



# MONASH SCHOOL PRESCHOOL

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## WELCOME

Dear Preschool Families

Welcome back to Preschool for Term 3.

We hope you had some down time with your preschooler over the break and are ready for the term ahead. We are looking forward to the many opportunities that are both planned and spontaneous.

As a team, we continually reflect on our work under the Early Years Learning Framework and NQS. This term will encourage feedback from families through our annual survey. This helps to inform our future planning and directions through our Quality Improvement Plan.

We have some really important reminders for families in this term's overview. Please take the time to read and check this information.

## PLANNED INTENTIONAL TEACHING

We will have more opportunities to inquiry and discover this term through our play based approach to learning. This is supported by our Walk on Country series. Feedback from families and preschoolers has been very positive regarding our approach to outdoor learning and enhancing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives.

These walks allow preschoolers the opportunity to explore nature through all their senses. Looking towards the mountains in the distance and walking up to our hill has become an important part of who we are at Monash. This is particularly so in a world full of screens and a sedentary lifestyle.

This term the Possum and Echidna (Shay) groups are displaying an interest in creatures great and small. We have decided to develop our dramatic play area into a vet hospital. After reading about vets, the children have been brainstorming ideas to make an engaging environment that will develop their social skills as well as their literacy understandings. With the wet and wintry weather, we will look at the properties of water, experimenting with freezing and melting and discussing arctic animals.

The Joeys (Ronnie) and Bilbies (Caitlin) will be following the children's interests and using the provocation of dinosaurs to co-create our dramatic play area. We will be looking at what paleontologists do and tapping into our own dinosaur experts (the children) to help us all learn more about these fascinating creatures. We will look at what dinosaurs ate (herbivore, carnivore or omnivore) and relate this to our own food choices using ACT Health's Fresh Taste program.

## PARENT COMMUNICATION



Stay up to date with parent notices and view student work samples through Seesaw.



Please follow 'Monash School' on Facebook.



## PRESCHOOL HOURS AND OSHC

We are fortunate at Monash that Communities@Work run Before and After School Care specific to preschool in our preschool classroom.

We therefore ask families if they need to drop their preschooler off before 9am that they access this service. Similarly if you are later than 3pm you may also need to access this service.

**Our preschool hours are 9am til 3pm.** There is **no supervision** outside of this time. **Please do not leave your preschooler unattended before 9am.** This includes days of wet weather - our preschool room is used by OSHC service, a paid program.

If you are late for any reason, your preschooler will be taken to the front office after 3pm and you will be phoned.

## PBL AT PRESCHOOL



This term, we are working with the Preschoolers to co-construct some Preschool PBL (positive

behaviors for learning) posters. These will be displayed in different areas including the sandpit area, swings, our eating areas and for bike riding.

We encourage you to talk to your Preschooler about the values of being safe, being respectful, being resilient and being a responsible

## NEW STAFF MEMBER

We were fortunate to have Violeta Ganas join the Bilbies group towards the end of Term 2. Violeta is an experienced educator and knows many families across Monash School.

Violeta is working with Tonia and Caitlin to assist our preschoolers to engage with play based learning experiences and the routine of their preschool day.



## REMINDERS

- **Staff supervision begins at 9am and ends at 3pm. This includes days that maybe raining. In the afternoon preschoolers will be released to their authorised adult from their preschool room when the educator sights the adult. If your authorised adult has changed please inform staff.**
- **If you require supervision before 9am or after 3pm please contact OSHC.**
- Please use the provided hand sanitiser before entering and upon exiting the preschool grounds.
- Please ensure you scan the "Check In CBR" Monash app everytime you drop off and pick up your child/ren.
- We strongly encourage our preschoolers to **not bring toys** to preschool. Please talk to us if this is a problem.
- Please double check that you have packed your child/ren a set of **spare clothes, seasonally appropriate** and of the right size. Any donations of new underwear, socks and hats would be gratefully appreciated.
- Library book borrowing occurs daily so that we can accommodate all families. We would appreciate it if your Preschooler could bring a named library bag. Library bags are available at the Preschool for purchase. Please place your library bag in the library container outside the classroom in the morning.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**21 July:** Walk on Country for Joeys and Possums

**22 July:** Walk on Country for Echidnas and Bilbies

**18 August:** Walk on Country for Joeys and Possums

**20 August:** Walk on Country for Echidnas and Bilbies

**31 Aug/2 Sept :** Fatherr's Day Stall

**1 September:** Walk on Country for Joeys and Possums

**3 September:** Walk on Country for Echindas and Bilbies

**7 September:** Declan the Music Man for Joeys and Possums TBC

**10 September:** Declan the Music Man for Echindas and Bilbies TBC

**15 September:** Teddy Bears Picnic for Joeys and Possums

**17 September:** Teddy Bears Picnic for Echindas and Bilbies