians, artists and story-tellers is inspiring.

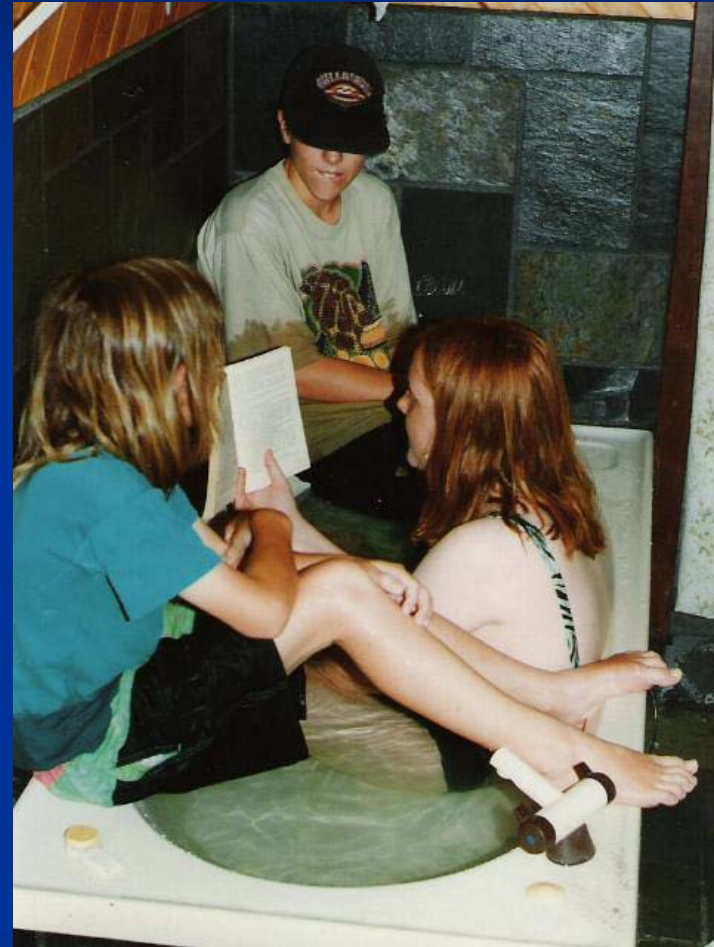
Health & Personal Development

Camping introduces many new life skills.



Language ~ Reading

Children always enjoy being read to... April reads to her brothers on a hot summer day.



Science



Our rockets did not quite reach an orbit, but we learned a lot.

Technology & Enterprise



Children enjoy helping their parents with 'real' work.

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Technology & Enterprise



In his mid-teens Thomas decided to give go-carting a try. He designed his own track, and maintained the vehicle. This activity led to an enduring interest in off road recreation and racing.

Health & Personal Development



Learning to swim.
This young
swimmer enjoys
surfing as an
adult.

Technology & Enterprise

Getting involved with the annual 'Model Solar Car Challenge' involved many skills.



Science



Excursions gave the children many opportunities to learn: here Roger pans for gold at an historic gold mine. All the children have their own rock collections.

Physical Education



Old fashioned
fun with friends!

Organising our own
game and sport days.

Society & Environment

Group outings and activities help families share their organising efforts and keep costs down.



The Arts

Sand sculptures... play
or cooperative art?



Science

Developing a caring ethic, environmental attitudes, respect for wildlife and understanding of nature conservation.

Learning about nature develops confidence and respect.



Helping local wildlife...
Tic removal.

Science

Their curiosity
kindled and
questions
answered
equals efficient
learning!



Science



Demonstrating experiments at a local homeschool science fair.

Technology & Enterprise



Homeschoolers compete against school teams at the annual Model Solar Car Challenge.



Health & Personal Development

Home educating is
having fun!



Physical Education



Some grow UP
quicker than others!

Playing soccer on
stilts is not as easy
as it looks.

Learning new skills
at a community circus
workshop for kids.

Science

Projects designed for display at a school and community science fair help promote homeschooling, in addition to the obvious educational benefits for the children.



Science and Technology



Real need, real learning. 'On-the-job' learning builds confidence and responsibility which in turn leads to autonomy.

Understanding how solar photovoltaic power generation works.

Society & Environment



Never drive by interesting places without investigating them thoroughly!
Holidays offered lots of opportunities for learning about history and geography.

Physical Education

Homeschool gatherings are a great opportunity to meet and play with new friends, and what do we see? Older kids playing with the young ones. Natural socialisation at work!



Physical Education



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The Arts



Homeschool groups provide shared learning opportunities such as singing.

Technology & Enterprise



Personal interests lead to opportunities to expand and hone existing skills. State model solar car competition.

Technology and Enterprise



Owning his own cart meant many hours pulling down and fixing the motor and maintaining other mechanical elements of the vehicle.

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Technology & Enterprise



Playing games,
building websites,
researching using
the internet:
computers are an
integral aspect of
home educating
life.

Physical Education



Traditional and fun sports days with other home educating families.

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Physical Education



Having a go... and
having a ball
doing it!

Confidence,
balance, safety
and fun.

Technology & Enterprise



Visiting a homeschooling friend's cubby house inspired building a tree house at home, one of many different cubby houses the children made over the years.

Science



One of our many excursions where the children got close to and experienced wildlife and nature.

Technology & Enterprise



Working with friends to achieve shared goals.

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Technology & Enterprise



Using a range of tools safely.

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Technology & Enterprise



Getting involved in projects around the property,
learning a range of lifeskills.

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Learning and living naturally, doing what interests us and what we need to do each day together as a family and with friends and in our communities: this is a snapshot of what home education is at its most simplest and efficient.

For information about getting started with home educating your children please visit

Beverley's website:

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