



Term 2, 2026 Term Overview

WELCOME

Dear Preschool Families,

Welcome back to Term 2 at Monash Preschool. The children have settled well into Preschool life and are now familiar with a range of routines and expectations. It was lovely to see everyone returning refreshed after the school holidays and hearing all about the adventures that were had away from Preschool.

We have a very busy term ahead, please make sure you have a copy of the Term Calendar handy to keep on top of everything (copy attached). As always, we encourage families to access the Seesaw application in order to have regular insight into our day and keep up to date with events. Our programs are displayed on our parent information boards (located on the veranda) and we always appreciate any input or feedback on these.

Personal Devices:

Can we please take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers that personal mobile devices are not allowed to be used while preschool children are present. This action comes from the Child Safety Review under the National Quality Framework (NQF) which came into effect on 1 September 2025.

Warm regards,

The Preschool Team

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 'Being'.

Childhood is a time to be, to seek and make meaning of the world. *Being* recognises the significance of the here and now in children's lives. It is about the present and children knowing themselves, building and maintaining relationships with others, engaging with life's joys and complexities, and meeting challenges in everyday life. The early childhood years are not solely preparation for the future but also about the present.

Concepts that will be explored at Preschool this term include:

- First Nations peoples connection to Country and the role we can play in caring for Country.
- Being on Country - Focusing on learning how to listen and learn outside the Preschool Gate (within the school grounds)
- Oral language - 'Brown Paper Bag Stories' (continuing) and Mystery Box. Working on the Preschool literacy progression of being able to Speak in short phrases or simple sentences about familiar objects, people or events.
- Numeracy - number recognition, counting days of the week, number of children at school etc
- Music - Declan the Music Man will visit and share a range of instruments with the children. We will explore beat, rhythm, songs and dances throughout the term.
- Everybody Everyday Program (continuing) - Talking about how special we are and what makes you unique, focusing on including others and wellbeing.

CLOTHING & BELONGINGS

It is important that all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled so they can easily locate their items while at Preschool. With over 60 children attending, returning drink bottles, jumpers, and lunchboxes without names is extremely difficult. Labelling is also essential in helping us manage the spread of illness during the winter months, particularly for food containers and water bottles.

We are still seeing a large number of unnamed items coming to Preschool. We would greatly appreciate your support in ensuring that everything brought to Preschool is clearly labelled with your child's name. Masking tape and markers are available outside both classrooms to assist with last-minute labelling if needed. Thank you for your support in this area.

Please also ensure your child brings a full change of clearly labelled, seasonally appropriate clothing each day (including at least two pairs of underwear and two pairs of socks). The nature of early childhood learning means children will get messy from time to time, and many preschoolers are still developing independent toileting skills, so occasional accidents can happen.

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 spare clothing is not available 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 / Parent 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 or vegetables 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 / PARENT 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 BOOK BORROWING

Every day the children have the opportunity to borrow preschool library books to share and enjoy with families at

home. Up to two books can be borrowed at a time and there is no prescribed schedule for borrowing and returning. Books can be swapped over as often as you like, however your child will need a library bag to borrow. Library bags are available to purchase from the Preschool - just ask one of your educators.

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. We have seen pleasing growth from all our preschoolers as they learn the routines of the day. Thank you for your support.

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.



Term 2 at Monash Preschool 2026 (as at 7 April 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	20/4	21/4 Possums/Joeys commence	22/4 Echidnas commence	23/4	24/4
2	27/4 ANZAC Day Holiday	28/4	29/4	30/4	1/5
3	4/5	5/5 Japanese Children's Day Festival P/J P & C Mother's Day	6/5 P & C Mother's Day	7/5	8/5 Japanese Children's Day Festival Ech
4	11/5	12/5	13/5 Being on Country P/J	14/5	15/5 Being on Country Ech
5	18/5	19/5 Nat Simultaneous Storytime P/J	20/5	21/5 Nat Simultaneous Storytime P/J	22/5
6	25/5	26/5	27/5 Being on Country P/J	28/5	29/5 Being on Country Ech
7	1/6 Reconciliation Day	2/6	3/6	4/6	5/6
8	8/6 Monarch's Birthday	9/6	10/6 Being on Country P/J	11/6	12/6 Being on Country Ech
9	15/6	16/6 Declan the Music Man Incursion 9.30am	17/6	18/6 Declan the Music Man Incursion 9:30am	19/6
10	22/6 Parent/Teacher Meetings	23/6 Parent/Teacher Meetings	24/6 Parent/Teacher Meetings	25/6 Parent/Teacher Meetings	26/6 Parent/Teacher Meetings
11	29/6	30/6	1/7	2/7	3/7