

Term 4, 2026 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, Brigette, Kirsty, Emma & Kellie

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. We also have an amazing artwork being created by Eddie Longford, who has worked with our preschoolers to design the art.
- Our personal growth as we become ready for Kindergarten - Personal growth involves helping children develop a positive sense of identity, confidence, independence, resilience and an understanding of themselves and others.
- Our class koalas will continue to have their adventures with our families. Students continue to develop oral language and listening skills when sharing their news of the Koala's adventures.
- Peggy Lego - we will continue to introduce these prewriting shapes and link them to letters and numbers in preparation for Kindergarten.
- Introduction of Heggerty's Phonological Awareness - to help children develop the listening and sound skills that form the foundations for reading and writing. Through short, fun and engaging activities, children explore rhyming, syllables, beginning sounds and the individual sounds within words. Activities are oral-based, using songs, movement, repetition and playful interactions to build children's confidence and awareness of sounds before connecting them to written letters. Phonological awareness is an important foundation for future reading and spelling success. By making sound play a regular part of our preschool program, we are helping children develop strong early literacy skills.

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.

COCKATOO / WOMBAT SONGLINES EXCURSION TO BIRRIGAI

To celebrate the rich learning that has taken place throughout the year, the children will participate in a special excursion to Birrigai. Prior to the excursion, they will learn a song about a wombat's journey, which will guide their own travels and learning on Ngunnawal Country. Through this experience, children will develop an awareness and appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge-sharing and storytelling traditions, including the concept of Songlines. They will explore how reading Country can help us understand changes in weather and learn about the ways plants can support our wellbeing when we are hurt or unwell. Children will also deepen their understanding of caring for our country and celebrate their new knowledge by cooking damper 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, Violeta and Rebecca). During this time the children will participate in a hands-on learning experience and work through components of a book study lesson, to have some exposure to the learning that will happen in Kindergarten.

Thursday 3rd December is Move Up Day for all students in Joeys, Possums and Echidnas (and all year levels K-5 at Monash) who will be enrolled at Monash Primary for 2027. 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 2027 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. 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.

We are on the look out for any pre-loved uniform to stock our Clothing Pool. If your children are no longer wearing their Monash uniform, and they are still in good order, please consider donating to our Clothing Pool. You can do this by bringing in any uniform pieces to preschool and we can pass on to our P&C.

REMINDERS

HEALTHY EATING & DRINKING

We have 3 meal times at Preschool:

*Fruit Break (Continuous morning tea) * 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. As the weather gets warmer, we will continue to encourage your children to keep their water consumption up so their brains and bodies are ready for learning and play.
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.

Term 4 at Monash Preschool 2026 (as at 14/10/2036)

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	12/10 Student Free Day	13/10 Possums & Joeys first day of Term 4 Kinder 2027 Information Evening 6.15-7pm	14/10 1:30pm: Possums & Joeys Colour Run	15/10 Echidnas first day of Term 4	16/10 1:30pm: Echidnas Colour Run
2	19/10 Birrigai Songlines P/J	20/10 *Backup date - Colour Run P/J*	21/10	22/10	23/10 Birrigai Songlines Ech
3 Children's Week	26/10	27/10	28/10	29/10	30/10 Backup date - Colour Run Ech
4	2/11	3/11 9.30-10.15am: Kinder Transition Visit (P/J)	4/11 9.30-10.15am: Kinder Transition Visit (E)	5/11	6/11
5	9/11	10/11	11/11 Remembrance Day	12/11	13/11
6	16/11	17/11 9.30-10.15am: Kinder Transition Visit (P/J)	18/11 9.30-10.15am: Kinder Transition Visit (E)	19/11	20/11
7	23/11	24/11	25/11	26/11	27/11
8	30/11	1/12	2/12	3/12 9am - 3pm: ALL* Kindergarten 2027 Move Up Day	4/12 P-6 End of Year Concert/Art Show/ Twilight Fair
9	7/12	8/12 2pm-3pm: End of Preschool Celebration (P/J) *Families invited to attend.*	9/12	10/12 2pm-3pm: End of Preschool Celebration (E) *Families invited to attend.*	11/12
10	14/12	15/12 Water Fun Day (P/J) Last day of Preschool for Possums &	16/12	17/12	18/12 Water Fun Day (E) Last day of Preschool Echidnas

Important Note:*ALL Possum, Joey & Echidna children attending Monash in 2026 are required to attend Move Up Day on Thursday 3rd December from 9am to 3pm, even if it is not your child's regular preschool day.