



### Educators

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### IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4 2018

#### Preschool working bee

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October

9 - 12

#### School Fete

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

10-2

#### Kindergarten 2019 information night

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

5.30 – 6.30pm

#### End of year concert

*Blue Beagles/Red Pugs*

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

2pm

*Yellow Dingoes*

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

2pm

#### Children's End of Preschool Celebration

*Red Pugs: Monday 17<sup>th</sup>*

*December*

*Blue Beagles: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>*

*December*

*Yellow Dingoes: Thursday*

*20<sup>th</sup> December*

Last Day of term: Friday

*21<sup>st</sup> December*

## Preschool Overview for Term 4 2018

Welcome to Preschool for Term 4. This term, during class time, the children will have visits to different areas of the school as part of our transition program. They will visit the Kindergarten classrooms and meet the current teachers. The children will also visit the Environment centre and library.

### LEARNING PROGRAM AND PARENT FEEDBACK

Your child's daily learning program will be on display near their classroom. Parents are encouraged to look through this document regularly, so they can discuss with their child what they have been doing at preschool. Please note the date for the information night for families with children entering Kindergarten in 2019.

### LITERACY

Literacy is an important focus of our preschool learning program. This term we will be introducing the features of information books as we explore lifecycles in our science program.

We continue with previous literacy objectives including:

- Extending the children's writing skills by signing on with their name
- Having fun with language
- Listening attentively to group stories
- Developing a sense of story
- During stories and group times: asking questions, recalling, predicting, and relating to their personal experiences
- Sharing ideas in group time and using social language
- Developing skills in recognising different phonemes (sounds) in word
- Exploring rhyming words
- Introducing various text types such as information books and poetry
- Dramatization of well-known stories using puppets and props.

### NUMERACY

We will continue to explore numbers, shapes, and measuring through hands on activities, games and transitions through which the children will consolidate their knowledge and understanding. Children will also have access to the interactive computer to engage in maths based games to extend their Mathematical skills. We will be introducing the children to the concept of graphs and how to record information such as favourite animals and fruits.

### SOCIAL SKILLS

This term we will further develop positive interactions through using the 'bucket filling and bucket dipping' which promotes positive interactions. If you would like to know more about this approach you can view a range of clips of songs and stories on YouTube.

### SCIENCE

This term we will looking at the lifecycles of a range of plants and animals including chickens, silkworms, frogs and butterflies. We will be having some tadpoles from Frogwatch ACT to observe their changes, as well as silkworms.

### HOUSEKEEPING AND REMINDERS

- A reminder if your child is sick we request that you do not send your child to school to try and limit the spread of illness throughout the group. A phone call to notify the teachers of the reason for absence is appreciated. A written note is required on your child's return to school.
- **Hats must be worn during outdoor play every day until the end of the year** which is a part of our sun safe policy.
- Please ensure that your child has a set of spare clothes that are suitable for the weather (have you changed your child's spare clothes to summer?)
- Please remember to apply sanitiser and sunscreen on arrival
- Classes start at **8:45**. Please be prompt so your child can participate in all learning.
- Classes finish at **2:45**. Please be prompt as staff have meetings and professional learning to attend. If you are unavoidably delayed please phone the Preschool on 6205 6666.

Yours Sincerely,

Wendy, Kim, Jodie, Debbie, Julie, Jessica, Lee-Ying and Duncan