



Wandana

Preschool - Year 7
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Preschool Newsletter

Term 1 Week 1 2020

Dear preschool families and caregivers,

Welcome to the 2020 preschool year!

We are very excited to be here and have been amazed with how well the children have settled in to the preschool environment.

When you start in a new environment there are many different things to learn that are important and support children to feel as they belong.

We would like to thank you all for:

- Placing your child's labelled lunch bag in the lunch wooden trolley and providing your child with healthy food to eat;
- Placing a labelled and freshly filled water bottle in the grey tray each morning;
- Hanging your child's backpack outside;
- Bringing and picking up your child at the correct time; (Children become anxious at picking up time when they see other children going home especially during the first few weeks.)
- Signing your child in and out each day (this is a LEGAL requirement);
- Ensuring the preschool gate is closed behind you;

We would also like to thank families for being patient with educators as we learn about your family and your child's needs.

Educators are often busy at the beginning and end of the session but are very happy to talk to families. If you would like to have a chat about your child please approach any educator who can then assist you to make a later time to talk.

We will have an opportunity to tell you more about our preschool on our acquaintance night on Tuesday 11th February.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

Acquaintance Night / AGM

Tuesday 11th February 3:30 start

Child and Youth Health Checks

Friday 14th February

Dancify Funky Sessions

Tuesday 11th February

Friday 28th February

Tuesday 3rd March

Wednesday 11th March

Friday 3rd April

Wednesday 8th April (this will be our performance for our families)

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

Monday 9th March

(No preschool on this day)

Pupil Free Day

Monday 30th March

(No preschool on this day)

Sports Day

Wednesday 8th April



CHILDREN'S HEALTH CHECKS

Child And Family Health Services offers free child health checks at key ages between birth and 5 years. As part of this service, CAFHS nurses visit pre-schools to offer health checks for children aged from 4 years and 3 months.

The health check includes a discussion with you about your child's growth and development, immunisation status and they will also assess your child's distance vision, hearing, height and weight and oral health.

These checks take place at the preschool and require a parent to be present. Appointments will be offered according to the age of the child. (ie oldest to youngest.)

The first round of appointments will be on **Friday 14th February**. If your child is identified as being eligible for the first round we will organise your appointment time with you.

If you are concerned about your child's development or would like to speak with the CAYHS nurse please speak to Daniela or Catherina.

We believe these health checks are extremely useful and well worth your time to attend with your child.

Preschool Fees

Invoices for preschool fees will be issued within the following weeks. You will find your invoice in your child's communication pocket. Fees for 2020 are \$220 for the year. Fees are payable to the front office. Eileen will be happy to discuss payment options with families.

ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

We would like to invite all families to Acquaintance Night. Come and have a look at the preschool and get to know your child's learning environment.

At 3:30, there will be a short information session in the preschool. Followed by an opportunity to visit the rest of the school.

Please see separate note for more information.

We look forward to seeing you all then!

LIBRARY BORROWING

Over the coming week your child will be issued with a calico library bag. The items in the bag are for your child to keep at home.

Children will be able to borrow a new book from the school's library on a weekly basis providing they have returned their library bag and the current book they have borrowed. Borrowing will occur Tuesday for the Kangaroo group and on Thursday for the Possum group.

If you wish to borrow a new book please make sure that you or your child places their library bag and book in the basket provided in preparation for our library visits.

**From all the staff at Wandana
Preschool we wish you and your
child all the very best on their
preschool journey.**

HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED

Please consider how you are able to support your child's preschool journey. One very important way is by becoming a member of our Governing Council (GC). Meetings are organised twice per term and are an opportunity for you to participate in discussions and decisions that impact on the running of the school and preschool. **We need volunteers for this year's Governing Council as it is a requirement that the preschool is represented. You can find out more about this at our first AGM on acquaintance night.**

In addition to this there are lots of opportunities for parents to be involved e.g. excursions, cooking, gardening, sharing their skills and hobbies, preparing materials, but most of all working actively with their children.

Before you say "it's not for me" or "someone else will do it", please think again. Your child will be the one that benefits from your involvement. Joining the Governing Council or volunteering is a great way to be involved and meet other parents.

Term One 2020 Wandana Preschool Calendar

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1.	27/1 PUBLIC HOLIDAY Australia Day	28/1	29/1	30/1	31/1 Playgroup 9-10.30
2.	3/2	4/2 Chinese New Year	5/2	6/2	7/2 Playgroup 9-10.30
3.	10/2	11/2 Funky Tuesday Dancify Session Acquaintance night	12/2	13/2	14/2 Playgroup 9-10.30 Health Checks
4.	17/2	18/2	19/2	20/2	21/2 Playgroup 9-10.30
5.	24/2	25/2 Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)	26/2	27/2	28/2 Funky Friday Dancify Session
6.	2/3	3/3 Funky Tuesday Dancify Session	4/3	5/3	6/3 Playgroup 9-10.30
7.	9/3 PUBLIC HOLIDAY Adelaide Cup	10/3	11/3 Funky Wednesday Dancify Session	12/3	13/3 Playgroup 9-10.30
8.	16/3	17/3	18/3	19/3	20/3 Playgroup 9-10.30
9.	23/3	24/3	25/3	26/3	27/3 Playgroup 9-10.30
10.	30/3 Whole School Pupil Free day (no session this day)	31/3	1/4	2/4	3/4 Funky Friday Dancify Session
11	6/4	7/4	8/4 Funky Wednesday Dancify Session & Sports Day with the school	9/4	10/4 PUBLIC HOLIDAY Good Friday