



Term 3 Week 1 2024

Dear families,

WELCOME BACK! To the start of term 3. We all hope you had a wonderful holiday break. We welcome our new families starting this term through the mid-year intake.

Teaching and Learning

We will continue to focus on numeracy and literacy learning as well as the Child Protection Curriculum. **A reminder to please download and save your child's learning stories/pictures off the class dojo app as their class will be archived at the end of their preschool year.**



Rhythm of the day/Daily rituals

Our routine contains many different components such as indoor/outdoor play, rest/relaxation, small/large group times, rolling snack/lunch time. Each child has their own daily ritual when they arrive at preschool to help support their transition from home to kindy and from kindy to home. Rituals and Routines are an important part of a child's learning and wellbeing. Our morning gathering at 9:30am. Please ensure that you drop your child off at preschool by 9am at the latest, so they can settle into the morning before we gather at 9:30am.



Term 3 Incursions

MFS fire visit (Koala Group) The Wombat group had their visit last term. For new families starting this term, the MFS visit will be organised again next year. Dustin Koa Art in week 6. Children will have the opportunity to become immersed in Aboriginal art, building on our pupil free day visit to the Living Kurna Centre from last term. These events will be added on class dojo.



Book Week

Book week will be on Tuesday August 20th for the Koala Group and Thursday August 22nd for the Wombat Group. The theme this year- Reading is Magic, Grow, Inspire. We will not have a formal book week parade however children are welcome to come to kindy dressed up!



Preschool Fees/contributions

Invoices will be placed in your pigeonholes. Thanks again to families who have paid their fees, you are helping the preschool to support your child's learning. Fees make up 67% of our income and go towards the purchasing of learning materials, incursions and the general upkeep of the preschool which helps to keep our doors open.

Delivery and collection of children.

We adhere to The Department for Education policies regarding the safe arrival and departure of children. The procedure for our site is as follows.

Children need to be **signed in and out by an adult**. Please inform us if someone other than yourself is collecting your child from preschool, by writing in the collection diary next to the sign in sheets or via phone call. We ask that an adult who has been identified on your child's enrolment form as an authorized person, collects your child. Speak to an educator if you need to update any information on your enrolment form.



Absentees

Please let us know if your child is going to be absent from preschool, especially if it's for a certain length of time. There are days when we might have a few children away and we are unable to contact each family. Educators are on the floor actively engaged in the teaching and learning, supporting children and families. By keeping the lines of communication open, we are working together in partnership to create positive outcomes for all children.

Reminders!

Healthy Eating - Our healthy eating policy encourages families to pack healthy foods for their child/children. Healthy eating is essential to a child's development and helps support their learning at preschool. Please pack healthy snacks and lunches for your child to ensure that their wellbeing is supported throughout the day. Please remember that we are an egg and nut aware center and ensure that you do not pack eggs or nuts into your child's lunch box.



Health Care Plan- If your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition, a health care plan MUST be provided to the kindy with a 12-month REVIEW DATE clearly indicated. The kindy can refuse to accept duty of care of a child if a health care plan with the required details is not provided. **If your child has medication at preschool which is taken home each day, please hand the medication over to an educator who will sign it in and out.**



Emergency Evacuation/Lockdown practice

Each term we practice our emergency evacuations and Lock down procedures. This is to ensure that in an event of an emergency both children and educators act promptly and follow procedures efficiently.

Grievances

If you have any questions or concerns, we are here to help and to listen. A chart of our grievance procedures is displayed on the wall at the carpark entrance pin and is also available on our website. This is

part of our commitment to continuously improve on our service. If you have any questions or queries an educator will be more than happy to help.

Preschool Gates

Please ensure that you only let YOUR child in/out of the kindy gates during preschool pickups. The same policy also applies during morning drop offs, at the front door. We are here to support during drop off time ☺ the safety and wellbeing of ALL children is our main priority. Please ensure that if you use the kindy carpark be aware of your speed and of children walking across to the gates. **Park in the visitor's spaces only**



We ask that you don't let your child stand on the gate while opening/closing it.

Outdoor play

Outdoor play is an important part of the curriculum. Please ensure your child comes to preschool dressed appropriately for outdoor play during winter e.g., warm jacket, beanie, gumboots etc.... Please pack extra clothes (clearly named) in your child's bag, along with a waterproof bag for wet/muddy clothes

Sun safety will apply later into term 3 when the UV index begins to climb to **3 or above**, children will need hats and sunscreen.

Children's Health and Safety-highlighted previous newsletters

If your child is unwell/has a runny nose and cold/flu symptoms we ask that you, please keep them home until they are feeling better. Refer to our Wellbeing Policy on our website. We will continue to keep you to date regarding Covid cases and will follow advice from SA Health and The Department for Education.



KEY dates:

Term 3 begins: Monday July 22nd

Book Week: August 20th and 22nd

Governing council: Tuesday August 6th

Tuesday September 3rd

CAFHS health check: Tuesday September 10th

Last day of term: Friday September 27th

Pupil Free days

Term 3: Tuesday August 27th

Term 4: Tuesday November 5th

(No preschool sessions on these dates)



Kind regards, preschool team.