



St. Dunstan's Preschool

Newsletter May 2019.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been lovely to see parents coming in to help in the kitchen. We have just recently celebrated Harmony Day and our focus this year has been on celebrating the diverse backgrounds of our preschool families and on building partnerships.

Terrie has created a world map acknowledging the cultural backgrounds of all our children. This is displayed on the back wall and has already created a lot of interest with the children.

We were also grateful for the huge support which we received at our recent parent's information night on School readiness. Michelle has already emailed you information regarding the presentation.

2019 Management Committee

Following the school readiness presentation, we had our AGM and welcomed our new and returning parent representatives:

Tom McPhie (Treasurer)
Wyndham Hui
Joe Lee
Suzhen Liang

Our Church Member Committee representatives are as follows:

Bob Jury (President)
Susan Jury (Secretary)
Tim Adams
Robyn Hattingh

Welcome to the new committee, looking forward to another positive and productive year for the preschool.

Upcoming events

- Zoo visits: Wed 5 June & Fri 7 June
- Photography week; starting Mon 24 June
- Steps eye testing: Wed 7 & Thurs 8 Aug

Working Bees

We still have a number of vacancies for our term 3 and 4 working bees. Remember that \$50 is refunded to you from your enrolment deposit for a working bee contribution.

The work completed at working bees helps us keep our maintenance fees low and therefore our fees low.

If you can support our working bees please see Stacey.

Family Fun Day

Our Family Fun Day was on Saturday 6th April. The day was once again very popular allowing our families to make new friends and spend some time with the staff at the preschool. The Sushi Station was once again very popular together with face painting and the jumping castle.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make the day a success. This includes the staff, management committee members and parents who helped on the day.

Portfolios

With the term 1 school holidays last week we sent your child's portfolio home. We are encouraging all families to add stories and photos about their holiday adventures. In previous years we have been very impressed with contributions of photos, stories, and craft work. The "black books" are treasured books to share with the children and are often used for show and tell.

Munch and Move report

Esther would like to share information with you from a recent Government Department of health initiative with a focus on guidelines for healthy growth and development for children.

"The 24-hour Movement Guidelines include a picture of what a child's day during a 24-hour period should look like, including active play, time spent sitting and lying down, and ideal amount of sleep.

This important information will be found in your child's note pocket which provides the general advice to have fun, move and play every day.

Further information can be found at:
www.health.gov.au

Family communication and programming white board.

The Early Years Learning Framework highlights the importance of working in partnership with families. "Children thrive when families and educators work together in partnership to support young children's learning" (DEEWR, 2009 pg. 9). To ensure best practice we encourage families to provide us with feedback on our programs, as well as your child's strengths and interests that have been evident in the home. This will allow us to continue making positive connections between the home and school environments. This might include any recent visits e.g. to a farm or zoo, special occasions, starting a sport on the weekend

or a visit to the dentist. Please add your feedback using the sticky notes provided. Please also take time to read our programming white board and add any comments which will support our learning stories.

Michelle (Educational Leader)

Change of information

If there are any changes regarding your child's immunisation status, change of address, persons who have permission to pick up your child, renewed family health care/low income cards or updates to your child's allergies and medical action plans please notify a staff member as soon as possible. This information is important to us.

Friendly reminders

- With the recent changes to the weather please continue to remember to bring your child's hat.
- Remember to apply sun screen on your child for morning play protection if the UV index is 3 or above. Sun screen, broad spectrum 50+, will be available for you to use at the outside sink which you can apply when you arrive at preschool.
- Please add changes of clothes and warm jumpers/cardigans if required

Car park safety

The car park is a **10KM shared zone** please keep to this speed limit at all times. Please consider our families with Additional Need children and only use the disabled parking place if you have a Disabled Parking Pass. Thank you.

All the friendly staff are here to help you, so please feel free to approach any of us if you have questions.

Julie, Michelle, Maxine, Stacey, Esther, Terrie, Sephine, Young and Simone.

