



Term 4, 2023 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, Emma, Clare, Emma, Kirsty & Casey

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.
- Our personal growth as we become ready for Kindergarten.



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.



WOMBAT SONGLINES EXCURSION TO BIRRIGAI

To celebrate all the rich learning we have done during our Being on Country walks over the past two terms, we have a special excursion for students to Birrigai. Before going to Birrigai the children will learn a song about a wombat's journey to guide their own travel and learning on Ngunnawal Country. They will develop an awareness and appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge sharing storytelling traditions through the concept of Songlines. Students will learn how reading Country can tell us about changes in weather and how the plants can help us when we are hurt or sick. They will also learn about caring for Country and celebrate their new knowledge by cooking 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 (Clare and Emma), and the children will experience a hands-on learning experience.

Thursday 7 December is Move Up Day for all students in Joeys, Possums and Echidnas (and all year levels K-5 at Monash) returning to Monash Primary in 2024. 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 2024 teacher and classmates. More information regarding Move Up Day will be communicated in the coming weeks.

REMINDERS

STAFFING & SUPERVISION

Please remember the school day finishes promptly at 3pm, all staff have commitments directly after school hours and are required elsewhere for professional development, room preparations and staff meetings. If you are running late for school pickup, please call the office to make collection arrangements. Please note that Communities at Work run an Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) service in the Preschool space from 3pm. Children not enrolled in this service will need to be collected by a parent or carer.

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.

HEALTHY EATING & DRINKING

We have 3 meal times at Preschool: Fruit Break (approx. 10am) / 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.***

We recommend sending an ice pack to keep food cool over the warmer months as we are unable to store children's food in the fridge. 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

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 on a regular basis.

DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM FOUR 2023

Wk	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	9/10 Possums and Joeys First Day of Term 4	10/10	11/10 Echidnas First Day of Term 4	12/10	13/10 Colour Run P-6 (incl. Echidnas)
2	16/10	17/10 Preschool Community BBQ 4.30pm - 5.30pm	18/10 Colour Run (Joeys & Possums)	19/10	20/10
3	23/10 Grandfriends Day 9am - 10am	24/10	25/10	26/10 Grandfriends Day (Echidnas only) 9am - 10am	27/10
4	30/10	31/10 Birrigai Songlines Excursion	1/11 Preschool to Kinder Transition 9.30- 10.15am	2/11 Preschool to Kinder Transition 9.30- 10.15am	3/11 P & C Disco (5.30- 7pm for Preschoolers)
5	6/11	7/11 P&C Mufti Day Chocolate Drive	8/11	9/11 Birrigai Songlines Excursion	10/11 P&C Mufti Day Chocolate Drive
6	13/11	14/11	15/11 Preschool to Kinder Transition 9.30- 10.15am	16/11 Preschool to Kinder Transition 9.30- 10.15am	17/11
7	20/11	21/11 Kindergarten 2024 Info Session 5:15- 6:00pm	22/11	23/11	24/11
8	27/11	28/11	29/11 Reports Home	30/11	1/12 End of Year Concert /Art Show & Twilight Fair Reports Home
9	4/12 Parent/Teacher Meetings	5/12 End of Preschool Celebration 2-3pm Parent/Teacher Meetings	6/12 Parent/Teacher Meetings	7/12 Move Up Day Parent/Teacher Meetings	8/12 End of Preschool Celebration 2-3pm Parent/Teacher Meetings
10	11/12	12/12	13/12 Last Day of Preschool (P/J)	14/12	15/12 Last Day of Preschool (Ech)