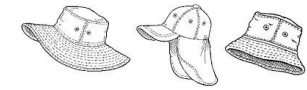




Preschool Term 2 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our second term of Preschool! This term, our focus is supporting the children in developing a sense of 'being' at preschool. We will achieve this by being in the moment as we play and learn together. We will continue to build upon and maintain relationships with others and enjoy play-based and interest-based learning experiences in small groups and as a whole class. We will assist the children to develop their sense of wellbeing. We will explore emotions and develop strategies to build self-confidence, communication skills and emotional regulation. We will do this through provocations, investigations, explicit teaching, differentiated activities and whole group discussions.

Preschool Learning Program

Our programs will continue to be posted on Seesaw. Photos/videos of learning will also be shared to your child's journal. If you have not yet joined Seesaw please see your child's teacher so they can help you with the process.



Spare Clothing

Please remember to continue to pack a spare change of clothing, including shirts, pants, socks and underwear in a plastic bag. If your child is sent home in 'Preschool supplied spare' clothes, please wash and return promptly.

Winter is Coming

Please ensure your child brings a warm coat to Preschool each day. Outside investigations happen every day in all weather conditions. As a SunSmart accredited school, on 1 June we take our hats off during outdoor activities. Your child's hat will be washed by Preschool staff and stored until 1 August, when the whole school community wears their hat again for the remainder of the year. You are welcome to provide gumboots and raincoats on wet days, though please leave umbrellas at home.
Please label all items so they can be returned.

Literacy

This term we will continue to build children's vocabulary, early comprehension and phonological awareness through quality literature, hands on learning activities and exposure to letter names and sounds. Dramatic play areas will provided elements of and support children to experiment with writing. A variety of play investigations, indoor and outdoors, will provide opportunities to practise oral language skills, active listening behaviours and turn-taking when engaging in learning conversations with peers and educators.

Numeracy

Through hands on investigations, games and daily routines children will have opportunities to develop and consolidate early number sense by counting objects and identifying numerals, investigating calendar concepts (e.g. days and months) and exploring mathematical concepts such as size, length and capacity.

Science and Sustainability

We will be focusing on environmental science by exploring ways in which we can care for the natural Preschool environment using both western and Indigenous concepts. This will include exploring sustainability such as reducing waste, recycling and planting winter food produce and inquiring into environmental changes. Children will also have the opportunity to participate in the morning weather report, observing and describing elements of weather.

Library

This term we will continue to borrow books from the school library and class libraries. Children will have the opportunity to engage with a variety of literature including fiction and non-fiction. Teachers will run explicit library lessons, learning how to select a book of interest, borrow books and understand early reading behaviours.

Please bring your library bags and books to return on your borrowing day:

Guginya—Tuesday
Gudamang—Monday
Walga—Thursday
Buru—Friday

Upcoming Events

21 to 24 May - Scholastic Book Fair
27 May - Public Holiday
28 May and 30 May - Photo days for Preschool
10 June - Public holiday

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Car Park Safety

Ways to keep safe in the carpark area:

- park in parking bays only
- always hold hands with children.

Healthy Lunchboxes and Allergies

Thank you for continuing to pack a variety of healthy food in your child's lunchbox each day and providing a water bottle we can refill with water as needed. Please do not send juice or milk. To keep all students safe, please assist us by not **packing any nut products.**



Illness

We kindly ask that you keep your child at home if they show any signs of illness. We will make contact with you through the day if your child becomes unwell.

Student Reports

At the end of this term we will send home a report to celebrate your child's learning during semester one. If you require any additional copies, please contact the front office.

Kind regards,
Melanie, Sophie, Kellie, Heather, Fozia and Jo.

