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## Newsletter Term 3 No. 1

We cannot believe it is already halfway through the year! The first two terms of preschool have been packed full of exciting opportunities and experiences. The children have been so busy forming and developing friendships, exploring the ever-changing learning environment and a whole lot more! Terms 3 and 4 will be no different with a whole new range of experiences to engage in.

### Road Safety Centre

This week the children have the amazing opportunity for learning when they go to the road safety school. The road safety school will be a fantastic way to learn about the different road safety rules and responsibilities. The children will first learn the road rules, and the different ways to be safe on the roads. They will then have the opportunity to ride bikes and implement the new knowledge they have learned. To cater for all bicycle riders from beginner to experienced, the road safety school offers a wide range of difficulty bikes from large trikes to bicycles with stabilizers, they have bikes for adults too!! Please ensure that you pack everything your child may need throughout the day – fruit/veg for snack, lunch (healthy eating policy still applies) and water bottle. For the parents coming, please pack your own food and drink as there are no places to purchase these. Finally, make sure to dress appropriately with enough layers as the weather is predicted to be cold!! We hope you are all as excited as we are!



### Road Safety Centre Dates

Purple Group: Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of August  
Green Group: Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of August

### New Preschool families!

This term we have welcomed 5 new families to our preschool; one in the purple group and four in the green group. We welcome Mamoud to the purple group, and Abhikirat, Corbin, Ohnie and Sandy to the green group!

### Local Excursions

As the year progresses, the children and staff have been continuing to venture outside of the preschool to many different locations. Some examples are nature play and to the oval. Some parents have asked if they need to sign consent forms for each walk. As a reminder to all families, a consent form for "local excursions" was sent and signed by all families prior to your child starting at preschool. For large excursions, including bus trips and leaving the preschool for extended periods of time, a specific consent form is distributed and signed. All medical conditions are taken into consideration when leaving and a first aid backpack and phone is taken on all local excursions.



## Local Excursions

This term the children have been working with staff to create our own flight centre including creating our own aeroplane! We have been continuously adding to our flight centre using photos, passports and even collecting travel books from the Mawson Lakes Flight Centre! We have been visiting the flight centre in small groups and asking the staff lots of questions about their job and the large world map they have on display! This has sparked a great interest within the children and their adventures, both real and imaginative. If you have any holiday photos of your travels we would love if you could bring in a photocopy for us to display in our flight centre!



## Numeracy in term 3!

This term we are focusing on the third "4 top 5" in numeracy! Some examples of what we will be focusing on this term are; Understanding the concepts of first and last, finding quantities of 1-6, understanding the concepts more and less and so much more!! These concepts will be taught within our small groups and there will be opportunities for the children to explore them further throughout the day at preschool.

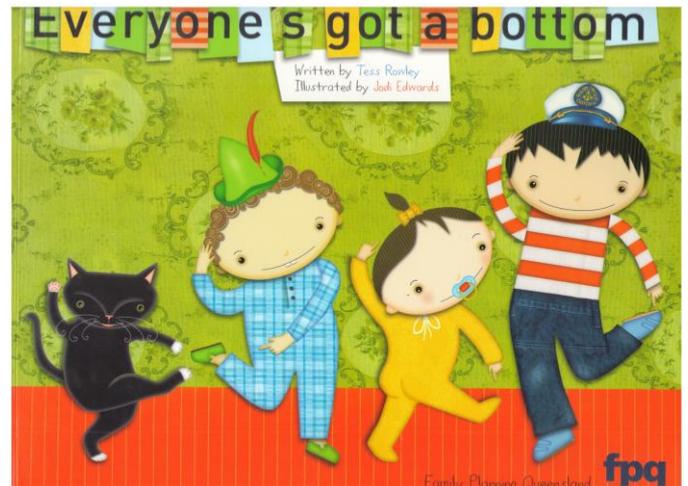


## Self-regulation workshop for parents!

The parent workshop on self-regulation is coming up on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August and there are still places left for parents. Please see a staff member to reserve a place or for more information.

## Child protection curriculum!

The first half of the year has provided so many interesting conversations between both the children themselves and the children and the staff! This term we are focusing on naming body parts with the main book being "Everybody's got a bottom".



## Donations

Thank you for your tissue box and toilet paper donations, we very much appreciate the generosity of our families. The donations are appreciated by all of the staff and children at the preschool. We also appreciate all of your box donations and we ask if you can continue to bring them in!! The children have been SO productive in the first two terms that we want to make sure that we don't run out of boxes to design, construct and investigate with.



## Sign-in sheets

The children now have their own sign in sheets! Each morning after you sign your child in, we would love if you could encourage your child to write their own name on their sign in sheet. Please help find your child find their name on their group list (small group Teacher) list and assist them with signing in each morning!

## Happy Birthday!!!

A big happy birthday to our wonderful teacher Margie who celebrated her birthday on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August! The children showed lots of love and birthday cheer with Margie throughout the whole day and were able to give Margie the special birthday that she deserves! She even got to wear the special birthday cape and hat for the birthday song!



## Warmer weather

Moving into terms 3 and 4, the weather will begin its transition to warmer days. Please ensure that your child is packing their hat each day for when the UV index is 3 or above and hats are required. We encourage you to talk to your children about the UV index and how important hats are for outside play when the UV is 3 or above. Staff are consistently checking the UV index each morning to ensure the children have appropriate UV protection.



## Parent opinion surveys!

Parent opinion surveys have been distributed to all families in the first two weeks of term 3. The preschool has never had 100% of surveys returned and we would love if we can get as close as we can! We value all opinions and we read each and every returned survey so please make sure you return them!

## Preschool Garden!

Our garden is looking amazing thanks to both the staff and children gardeners. We are now beginning to see growth in ALL of our garden beds! The children were able to have a mini-harvest and taste test some of the snow peas!



## Dates to remember:

- ❖ Road Safety Centre Purple Group: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of August.
- ❖ Road Safety Centre Green Group: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August.
- ❖ Self-Regulation workshop: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 6:30pm – 7:30pm.
- ❖ Next governing council Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of August