

# Jindera Preschool Newsletter March 2017

## Important Dates

**Monday 3rd April** Children attending Preschool on Monday and Fridays Photos

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April** Children attending Preschool on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday's Photos

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** Committee Meeting, (6pm for Dinner, 7pm for Meeting) at Jindera Hotel.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April** Last day of Term 1

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** First day of Term 2

**Wednesday 3rd May** Pirate Pete visiting

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May** Preschool Closed (All Staff attending Building Bridges Conference)

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May** Working Bee

Can you believe first term is nearly over! How quick has this term gone, and how nice it is to see many happy settled children, enjoying everything that our Preschool offers!

As you are all aware we changed our session times this year. The beginning and ending of our day is spread over a longer time span, but this seems to be working. Staff have reviewed and reflected on their routines and are making changes as needed, depending on the number of children here at the beginning and end of the day.

Also a reminder that Preschool hours for children are 8.15 until 4.00. For insurance reasons we are not able to have children on the premises before or after this time. When children are being picked up, please ensure you are here before 3.55 to have children off the premises before 4.00.

Please be aware that Staff are spending time planning and setting up activities, outside, and in the room, for the preschool children to use on that day. We do ask that you supervise both older and younger children as you bring your preschooler in and pick them up at the end of the day. Occasionally children are noticing risk taking behaviour that older children manage easily but is a bit too advanced for our preschooler's.

Start of next term. Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, after Anzac Day Public holiday.

### Staffing for each day.

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

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

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

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

**Friday:** Chloe, Donna, Jasmin (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 the end of term. Please contact Tricia (on Tuesday or Thursday) if you have any queries or concerns regarding fee payments. Remember to ask Tricia for a Paid in Full invoice if you are claiming for Child Care Benefit for registered care. (Claim forms are also available at the office). When claiming for Term 1 fees, Claim forms (with Paid in Full invoices) may be lodged after 9<sup>th</sup> April.

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

Please remember to place any monies in a clearly marked envelope and place in the Payment /Fees Box.

### **Food for Morning Tea and Lunch**

At Preschool we encourage the children to eat their always foods before they eat their sometimes food. Always foods are fruit, vegies, dairy products, most grain foods and lean meats etc. Sometimes foods are most other foods, often in packets. At morning tea children are encouraged to eat fruit or yoghurt from their lunchbox and then other foods. At lunch time we encourage the eating of Sandwiches, wraps or salad before other snack foods. We are also encouraging children to try opening their own packets themselves rather than ask an adult each time. (Not sure if you have all noticed how hard it is to open some of those packets now.) Can you please practice with your child and show them the best way to open their packets. We are suggesting children try scissors for some of the more difficult packets that seem to be around at the moment.

### **Conference Day**

Jindera Preschool will be closed on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May to allow all staff to attend an Early Childhood Conference, (Building Bridges.) Normal session times will apply on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

**Conference Program. Day One** provides a thought-provoking start to the conference, with topics including children's safety, supporting diverse communities, and family violence. You will be treated to a special performance by Sara Storer. **Day Two** is a full day of engaging presenters who will cover a range of topics including gender diversity, children's health challenges, and children's wellbeing and sense of self. Highlights of the day will be sessions focused on lived experiences, community perspectives, and perspectives from the field.

### **Second Hand T shirts**

We have a minimal number of pink and purple Preschool t shirts for sale in the office. They can be brought for \$1 each, perfect for spares.

### Pirate Pete

We have Pirate Pete attending for a performance at Preschool on Wednesday 3rd May at 10.00. The 40 minute show comprises easy to follow sing-along action songs based around the Pirate theme. Pirate Pete brings his treasure chest and displays the contents at the end of each performance. Children that do not attend Preschool on Wednesday's are invited to attend but will need their parent to stay with them.

**Cost is \$2 per child. Please place in a named envelope in the forms return box placed on our sign in bench (Next term)** (This is being subsidised by the preschool Committee of Management)

### Steps Eye Screening Program

Eye Screening is offered for children eligible to attend school in 2018. Forms have been given to families. Please return them this week as they are being picked up by Community Health this week.

### Children's Development/Progress and Concerns

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.

The Teacher of each group will be available in their programming time for interviews about your child, in the second or third week of next term. Please watch for the interview sheet to go out and fill in a time if you wish to discuss your child's progress.

### 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. We are looking at changing the format of these slightly to encourage children to be involved in doing these.

### 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 3rd 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 4<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)

\*Children's Bags need to be big enough to hold your child's belongings and that zip up, to encourage independence. We ask children to put their belongings in their bags after lunch and to zip their bags up to stop things falling out of them.

\*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.

## Working Bee Dates for 2017

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

## Bunnings.

Bunnings Albury FREE Easter Family night will be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 6pm-8pm. Come and join in the fun with free face painting, jumping castle, balloons, airbrush tattoos, animal nursery, show bags, photo booth and more! There will also be a special visit from the Easter bunny and an egg hunt. BBQ dinner and drinks are provided. Bookings are essential and can be made instore, online or via phone.

**New Committee for 2017**

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>	Sheena Paech
<b>Secretary</b>	Holli Ackerly
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ronnell Howe
<b>Public Officer</b>	Tricia Baldwin
<b>General Committee</b>	Nathan Maloney, Phillip Hartley, Kirralea Walkerden, Bree Schilg, Anastasiya Migal, Emma Chambers, Jess Parascos

