



Term 1, 2023 Term Overview

WELCOME

Dear Preschool Families,

Welcome to Monash Preschool. The children are settling in beautifully and are becoming familiar with the preschool routines. We are getting to know each other and are making connections with our peers.

At Monash we recognise families as the children's first educators. We value our home-school partnership and communication. Term overviews provide one form of communication about the preschool program and happenings. We also encourage families to access the Seesaw application to have regular insight into our day and keep up to date with events. The programs are displayed on our parent information boards (located on the veranda) and we love any input or feedback on these.

We are really looking forward to getting to know you all this year!

Ronnie, Emma, Clare, Emma, Kirsty and 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 '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.

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.

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 backpacks this year, and we will be keeping them at preschool. Hats will be sent home at the end of the year

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.

BLANKETS FOR REST TIME

Every day we have a short rest time. Please provide a small blanket or towel for your child/ren to use during this time. These can be stored at preschool in the calico bag that your child decorated and will be sent home for washing at the end of each term. Some children may also like to keep a small soft toy in their bag for use at rest time only.

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 in a regular basis

LIBRARY BAGS

Library book borrowing will commence in week 3. Borrowing is available everyday 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.

Please note that Communities at Work run an Out of School Hours Care (OOSHC) service in the preschool space prior to 9am. Children not enrolled in this service will need a parent or carer on site with them until the bell goes and they have been welcomed into class by a preschool educator.

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.

Please see the attached "Meet our team!" staffing sheet for a comprehensive list (and photos!) of our 2023 Monash Preschool Team.



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.



DATES TO REMEMBER TERM ONE 2023

Week 3

15 February: Welcome BBQ (5:30pm) and P&C AGM (6:30pm)

Week 4

22 February: Supporting Developing Readers info night (5.00 pm)

Week 5

27 February - 3 March Parent teacher interviews

Week 6

6 March: Mind your Manners incursion for Joeys and Possums

8 March: Kenny Koala visit for Joeys and Possums

9 March: Mind your Manners incursion for Echidnas

Week 7

13 March: Canberra Day

Week 8

21 March: School photos for Joeys and Possums.
P&C meeting (6:30pm)

24 March: School photos for Echidnas

Week 10

5 April: Last day of Term One for Joeys and Possums

6 April: Last day of Term One for Echidnas