

# Jindera Preschool Newsletter March 2016

## Important Dates

<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Chocolate money return date.
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March -Monday 28<sup>th</sup> inclusive,</b>	Easter Weekend No Preschool
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Children attending Preschool on Monday and Fridays Photos
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Children attending Preschool on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday's Photos
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Committee Meeting, (6pm for Dinner, 7pm for Meeting) at Jindera Hotel.
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Last day of Term 1
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	First day of Term 2

Welcome to Jindera Preschool for 2016 to all our returning and new families. We know you will all have a fun and busy year with us all.

### Staffing for each day,

**Monday:** Leanne, Donna, Dominique (Chloe or Kerry in the office)

**Tuesday:** Kerry, Cheryl, Michelle. (Tricia in the office)

**Wednesday:** Leanne, Donna, Michelle (Kerry in the office)

**Thursday:** Kerry, Cheryl, Michelle (Tricia in the office)

**Friday:** Chloe, Donna, Dominique (Kerry or Leanne in the office)

For further information on staff qualifications please see the Preschool Staff information board inside the Preschool entrance.

Please also be aware that at times staff will be away and will be replaced when possible with a person already familiar with the children and our Preschool.

**Fee Reminder** - Families who are paying their fees by regular instalments need to have fees paid in full by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April**. Please contact Tricia (on Tuesday or Thursday) if you have any queries or concerns regarding fee payments. Remember to ask Tricia for a stamped invoice if you are claiming for Child Care Benefit for registered care. (Some forms are available at the office). When claiming for Term 1 fees, forms (with stamped invoices) may be lodged after 10<sup>th</sup> April.

**Chocolate Drive** - Just a reminder that chocolate monies are due back **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March**. If you are having trouble selling your chocolates please return money and unsold chocolates earlier so we may give them to families who are able to sell them.

## **Payments (e.g. fees, fundraising monies, bookclub etc) and Returned Notes/Surveys**

Please remember to place any monies in a clearly marked envelope and place in the Payment /Fees Box, and place any returned notes in the Survey/Note box (near the sign-in book).

## **Children's Development/Progress and Concerns about This**

Please remember you are able to ask about your child's progress at Preschool. The University Qualified Teachers working with the children at Jindera Preschool are **Leanne** on Monday and Wednesday, **Chloe** on Friday, and **Kerry** on Tuesday and Thursday. We do not provide a written report about your children but are available for a discussion on their progress, sometimes this can be just a quick chat before or after a session at other times you may wish to make an appointment for a longer discussion. Please be aware that Educators other than the Teachers will refer you to the relevant Teacher for that session to answer any queries that you may have on your child's progress or development.

## **Journals**

Daily/Weekly journals are done each week and placed out (and emailed either weekly or fortnightly) to keep parents informed about what has been happening at Preschool. Journals are done with the Early Years Learning Framework in mind and making sure we meet the requirements of the National Quality Framework. Parent comments or feedback are always welcome on these. A printed copy will still be available for family's that don't have email addresses.

## **Guinea Pigs**

Our pet guinea pigs, Chocolate and Vanilla are available to visit families in the holidays, please see staff if you would like to have them visit. They may be either taken home or families may wish to come and feed and check their water each day at Preschool.

## **Photos**

Preschool photos will be taken over 2 days before the end of term. Children attending on Monday or Friday will have their photos taken at Preschool on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Children that attend on Friday's are welcome to come along to have their photos done in the morning. Children may stay until 1.00. We will not be having lunch until after this time.

Children attending Preschool on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday this year will need to come along on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April to have their photos taken. Children that attend on Wednesday's only are welcome to come along to have their photos done in the morning. As above children may stay until 1.00. We will not be having lunch until after this time.

Beth from Monkey Boat Photos will be taking the photos.

## **Reminders**

\*Drink bottles with water in them every day. (Children will be reminded to have a drink of water from the bubbler throughout our session times)

- \*Thongs are not safe footwear for children to wear to Preschool. Climbing and running is very difficult for children to do when wearing them.
- \*Naming children's belongings will help us all. Children have very similar lunch boxes, drink bottles, clothing and other belongings.
- \*Please check your family pocket to ensure you get all notices, receipts etc.
- \*Safety in our carpark. Please hold your child's hand to keep them, safe.
- \*Please be aware children should not be left in the car when bringing your preschooler in for a session or picking them up.
- \*Preschool sessions start at 9 each day and finish at 3. (Except for children using before and after Preschool care) Children remaining after 3 will be charged for after preschool care.

### **Fundraising levy**

At our AGM, survey results re introducing a fundraising levy was discussed. The majority of surveys indicated they would rather pay a levy for the year rather than have fundraisers. Therefore a fundraising levy of \$50 has been introduced for the rest of this year. One major social event for families will be organised for this year. Next year there will be a levy of \$75, but there will be no chocolate fundraiser.

### **Fees Increase.**

The decision to increase Preschool fees was made at the committee meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

Fees will increase at the beginning of Term 2 by a small amount, \$2 per day, for all families who are not from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background, and who don't have a current Health Care Card.

### **Working Bee Dates for 2016**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

### **New Committee for 2016**

At our recent Annual General Meeting, a new Committee was elected to run our Preschool for the next 12 months. Thank you to all Committee Members from last year and welcome to this year's new Members

<b>President</b>	Olivia Phegan
<b>Vice President</b>	Nathan Maloney
<b>Secretary</b>	Holli Ackerly
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sheena Paech
<b>Public Officer</b>	Tricia Baldwin
<b>General Committee</b>	Andrew Kettlewell Bree Schilg, Miranda Roberts, Rachel Proctor, Samantha Blackie, Tanya Mooring, Sharee Wilson

