



MONASH SCHOOL PRESCHOOL

Term: 2 2022 | Term Overview |

WELCOME

Dear Preschool Families

Welcome back to Preschool for Term 2. We have another busy term ahead and are looking forward to the many opportunities that are both planned and spontaneous. We have really enjoyed getting to know each family and appreciate the input you have had in our programs. It was a pleasure to speak with you all during the parent teacher interviews.

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

Kind regards,

The Preschool Team - Ronnie, Emma, Heidi, Clare, Emma, Kirsty and Todd

PLANNED INTENTIONAL TEACHING

This term our overarching theme 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 them knowing themselves, building and maintaining relationships with others, engaging with life's joys and complexities and meeting challenges. The early childhood years are not solely preparation for the future but also about the present.

This term the Possums groups voted and decided to co-create a vet dramatic play area. We will be discussing the function and role of vets in society and the importance of caring for land, animals and their needs. The Joeys and Echidnas will be working to co-create a fairyland dramatic play area. We will be discussing the structure of fairy tales, the differences and commonalities between them.

As part of our ongoing focus on developing oral language, all groups will be sharing Brown Paper Bag Stories with their classes. This experience is designed to enhance the preschoolers relationships and connections with each other, as well as honouring traditional story telling practices observed by Indigenous Australians.

Learning Intentions

- For children to develop the ability to give clear explanations.
- For children to develop the ability to gain meaning from others' explanations.

Assessment of Learning

Learning is demonstrated when children:

- Explain important aspects of their family or item in a way that can mostly be understood. e.g. "This is a photo of my family. It's Chinese New Year!"
- Respond to questions from peers and provide clarifications as appropriate.
- Demonstrate understanding by making comments or posing relevant questions in response to what they've heard. e.g. "Why do you wear that?"

We can't wait to see what experiences the children choose to share with us!

PARENT COMMUNICATION



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



Please follow 'Monash School' on Facebook.



STAFF

Possums:

Emma Reid (Teacher)
Emma Stuart (Educator)

Joey's & Echidnas:

Ronnie Pearce (Teacher)
Clare Swanston (Educator)

Kirsty Edwards will work across all classes as an educator.

Heidi Evans joined the team in the second half of Term 1 covering the teachers for planning time. This will continue in Term 2.

Todd McCoy is the team leader for Preschool and spends time with each group across the week. Other teachers who spend time at Preschool include Kellie Keffe and Kylie Robson.

PBL AT PRESCHOOL

This term, we are working with the Preschoolers to co-construct some Preschool PBL posters featuring our mascot Gula the Koala in a variety of outdoor settings and learning experiences. These will be displayed in different areas including the sandpit, swings, our eating areas and for bike riding. To encourage the children to be safe, respectful, resilient and responsible learners, staff will be offering children a special Gula stamp when they are observed to be displaying these positive behaviours at preschool. You may like to discuss our PBL values with your child if you see them come home with one of the following pictures on their hand.



BEING ON COUNTRY

We are really excited this term to start our 'Being on Country' walks. In your enrolment pack, you would have given permission for your child to participate in local walks. We recommend that your Preschooler has the appropriate clothing including shoes suitable for walking, a sunsmart hat, and drink bottle. Parents and carers are very welcome to come with us. We rely on family participation for this event to occur as we require a ratio of 1 adult for every 4 children. Please talk to your child's teacher for further information if you would like to volunteer as there are still some restrictions due to COVID-19. Dates for these walks will be sent via Seesaw to families and can also be found on the Term Calendar.



REMINDERS

- Staff supervision begins at 9am. 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.
- Please use the provided hand sanitiser before entering and upon exiting the Preschool grounds.
- We still have a large number of Preschoolers coming without a SunSmart hat. Please help us to keep our Preschoolers safe by providing a broad brimmed or legionnaires hat for them to use throughout their day. Despite the cool and cloudy mornings, the UV index remains very high during the autumn and winter months. Please assist your child to apply sunscreen liberally before preschool each day. Sunscreen is available outside each of the classrooms at any time.
- 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 a set of spare clothes, seasonally appropriate and of the right size.
- Due to the unpredictability of the Canberra climate throughout each day, children may add or remove layers of clothing. Your support in ensuring all items that come to preschool are clearly labelled is greatly appreciated.
- Library book borrowing continues this term and occurs daily. Should your child wish to change their books, please ensure they place their library bag into the library books basket each morning.
- We are unable to check school bags individually for notes or payments, if your child has anything to hand into us please pass it directly to a staff member upon arrival (or post a message via seesaw if attending before school care).



TERM DATES

We have sent home to families (check email) the Term 2 calendar. We know that this helps manage the preschool days.



Term 1 at Monash Preschool 2022

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	31 Jan Preschool and home for day of Preschool	1/2	2/3 Echidna first day of Preschool	3/4	4/5
2	7/2	8/2	9/2	10/2	11/2
3	14/2	15/2	16/2 National ABC Day PBL: AHA! (to be confirmed)	17/2	18/2
4	21/2	22/2	23/2	24/2	25/2
5	28/2	1/3 School Begins, Day 1/term	2/3	3/3	4/3 School Progress, School
6	7/3	8/3	9/3	10/3	11/3
7	14/3 Canberra Day	15/3	16/3	17/3	18/3
8	21/3	22/3	23/3	24/3	25/3
9	28/3	29/3	30/3	31/3	1/4
10	4/4	5/4 Preschool and home for day of term	6/4	7/4	8/4 Echidna last day of term