



Newsletter No.1, Term 2, 2015

Dates to remember:

- Monday 4/5/15:** Governing Council meeting 7pm.
- Friday 15/5/15:** Welcome Barbeque.
- Monday 8/6/15:** Queen's Birthday Public Holiday.

Welcome to Term 2 in our lovely newly extended learning space!

We hope you have had a chance to view our new building; we have received lots of positive feedback from families and children... Andrea came to group time and said "Wow, this new kindy is awesome!" It has been lovely to observe children enjoying exploring and engaging in the new space in the first week. This term we are going to focus on lots of projects, including gardening... some children have already made a list of food plants they would like to grow, although we will need to research to see if pineapple and banana trees are suitable to plant in Mawson Lakes. We will keep you informed of our projects as we establish them with the children.

Philosophy statement: Sandra emailed our Philosophy Statement to all families on 6/4/15. If you have had a chance to read this, she would greatly appreciate your feedback, either via email to Sandra, or directly to staff, as this will contribute to our review and ensure our philosophy aligns and reflects our preschool community. To date only one family has provided feedback.

Enrolments update: If you have younger children you are wishing to register for future attendance at our centre, or have family and friends wishing to do so, please remember that we take *Registrations of Interest* from two years prior to the child's time of commencement at Preschool. Children turning 4 before the 1st of May will start Preschool in the January *prior* to their 4th birthday, and can be registered from the January *prior* to their 2nd birthday. Children turning 4 on or after the 1st of May will begin Preschool the January *following* their 4th birthday, and can be registered from the January *following* their 2nd birthday. Staff can assist with Registrations of Interest on Mondays and Thursdays between 3.30pm and 4.30pm, and Wednesdays between 1pm and 4pm. We are currently operating at our registered capacity of 45 children per session and are full for this year. We will be re-registered prior to the end of the year to enable us to accommodate extra children in our lovely new space. Due to the complexities involved waiting for this re-registration and the extra staffing allocation, we are unable to take on extra children for this year; our capacity does not change for 2015. In future years we expect our capacity to be 66 children per session.



Welcome Barbeque...

We hope our Preschool families can join the staff and Governing Council at our

'Welcome BBQ'

Friday 15th May, 5pm to 7pm.

This is a great opportunity to get to know other families and have a look around the Preschool, especially if you haven't as yet had an opportunity to see our newly extended building space! Food is provided free by the Preschool, and we will have some drinks for sale. If you have not returned the catering note yet, please return the one attached to this newsletter ASAP to assist us with catering.

People's Choice Credit Union Community Lottery:

Look out for your book ... coming to your information pocket very soon! We will receive 100% of ticket sales... we really appreciate your assistance, and funds raised will go towards purchasing educational resources for your children.



Toilet Paper: Can you help us ... We would greatly appreciate each family donating two rolls of toilet paper this term. Some families were extremely generous last term and donated large bags, however the cupboard is looking bare! These donations save the Preschool hundreds of dollars each year that we can use to purchase resources for your children! Thank you.

Reminders:

Please remember to place your child's snack time food (fruit or vegetable only) in a separate container in their bag for them to access independently when they are hungry during the day. Please place your child's lunch box in the crate for staff to transfer to the kitchen, and let us know if you don't want it placed in the fridge. Thank you. Also, please remember to name everything!...

'Stuck on You' fundraiser: Don't forget you can order from the 'Stuck on You' range at any time, and quote PRESCHOOL to enable us to add to our fundraising tally, whilst keeping your child's belongings named, as a percentage of the sales go back to the Preschool!

Welcome Barbeque: To assist us with our catering for our free barbeque, please cut out and return this slip by 11/5/15. Drinks will be available to purchase.

Child's name: _____

We will / will not be attending the Welcome BBQ.

We would like _____ sausages and bread.

We would like _____ vegetable patties.