



Newsletter Term 1 no.1

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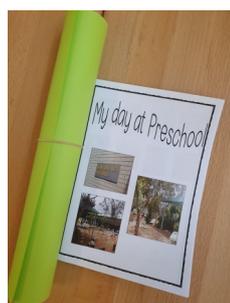
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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We welcome you and your child to **Mawson Lakes Preschool** for 2020, the Chinese New Year, "Year of the Rat". We look forward to a happy, fun, and successful year of learning with your child.

If you have not received a 'My day at Preschool' booklet or an A3 coloured page to create a page about your family, please see a staff member.



Dates to remember:

Wednesday's for Preschool:

Purple Group week's—3,5,7,9,11

Green Group week's— 2,4,6,8,10

- Welcome Night: Friday 6th March
- Adelaide Cup Public Holiday: Monday 9th March
- Governing Council meeting: TBA
- Go Purple for Epilepsy Day: Thursday 26th March
- Inspector Hector performance Purple Group: Wednesday 12th February
- Inspector Hector performance Green Group: Wednesday 19th February
- Woolworths Discovery Tour— Week 8
- Obstacle-a-thon Purple Group: Wednesday 8th April. **This is also the last day of the term for Purple Group**
- Obstacle-a-thon Green Group: Wednesday 1st April.
- Last day of term for Green Group: Thursday 9th April (2pm early finish).

Inspector Hector:

Inspector Hector and the case of the Vanishing Vegetables...

Inspector Hector has a mystery to solve. It seems in recent times, healthy foods for the five food groups have disappeared without a trace, and they've been replaced with a whole swag of 'sometimes' food. This performance uses mystery, magic, special effects and plenty of laughs to highlight the importance of eating a variety of different foods from all of the food groups, and the importance of drinking water. We are greatly looking forward to meeting Inspector Hector! The show will begin at 10 am and lasts for approximately 40 minutes. The performance will take place during the preschool session and there is no charge for the performance. Inspector Hector will visit on **Wednesday 12th February (Purple Group)**, and **Wednesday 19th February (Green Group)**.



Kindy Routine Reminder:

Kindy start time is 8.30am. Before this time, educators are busy setting up everything for your child's day at kindy. On arrival/departure to and from kindy, please **sign your child in or out** with your signature and the time. Once children have put their kindy bags away in a locker (assigned locker to come), they will need to put their **NAMED** lunch box in the lunch crate by the gate (if possible please supply a small lunch box as we are unable to fit 66 large lunch bags in our fridge; see picture below) and sign in area and **leave their snack and drink in their bag**. Please



note that our kindy is a **NUT FREE & EGG FREE ZONE**. **Please read our 'Healthy eating policy' attached.**

At the end of the day we will have songs as a large group. A teacher will say goodbye to your child (please wait until a teacher has said your child's name, we encourage you to form 1 line so we can say goodbye one at a time). Please be patient as we are still learning to match children to adults.

Remember - **label everything**—hats, bags, drink bottles lunchboxes, clothing, etc. Please send spare clothes for water play and/or toileting issues. **DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CHILD'S KINDY HAT FOR PLAY EVERYDAY! We do not offer spare hats.**

Curriculum: The first few weeks of Preschool we are very busy getting to know our children and families. Many of our preschool experiences have been supporting children to get to know each other and establish routines and friendships and feeling comfortable in the preschool environment. We will start our small group learning times soon, which will be a time for play based learning experiences, focusing on numeracy and literacy, social skills using the You Can Do it program and also the Child Protection Curriculum. Our small group times give all children a chance to contribute and develop their skills and confidence in a more intimate gathering, and are usually held in the morning for approximately 30 minutes. The teacher of your child's small group will be responsible for writing their First Term Summary and Statement of Learning.

Welcome Night, Friday 6th March:

To help families get to know each other and the preschool environment, we are holding a 'Welcome Night' Friday 6th March from **5.30pm until 7.30pm**. If you are free please come along and join us, for all or some of the time. We are asking families to bring dinner/sweet dish to share, based on your favourite cultural dishes to highlight our wonderful multicultural community. Further Details to come.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) This will be held on **Tuesday 11th February at 7pm**. Whilst we want to encourage you to be a parent rep on **Governing Council**, you are invited to attend **AGM**, even if you are unable to nominate for council. All parents/caregivers are welcome to attend **AGM** to hear reports about committee work and achievements. If you are interested in becoming a member of our parent **Governing Council** or would like more information please speak to **Jasmin** or **Corey** or complete and return the **AGM** invitation sent via email or see staff for a copy. We'd love to have you on board!

Photo consents: Thank you to everyone who has returned their child's photo consent form so far. This consent form allows the preschool team to take photos of your child and use them in a variety of ways including as part of learning stories and displays at preschool, in our program, in newsletters and on our website. All forms need to be returned; please see **Jasmin** if you have any concerns.

Below is a nomination form. We ask all parents/caregivers to seriously consider nominating to be involved in your child's education by serving on the Council. If you are going to join us on the Governing Council please fill in the nomination form below and return to preschool ASAP. If you plan to attend the AGM, please let a staff member know.

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Nomination Form
Mawson Lakes Governing Council 2020

I _____ wish to nominate for the following position on the Mawson Lakes Preschool 2020 Governing Council.

<input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson	<input type="checkbox"/> Vice Chairperson
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary
<input type="checkbox"/> General Committee	

Signature _____ Date / / 2020



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING ON Mawson Lakes Preschool GOVERNING COUNCIL?

Vacancies exist for any parents/caregivers to join the **Governing Council**

- Meetings are held twice per term and last for about 60-90mins.
- In these meetings, **Jasmin** and various committee members and parents share important information about curriculum and organisational directions, discuss options and vote on motions put to the council about the work of our kindergarten.
- Parents/caregivers are able to self nominate at the **AGM**, on **February 11th**. If you're unable to attend but are still interested in joining the **Governing Council**, please complete the invitation sent via email.
 - Please drop by to see **Jasmin** if you are interested in knowing more about council.

Term Focus: Settling into Preschool

Term 1 2020 – Weekly Planner							
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 2	3	4	5	6 Veronica absent- Sue relieving	7	8	9
Week 3	10	11 AGM-7pm	12 Inspector Hector and the case of vanishing vegetables Playgroup begins	13	14 <i>Kimberly Absent Hannah TRT</i>	15	16
Week 4	17	18	19 Inspector Hector and the case of vanishing vegetables 	20	21	22	23
Week 5	24	25 Shrove Tuesday 	26 International Students visit – Uni SA Jasmin at Partnership meeting- Riverdale	27 Jasmin at Leaders Day	28 Literacy summit	29	1/3