



Term 2, 2024 Term Overview

WELCOME

Dear Preschool Families,

Welcome Back to Term 2 at Monash Preschool. The children have settled well into Preschool life and are now familiar with a range of routines and expectations. It was lovely to see everyone returning refreshed after the school holidays and hearing all about the adventures that were had away from Preschool.

We have a very busy term ahead, please make sure you have a copy of the Term Calendar handy to keep on top of everything. As always, we encourage families to access the Seesaw application in order to have regular insight into our day and keep up to date with events. Our programs are displayed on our parent information boards (located on the veranda) and we love any input or feedback on these.

Please take the time to read the following reminders and ask your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Ronnie, Emma, Kirsty, Emma, Rubi, Scarlet & Casey

INTENTIONAL TEACHING

At Preschool we operate under the guidance of the Early Years Learning Framework. This is a national curriculum framework that is used in early learning settings. The framework has three main guiding principles- Belonging, Being and Becoming. This term our overarching theme at preschool is 'Being'.

Childhood is a time to be, to seek and make meaning of the world. Being recognises the significance of the here and now in children's lives. It is about the present and children knowing themselves, building and maintaining relationships with others, engaging with life's joys and complexities, and meeting challenges in everyday life. The early childhood years are not solely preparation for the future but also about the present.

Concepts that will be explored at Preschool this term include:

- First Nations peoples connection to Country and the role we can play in caring for Country.
- Oral language - 'Brown Paper Bag Stories' and Mystery Box. Working on the Preschool literacy progression of being able to Speak in short phrases or simple sentences about familiar objects, people or events.
- Numeracy - number recognition, counting days on the week, number of children at school etc
- Music - Declan the Music Man will visit and share a range of instruments with the children, we will explore beat, rhythm, songs and dances throughout the term.



PARENT COMMUNICATION

Follow 'Monash School' on [Facebook](#)

Use [Seesaw](#) to connect with your child's classroom teacher.

Don't forget to check your child's [Home Pocket](#) every day for notes and work.



CLOTHING & BELONGINGS

It is really important that your child's belongings are clearly labelled so they are able to locate their items when at Preschool. As you can imagine, returning drink bottles, jumpers and lunchboxes to 44 children without labels is a very difficult task. To manage the spread of illness during the winter months it is essential that all food containers and water bottles are clearly labelled. **Unfortunately there are still a large number of unnamed belongings coming to Preschool.** It would assist us greatly if everything that comes to preschool is clearly labelled with your child's name. Masking tape and markers are available outside both classrooms to assist in making last minute labels if necessary. Thank you in advance for your support in this area.

Please ensure your child has a FULL change of clearly labelled clothing (seasonally appropriate) in their bag (including 2 pairs of underwear and 2 pairs of socks) for each preschool day. The nature of early childhood learning means that they will be getting messy from time to time. Additionally, many preschoolers are still learning to use the toilet independently and occasionally accidents can occur.

We have a small supply of emergency clothing available, however you may be called to bring additional clothing to preschool for your child in the event that spare clothing is not available in their bag.

REMINDERS

HEALTHY EATING & DRINKING

We have 3 meal times at Preschool:

- Fruit Break (approx. 10am)
- Lunch (approx. 12pm)
- Afternoon Tea (approx. 2pm)

Healthy eating is encouraged at Monash Preschool. Water is the best drink for busy preschoolers, please save flavoured milk, juice, chocolate bars and lollies as a special treat for home.

We recommend sending hot food in a thermos to keep it warm over the winter months as we are unable to reheat food at Preschool. If your child prefers their fruit cut up at Fruit Break, please prepare this at home as we are unable to cut up fruit on request - sending a staff member to the kitchen impacts on supervision.

Please send your child with the required cutlery when a spoon or fork is required for their meal.

BLANKETS FOR REST TIME

Every day we have a short rest time. Please provide a small blanket or towel for your child/ren to use during this time. These can be stored at Preschool in the calico bag that your child decorated and will be sent home for washing at the end of each term. Some children may also like to keep a small soft toy in their bag for use at rest time only.

HOME POCKETS

Are located outside each classroom. This is where you will find hard copies of permission notes and artwork that your child has done at Preschool. Please check this on a regular basis.

STAFFING & SUPERVISION

Preschool starts at 9am and finishes at 3pm. Families are welcome into the Preschool playground from 8.55am to support their child to unpack their bag and check in for the day. Our Preschool team will be outside setting up learning spaces each morning, we kindly ask that resources not be moved before 9am. Please note that Communities at Work run an Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) service in the Preschool space prior to 9am. Children not enrolled in this service will need a parent or carer on site with them until the bell rings and they have been welcomed into class by a Preschool educator.

If you are running late for Preschool pickup, please call the office to make collection arrangements.

DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM TWO 2024

| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 1 | 29/4 Pupil Free Day | 30/4 First day of Term 2: Possums & Joeys | 1/5 | 2/5 First day of Term 2: Echidnas | 3/5 |
| 2 | 6/5 | 7/5 Mother's Day Stall | 8/5 | 9/5 Mother's Day Stall | 10/5 |
| 3 | 13/5 | 14/5 | 15/5 Walk on Country | 16/5 | 17/5 Walk on Country |
| 4 | 20/5 | 21/5 Teddy Bear's Picnic | 22/5 | 23/5 Teddy Bear's Picnic | 24/5 |
| 5 | 27/5 Reconciliation Day | 28/5 | 29/5 Walk on Country | 30/5 | 31/5 Walk on Country |
| 6 | 3/6 | 4/6 | 5/6 | 6/6 | 7/6 |
| 7 | 10/6 Monarch's Birthday | 11/6 | 12/6 Walk on Country | 13/6 | 14/6 Walk on Country |
| 8 | 17/6 | 18/6 Declan the Music Man | 19/6 | 20/6 Declan the Music Man | 21/6 |
| 9 | 24/6 | 25/6 | 26/6 | 27/6 | 28/6 |
| 10 | 1/7 | 2/7 Kenny Koala visits Possums & Joeys | 3/7 | 4/7 | 5/7 |