



### EDUCATORS

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### IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2 2019

#### Mother's Day

Yellow Dingoes Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Red Pugs and Blue Beagles

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May

#### Reptile excursion

Red & Blue pigs Monday 24th

June

Yellow pigs Friday 28th June

## Preschool Overview for Term 2 2019

Welcome to Preschool for Term 2. We would like to welcome our old families back and the new families that are joining us this term.

### 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. We love parent feedback so please feel free to write a comment in the program book.

### LITERACY

Literacy is an important focus of our preschool learning program. This term our focus will be on oral language. We will be introducing the children to letters and the sounds that they make. The children will be provided with experiences that develop their skills in recognising different phonemes (sounds) in words and exploring rhyming words.

We continue with previous literacy objectives including:

- Recognition of their name and the beginnings of name writing.
- 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 personal experiences.
- Sharing ideas in group time and using social language.

### NUMERACY

Our Mathematics program this term will focus on developing and extending the children's knowledge and understanding of shapes through hands on games and activities. We will continue to consolidate and extend the children's knowledge and understanding of number.

### SOCIAL SKILLS

We will continue to develop the children's social skills. They will be supported as they work on negotiating and problem solving, sharing and turn taking.

### SCIENCE

This term in our Science program we will be introducing the children to a range of science concepts through hands on exploration and experiments. We will be continue exploring colour mixing, the season of Autumn, the senses and having a healthy body. The preschool will also begin work on their entry for the science fair.

### LIBRARY

Please remember to return your child's library book regularly. We encourage families to borrow books regularly to establish positive reading habits. Library Day for Red Pugs and Blue Beagles is on Tuesday and Yellow Dingoes is on Friday. Please put your child's library bag in the basket.

### MANDARIN

This term as well as some beginning conversation we will be introducing the children to the names of the colours, consolidating their understanding of numbers 1-10 and learning the parts of the body in Mandarin. The children will also be learning some familiar songs in Mandarin.

### REPORTS

At the end of June, you will receive a written report on your child's first semester of preschool. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the report, you will have an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher.

### Student Code of Conduct

I Keep Safe  
I Cooperate  
I Accept  
I Respect  
I am Friendly

### Restorative Practice

Supports students to learn from their mistakes and reconcile and resolve problems with others.

### Questioning protocol

What happened?

What were you thinking at the time?

What have you thought about since?

Who has been affected by what you did?

In what way?

What needs to happen to make things right?

### SICKNESS OR OTHER ABSENCES

A reminder regular attendance at Preschool is important in supporting learning and social development. If your child is sick however we request that you do not send your child to school to 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. We are required to complete the roll by 9:15 and children will be marked late after this time.

### OTHER STAFF

At different times during the week your child will work with a range of other teaching staff from across the school. Fenella Glynn (Executive Teacher) will provide lunch breaks for teaching staff on all classes. Amanda Friend will provide programming time for Wendy on Wednesdays.

### LUNCH AND SNACKS

We encourage students to make healthy choices with their food. Sandwiches, wraps, rice and meat, fruit, yoghurt and biscuits are all excellent options. Please ensure no junk food (lollies, chocolate or chips). We request also that children only bring water in their drink bottles (no cordial, milk or juice please). Also please be aware that we are an allergy aware school. This means no nuts; nut bars or peanut butter can be eaten at school. On arrival at Preschool your assistance in placing food in the appropriate basket is appreciated. If possible, please separate food into three containers.

### HOUSEKEEPING

- All students must wear a hat when playing outside. Please ensure that your child has a hat in their bag.
- All belongings to be labelled.
- Morning sunscreen to be applied before arrival.
- Please ensure that your child has a set of weather appropriate spare clothes in case of toileting accident or wet play.
- Please remember to apply sanitiser on arrival.
- Learning starts at **8:45** and finishes at **2:45**. Please arrive promptly to ensure your child engages fully in the program. Your prompt arrival at pick up time is appreciated as the staff is required to attend meetings and Professional Learning after school. Please allow time for difficulties parking. If you are unavoidably delayed, please phone the Preschool on 6205 6666. At 2.55 your child will be taken to the school office for collection.

Yours Sincerely,

Wendy, Nat, Amanda, Jodie, Debbie, Xueyan Zhai, Chad, Jing and Fenella