

Newsletter Term 2, No. 2

This term is going by so quickly! We have been super busy engaging in various Curriculum experiences at Preschool...

Gruffalo and Panda's Home Excursion

The recent excursions for both groups were a huge success. The children had a wonderful experience travelling on the bus and watching the theatre production. During the Gruffalo performance many of the children chanted the familiar lines "there's no such thing as a Gruffalo" and during the Panda's Home performance some of the children had the opportunity to go on the stage and be a part of the dance performance. A big thank you to our parent helpers who came on the day, your assistance was greatly appreciated.



Gruffalo Production



Panda's Home Production

Woolworths Discovery Tours



Woolworths offers Fresh Food 'Discovery Tours' for children to take part in and learn about the importance of eating fruit and vegetables every day. These tours are educational and a great experience as the children get to look, touch, smell and taste

various fresh produce. Most of the small groups participated in visits throughout week 6 and we will continue visits this week.

Tony and Harry Visit

On Tuesday the 4th of June we had a visit from Tony and Harry. Harry is Tony's guide dog who helps him see when he is going. We learnt that we should never pat a guide dog when they have handle harness on as there are busy working and keeping the owner safe. This was a great opportunity for the children as they also got to meet Harry's buddy Mack and his trainer Daisy. The children were able to pat Mack when his harness was taken off because that meant he wasn't working and he was able to meet and play with us.



If you see Harry at Preschool, please remember not to pat him as he is working and could lose concentration on what he is meant to be doing.

International Mud Day

Throughout the term many children have been enjoying various experiences in a mud play area. As a team we researched and found that there is an official 'International Mud Day' on Saturday the 29th of June - and we would love to take part in the fun. We would like to encourage all the children to bring a few extra changes of clothes to be able to thoroughly enjoy all aspects of our Mud Day. Don't forget your child's GUMBOOTS and be sure to pack an extra pair of shoes for them to change into after. Purple Group will be celebrating this day on Wednesday the 26th of June (week 9) and Green Group will celebrate on 3rd of July (week 10). If you wish for your child not to part take in this experience, please inform one of the staff team.



Week 10 Closure Day

Our first Preschool Closure Day for the year is planned for Monday 1st July where the staff team will take part in meetings and professional development. There is no Preschool session on this day.

Advance Notice: Parent Information workshop

The Importance of Self-Regulation in Children

Wednesday the 14th of August from 6.30 pm to 7.30
Come along and hear about why self-regulation – the ability to manage your emotions, reactions and feelings is so important for future learning success at school. The session will be held here at preschool and facilitated by Melanie Leslie – Senior Advisor, DfE. A note and RSVP will be placed in your child's information pocket soon.

Social Media Survey

Thank you for your recent feedback regarding how we report information about your child to you and keep you informed about preschool.

What we noticed from the feedback was that a number of families have requested an online presence for the preschool to post updates in 'real time'. To help us decide what is best for our preschool we have compiled a short survey (2 questions) for you to complete. The survey will be in your child's information pocket this week and we ask you complete and return it by Friday 21st June.

Garden Helpers

We have been working in prepping our garden beds at Preschool with the children and now we need some help to, if you have some time and love gardening please let us know.



Children's Portfolios

We love that our families have taken their child's learning folio home to look through, just please make sure you inform one of the staff team so we are aware that it is not at Preschool.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers



Don't forget we are participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program where we will be eligible to purchase various equipment and resources.

There is only a few weeks left so please keep collecting the stickers and bring them in before the 25th of June.

Lost Property

Our lost property box is very full of children's clothes, lunchboxes, children's drink cups and bottles. Please take some time to have a look through to the items can make their way back to the rightful owner.

Preschool Fees

Fees are now overdue, so please make your Preschool payments promptly. You can pay your fees with cash or cheque to the Preschool or via EFT. Remember to include your child's name on the payment details

Account name: Mawson Lakes Preschool

BSB: 015-142

Account number: 1076-17107

Preschool Photos

Photos are back!! Please see staff if you haven't collected your photos as yet.



Winter Warmer ~ Friday 21st June

As we had such a wonderful response and turn out from our first term Welcome Night, we decided to have another Preschool family night. Your Governing Council came up with the idea of having a 'Winter Warmer Night'. It will be held on

Friday June 21st from 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

We ask you to bring a plate of one of your favourite family winter meals to share. Dinner will be from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. As a special treat the 'Amazing Drumming Monkeys' will perform from 6:30pm – 7:30pm. There will be a note with all the details and a tear off slip for attendance in your child's information pocket this week.



On behalf of all of us at Preschool, we hope you and your child are enjoying Preschool and look forward to the many upcoming exciting experiences planned throughout the rest of the term and beyond.

Written by Kimberly

Meet your educator team

In our newsletters we have been introducing you to our team ... here are a few more to introduce to you ...



Hannah Tipping - Teacher

I am a new teacher to Mawson lakes and I currently work on Tuesday and Wednesday and occasionally will fill in when others are away. On my other days I do relief work at various preschools and schools. I am really enjoying working with the team at Mawson lakes, it is a great environment and lots of fun. I have always loved working with younger children, in the past I have worked with babies and toddlers in a childcare centre. I have a real passion to help children learn through play and allowing them to be independent.



Su Hwang – ECW, lunch care and bilingual support

My name is Su Hwang, I have been working at Mawson Lakes Preschool since 2014 but before that I volunteered for 2 years. I'm married and live with my husband, two beautiful daughters and two Blue Tongue lizards in Magill. I'm responsible for lunch care, and relief ECW for other staff. I enjoy Zumba and also play piano and take lessons regularly.



Nasima Aziz – Bilingual support

My name is Nasima and I am a bilingual assistant. I work on Thursday mornings. I have worked at Mawson Lakes Pre-School for nearly 7 years. I enjoy every moment working with children. I am married with two children: my daughter is 19 and my son is 16.



Sneha Daftary – Bilingual support

My name is Sneha Daftary. I am a bilingual support officer working with the children whose home language is Gujarati and Hindi. It is my pleasure to be working with Mawson Lakes Preschool this year. I work every second Monday and every Friday afternoon, and I enjoy working with children of preschool age.



Tara Wickham – ECW/Preschool support

Hi, my name is Tara Wickham. I am a mum to two gorgeous children who attended Mawson Lakes Preschool last year. I have been working with children from birth-5years for 25years in childcare and preschool settings. My role is as a relief Early Childhood Worker and also Preschool Support. I look forward to working with the children and families this year.



Qing Yu Ou

Hi, my name is Qing. I am from China and have been living in Australia since 2013. Working with children has always been my passion. I have worked in many different kindergartens and preschools as a bilingual assistant and early childhood worker since I completed my studies at TAFE. I love singing, dancing and swimming in my leisure time. I look forward to working with you and your children.



Pui Truong – Bilingual support

Hello, my name is Pui Truong. I am a Mother of two sons, Jason and Alan. My back ground is Cambodian Chinese, my first language is Cantonese. I also speak Mandarin, Khmer and Vietnamese. I have worked at Mawson Lakes Preschool as a Bilingual Assistant since 2011. I enjoy working at Mawson Lakes with such nice and caring staff, knowing that the children who are attending are being safe and belonging. I am looking forward to working with your child and getting to know you during the year.