



EDUCATORS

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3 2019

Canberra Museum and Art Gallery incursion
Red pigs Wednesday 7th August
Blue pigs Monday 12th August
Yellow pigs Friday 16th August

Book week dress up day

Red pigs/Blue Pigs:
Wednesday August 21
Yellow Pigs: Friday August 23

Fathers Day celebration

Yellow Pigs:
Friday 30 Aug, 2.15pm
Red Pigs/Blue Pigs:
Monday 2 September, 2.15pm

Pyjama and Teddy Bear day

Red and Blue Pigs:
Wednesday 18 September
Yellow pigs:
Friday 20th September

Preschool Overview for Term 3 2019

Welcome to Preschool for Term 3. 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. Our program will be derived from the children's interests and our investigations will be led by their questions and wonderings.

LITERACY

Literacy is an important focus of our preschool learning program. This term we will continue to provide activities and experiences to further develop the children's oral language. We will be extending the children's knowledge of 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 will be exploring the new books available in the library to celebrate book week to develop children's love and interest in picture books. This term the children will 'sign in' each morning. As they 'sign in' we will be encouraging correct pencil grip, recognising their name among others, starting to write from the left and using the correct case for each letter.

We continue with previous literacy objectives including:

- Recognition of 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 consolidating and extending the children's knowledge and understanding of shapes, numbers and measuring through hands on games and activities throughout the term. Children will also have access to the interactive computer board to engage in maths-based games to extend their Mathematical skills.

SOCIAL SKILLS

Children will be encouraged to use the skills they have learned during the year to become more independent in problem solving sharing, turn taking, respecting others and being kind and caring to others. We will be introducing the concept of bucket filling to the children. You can find information on YouTube. Search for 'Have you filled a bucket today?'

SCIENCE

This term we continue our Science activities where children can experiment with hands on resources. The children will participate in actively investigating topics of interest and in teacher led experiments. Possible topic focuses include winter, growing plants, lifecycles of chickens, the senses and having a healthy body and space.

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 Pigs and Blue pigs is on Monday and Yellow pigs is on Friday. Please put your child's library bag in the basket.

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?

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.

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 except for the Blue Pigs' Wednesdays when they have Laurel Rodrigues to cover Natalie's lunch. 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 614 22711. At 2.55 your child will be taken to the school office for collection.
- Library day is Monday for the Red and Blue Pigs; and Friday for the Yellow Pigs

Yours Sincerely,

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