



Term 1, 2026 Term Overview

WELCOME

Dear Preschool Families,

Welcome to Monash Preschool. The children are settling in beautifully and are becoming increasingly familiar with our preschool routines. We are enjoying getting to know one another and seeing children build connections with their peers.

At Monash Preschool, we recognise families as children's first educators and truly value our home-school partnerships and open communication. Term overviews are one way we share information about our preschool program and upcoming events. We also encourage families to access the Seesaw application for regular insights into our day and to stay up to date with what's happening.

Our programs are displayed on the parent information boards located on the veranda, and we warmly welcome any input or feedback.

We are very much looking forward to getting to know you and your family throughout the year!

Ronnie, Brigitte, Kirsty, Emma, Naomi, Violetta and Kellie



Meet our team!



Matt Holdway
Principal
Nominated Supervisor



Ronnie Pearce
Joey's & Echidna's Teacher
ECT/Responsible Person



Brigitte King
Possums Teacher
ECT/Responsible Person



Heidi Evans
Release Teacher
ECT/Responsible Person



Kellie Keeffe
Deputy Principal
Educational Leader



Kirsty Edwards
Joey's & Echidna's Educator



Emma Stuart
Possums Educator
First Aid Officer



Naomi Hirth
Preschool Educator
First Aid Officer



Violeta Ganas
Preschool Educator
First Aid Officer



Jenine Whennan
Teacher
Preschool Lunch Cover



Jo Comber
Teacher
Preschool Lunch Cover



Brittany Joyce
Preschool Educator
Preschool Lunch Cover

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 'Belonging'.

Experiencing belonging - knowing where and with whom you belong - is integral to human existence. Children belong first to a family, a cultural group, a neighbourhood and a wider community. Belonging acknowledges children's interdependence with others and the basis of relationships in defining identities. Belonging is central to the Early Years Learning Framework in that it shapes who children are and who they can become. During our SEL (Social Emotional Learning) session children will be developing awareness and understanding of emotions in themselves and others.

Concepts that will be explored at Preschool this term include:

- I am unique and special and there is no one else like me
- I am like and different to others in some ways
- I belong to a family
- I belong to the Joeys/Possums/Echidnas group
- I belong to the Monash School Community
- I have feelings that help me to express my thoughts and needs
- My thoughts and ideas allow me to express myself

CLOTHING & BELONGINGS

A key focus throughout the Preschool year is supporting children to manage their own belongings and foster independence. It is really important that your child's belongings are clearly labelled so they are able to locate their items when at preschool.

Masking tape and markers are available outside both classrooms to assist in making last minute labels.

Please ensure your child has a FULL change of clearly labelled clothing 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.



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.



REMINDERS

SUNSCREEN

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. We will assist them to reapply after lunch.

Hats were supplied through stationery packs this year, and we will be keeping them at Preschool. Hats will be sent home at the end of the year.

HEALTHY EATING & DRINKING

Healthy eating is encouraged at Monash Preschool. Water is the best drink for busy Preschoolers, please save juice, cordial, flavoured milk, juice, chocolate bars and lollies as a special treat for home.

We have 3 meal times at Preschool:

- Fruit Break (approx. 10am). Fruit Break is for fresh fruit only (whole or cut pieces). Please save other snacks for lunch or afternoon tea time.
- Lunch (approx. 12pm)
- Afternoon Tea (approx. 2pm)

IMPORTANT ALLERGY INFORMATION

To ensure the safety of all children, please be aware that we have students with severe nut allergies in our Preschool unit. We ask that you **do not pack any nuts or nut products** in your child's lunch or snack box.

For other common allergens, such as eggs or strawberries, your child may be required to wash their hands and face after eating. Our educators will be there to assist them with this hygiene routine to prevent cross-contamination.

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.

LIBRARY BAGS

Library book borrowing will commence in Week 4. Borrowing is available every day and children can choose one or two books at a time. We would appreciate it if your Preschooler could bring in a labelled library bag (a selection of bags are available at the Preschool to purchase) to take books home in.

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 and experiences each morning, we kindly ask that resources not be moved before 9am.

If you are running late for preschool pickup, please call the office to make collection arrangements for your child.

DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM ONE 2026

- 11 February: Welcome BBQ from 5:30pm
- 9 March: Canberra Day
- 23 March: My Amazing Brain Incursion for Joeys and Possums
- 27 March: My Amazing Brain Incursion for Echidnas
- 30 March: School photos for Joeys and Possums.
- 2 April: School photos for Echidnas
- 3 April: Good Friday Public Holiday



Term 1 at Monash Preschool 2026 (as at 2 Feb 2026)

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	26/2 Public Holiday	27/2	28/2	29/1 Pupil Free Day	30/1 Kindy commence
2	2/2 Poss/Joeys first day of Preschool 2026	3/2	4/2	5/2 Echidnas first day of Preschool 2026	6/2
3	9/2	10/2	11/2	12/2	13/2
4	16/2	17/2	18/2 Visit Class 5pm / Welcome BBQ 5.30pm / P & C AGM 6.30 pm	19/2	20/2
5	23/2	24/2 P & C Easter - Crazy Hair Day gold coin donation P/J	25/2	26/2 P& C Easter - Crazy Hair Day gold coin donation Ech	27/2
6	2/3	3/3	4/3 P & C Easter Raffle tickets go home	5/3 P & C Easter Raffle tickets go home	6/3
7	9/3 Canberra Day Public Holiday	10/3	11/3	12/3	13/3
8	16/3	17/3	18/3 Harmony Day P/J	19/3 Harmony Day Ech	20/3
9	23/3 My Amazing Brain Incursion	24/3	25/3 P & C Meeting 6.30 pm	26/3 Monash Cross Country Ech	27/3 Easter Raffle tickets due back. My Amazing Brain Incursion
10	30/3 School Photos P/J Easter Raffle tickets due back.	31/3	1/4 Monash Cross Country P/J	2/4 School Photos Ech	3/4 Good Friday Public Holiday