



## Preschool Term 3, 2024 Term Overview

### WELCOME

Dear Preschool Families,

Welcome Back to Term 3 at Monash Preschool. We can't believe that over half the Preschool year has now passed! The children are now very settled and confident in the Preschool routine and are fast discovering new skills, friendships and experiences weekly. The cooler weather has brought about a change to our routine as you will notice we are inside first in the mornings now to allow time for the playground to thaw. The children have been enjoying sunny afternoons exploring the Preschool and we are increasingly proud of how resilient, respectful, safe and responsible they are during their time at Monash.

Another busy term awaits us! Attached at the bottom of this overview is a copy of the Term 3 Calendar. Please keep this in a handy place and keep a lookout on Seesaw for updates or reminders. We have several events that require adult helpers this term. If you are able to volunteer some time, we'd love to have you - please talk to your child's teacher.

Ronnie, Emma R, Rubi, Emma S, Kirsty & 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 them 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:

- Oral language - Mystery Box as a speaking opportunity and working on the Preschool literacy progression of recognising and producing words that rhyme such as pig and wig. We will also focus on positional and comparative language such as on / under / around and, more / less , long / short.
- Numeracy -Mini Maths inquiry into everyday encounters of Maths in Nature.
- First Nations peoples connection to Country and the role we can play in caring for Country.
- Both Preschool classrooms have begun the term with a vet clinic themed role play environment.



#### 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.



# REMINDERS

## **STAFFING & SUPERVISION**

Please remember the school day finishes promptly at 3pm, all staff have commitments directly after school hours and are required elsewhere for professional development, room preparations and staff meetings. If you are running late for school pickup, please call the office to make collection arrangements. Please note that Communities at Work run an Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) service in the Preschool space from 3pm. Children not enrolled in this service will need to be collected by a parent or carer.

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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **PERMISSION NOTES**

Please return notes on time to your child's teachers or to the front office. The administrative burden placed on teaching teams to chase late notes pulls our focus away from our core business of planning and preparing the best possible preschool program for your child. Notes are provided as a paper original, which come home via the Home Pockets, as well as digital copies via email and Seesaw. Your support returning permission slips and payment for preschool events in a timely manner is greatly appreciated.

## **SPARE CLOTHING**

Please ensure your child has at least one full change of clothes, appropriate for the current weather, in their school bag each day. Extra socks and underwear are also always a good idea as these tend to get used more frequently, We have a limited supply of 'emergency clothing' at preschool, however children are often much more comfortable in their own belongings. If emergency supplies are unavailable, you may be called to the school to drop off additional changes if required.

## DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM THREE 2024

Week	Monday <i>Monday</i> 9:00-3:00	Tuesday <i>Tuesday</i> 9:00-3:00	Wednesday <i>Wednesday</i> 9:00-3:00	Thursday <i>Thursday</i> 9:00-3:00	Friday <i>Friday</i> 9:00-3:00
<b>1</b>	22/7 Student Free Day	23/7 Possums & Joeys first day of Term 3	24/7	25/7 Echidnas first day of Term 3	26/7
<b>2</b>	29/7	30/7	31/7	1/8 Hats back on!	2/8
<b>3</b>	5/8	6/8	7/8 Walk on Country	8/8	9/8 Walk on Country
<b>4</b>  National Science Week	12/8	13/8	14/8	15/8	16/8
<b>5</b>  Book Week	19/8	20/8	21/8 Walk on Country  PJ & Hot Chocolate Evening 5.30-6.30 pm	22/8	23/8 Walk on Country
<b>6</b>	26/8	27/8 P & C Father's Day Stall	28/8	29/8 P & C Father's Day Stall	30/8
<b>7</b>	2/9	3/9	4/9 Walk on Country	5/9	6/9 Walk on Country
<b>8</b>	9/9	10/9	11/9	12/9	13/9
<b>9</b>	16/9	17/9 Canberra Museum & Gallery Excursion	18/9	19/9 Canberra Museum & Gallery Excursion	20/9
<b>10</b>	23/9	24/9 Last day of term for Possums & Joeys	25/9	26/9	27/9 Last day of term for Echidnas