



## Term 4, 2024 Term Overview

### WELCOME

Dear Preschool Families,

Welcome back to Term 4 at Monash Preschool. We can't believe that we are in our final term of the year! Another busy term awaits us! Attached at the bottom of this overview is a copy of the Term 4 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, 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 'Becoming'.

Children's identities, knowledge, understandings, capacities, skills and relationships change during childhood. They are shaped by many different events and circumstances. Becoming reflects this process of rapid and significant change that occurs in the early years as young children learn and grow. It emphasises learning to participate fully and actively in society.

Concepts that will be explored at Preschool this term include:

- Life cycles and Metamorphosis as we observe tadpoles through the ICON Water Frogwatch program.
- First Nations peoples ways of sharing knowledge through Songlines and symbols.
- Our personal growth as we become ready for Kindergarten.



#### 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.



## WOMBAT SONGLINES EXCURSION TO BIRRIGAI

To celebrate all the rich learning we have done during our Being on Country walks over the past two terms, we have a special excursion for students to Birrigai. Before going to Birrigai the children will learn a song about a wombat's journey to guide their own travel and learning on Ngunnawal Country. They will develop an awareness and appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge sharing storytelling traditions through the concept of Songlines. Students will learn how reading Country can tell us about changes in weather and how the plants can help us when we are hurt or sick. They will also learn about caring for Country and celebrate their new knowledge by cooking and sharing stories around a campfire.

## TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

There are three transition sessions planned in Term 4 for your child to start to familiarise themselves with the Kindergarten teachers and environment. The first two are short 45 minute sessions and the children will be accompanied by their regular preschool educators (Kirsty, Emma, Rubi and Scarlet), and the children will participate in a hands-on learning experience.

Thursday 5 December is Move Up Day for all students in Joeys, Possums and Echidnas (and all year levels K-5 at Monash) returning to Monash Primary in 2025. On Move Up Day you will drop your child off at the Kindergarten playground and they will have a full day of orientation and fun with their 2025 teacher and classmates. More information regarding Move Up Day will be communicated in the coming weeks.

## BEING SUNSMART AT PRESCHOOL

As the UV levels increase, the preschool classes will be switching to their Spring/ Summer rhythms. Our days will start with outdoor play at the beginning, indoor / outdoor in the middle of the day and then engaged in indoor investigations in the afternoon.

Monash Preschool is a SunSmart school. It is an expectation that children arrive at school with sunscreen liberally applied each morning. Sunscreen and mirrors are available outside both preschool classrooms if you need to assist your child with their application at the start of the day.

Hats were supplied through stationery packs this year and have been washed during the holidays. Hats will be sent home at the end of the year.

## 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 goes 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.

## 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 ensure your child's belongings return home each day it is essential that all food containers and water bottles are clearly labelled. 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 we are unable to locate any spares 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 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 daily. There are lots of important notes coming home this term.***

## Preschool Term 4 Calendar

Week	Monday 9:00-3:00	Tuesday 9:00-3:00	Wednesday 9:00-3:00	Thursday 9:00-3:00	Friday 9:00-3:00
1	14/10 Student Free Day	15/10 First day of Term 4 (P/J)	16/10	17/10 First day of Term 4 (E)	18/10 12:45pm: Colour Run (E)
2	21/10	22/10 12:45pm: Colour Run (P/J) 4:30pm-5:30pm Preschool BBQ <i>All families welcome</i>	23/10	24/10	25/10
3 <b>Children's Week</b>	28/10 9.30 am-10.30am: Grandfriends Day (P/J)	29/10 5:15pm - 6pm: Kinder 2025 Info Session ( <i>in the Hall - all families to attend</i> )	30/10	31/10 9.30 am-10.30am: Grandfriends Day (E)	1/11 5:30pm-6:30pm: Junior Disco
4	4/11 Birrigai Excursion (P/J)	5/11 9.30-10.15am: Kinder Transition Visit (P/J)	6/11 9.30-10.15am: Kinder Transition Visit (E)	7/11	8/11 Birrigai Excursion (E)
5	11/11	12/11	13/11	14/11	15/11
6	18/11	19/11 9.30-10.15am: Kinder Transition Visit (P/J)	20/11 9.30-10.15am: Kinder Transition Visit (E)	21/11	22/11
7	25/11	26/11 Kenny Koala Visit Stay OK on the Road (P/J)	27/11	28/11 Kenny Koala Visit Stay OK on the Road (E)	29/11 5pm: P-6 End of Year Concert
8	2/12	3/12	4/12	5/12 9am - 3pm: ALL* Kindergarten 2025 Move Up Day	6/12
9	9/12 2pm-3pm: End of Preschool Celebration (P/J) <i>Families invited to attend.</i>	10/12	11/12	12/12 2pm-3pm: End of Preschool Celebration (E) <i>Families invited to attend.</i>	13/12 Last day of Preschool (E)
10	16/12	17/12 Last day of Preschool (P/J)	<i>School Closed</i>		

**Important Note:** \*ALL Possum, Joey & Echidna children attending Monash in 2025 are required to attend Move Up Day on Thursday 5th December from 9am to 3pm, even if it is not your child's regular preschool day.