



Wk 4 Thurs 24th Feb - **Child and Youth Health checks (Group 2)**
Wk 5 Fri 4th Mar - **AGM** Lunch 11.45, meeting starts 12.15pm
Wk 7 Mon 14th Mar - **Public Holiday** There will be no preschool on this day.

Welcome to all our new families who have joined us this year, 2022. We look forward to a fun and exciting year of learning. Our educators this year are Elizabeth Burton as Director, Melissa Todd is our full time teacher and Jodie Peel is our ECW. Ameera Abasi will be with us Monday mornings doing Arabic support.

The children have settled in very well and are quickly getting into the routine of preschool.

If you are concerned please ring throughout the day to see how they are going. Communication with us is important as we are here to help with the transition to preschool. Thank you to everyone for connecting so quickly to dojo. Please check our messages and message us if you need to. We will respond to you between 8.00am and 4.00pm.

On very hot days we will be keeping the children inside or only allow them in shaded areas especially during the hottest part of the day. We will also have lots of water activities to endeavour to keep the children cool. Please remember to send along spare clothes for children who may get wet or dirty while engaging in water, sand and mud play.

We have permission for families to come onto the grounds but not to come into the building at this stage and we will inform families and keep you up to date of any changes to the restrictions.

We need to remain vigilant around reducing the risks of Covid 19 by maintaining social distancing, wearing masks and ensuring good hygiene practices, including hand washing and using sanitiser. Adults and children who are not well are not to come on site. We will contact you if your child is not well and displaying any cold symptoms. Educators are doing RAT tests 3 days a week, we have air purifiers installed and improvements to our windows for increased ventilation.

We have reviewed our philosophy statement. Please read it and let us know what you think.

Naming Belongings and Plastic Bags

Please ensure that all your child's belongings are named, including bags, hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles. Do you have any spare plastic bags that we could have for wet clothes?

Session Times

Please do your best to be here on time in the mornings and collect children promptly at the end of session. Please also inform us if your child is going to be absent, either in person, email, with a phone call in the morning or through dojo.

Sun Safety

Don't forget that we are a Sun Safe Centre and we do have a policy that suitable hats are **to be worn when outside. This includes adults.** We have hats for sale for \$7.00. Please see an educator if you would like to purchase one. Please apply sunscreen to your child before coming to preschool. We will help the children apply sunscreen at lunchtime when the UV rating is over 3. Children do need to have their shoulders covered. Tank tops and shoestrapping straps are not appropriate as they are not considered sun safe.



AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 4th March. We will be supplying a Subway lunch at 12.00pm, meeting starts 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend as we would love some new committee members. Our Governing Council is responsible for decision making in relation to finance, fundraising and curriculum etc., and parent and family input is vital. If you have skills with handling money we do need someone to take on the role of treasurer. We **need members** and we **cannot** run the preschool without a Governing Council. Meetings will be held twice a term on Fridays at 11.45pm and we are very informal. Please see Elizabeth if you would like to support us and be a member of our Governing Council.

Snack and Lunch Time, Fruit Sharing and ice packs

Please read our Nutrition and Healthy Food policy for lunch and snack ideas. Please remember to have some fruit or vegetables in the lunch box as this is the best option for snack time. Please avoid packaged foods that contain a lot of salt and sugar. Remember to send along **only** water for your child to drink while at kindy. Do not send cordial, milk drinks or juice or foods containing nuts. Please put an ice pack in your child's lunch box on hot days to keep their food cool.

We won't be doing fruit sharing this term and hope to do it in term 2.



Fees

Fees are now due. They can be paid by cash, direct through internet payments or through EFTPOS. Please ensure you have the correct money as we do not always have change. Fees are \$100 per term for fulltime preschool.



Literacy Kits

We would like all children to take home literacy kits. Our kits contain books and information to help you with developing your child's language and literacy skills. We get the children to choose a book during the session and we will place it in their bag. Please read the book with your child and then return the kit to us.



Please take care of the literacy kits and ensure they are only used with adult supervision.

Birthdays

Please do not send birthday cakes. We will celebrate your child's birthday with a play dough cake.

Sweeping and Raking Leaves

Leaves are an ongoing problem for us. If you ever have time to help with sweeping and raking it would be much appreciated.

Odd Jobs

If you ever have any spare time to help with odd jobs at preschool eg helping to cut up collage materials or helping with gardening, your help will be much appreciated.

Please regularly check the art box for your child's art work.

We do still have vacancies if you know any families looking for preschool.

Please do not hesitate to talk to an educator if you have any issues or concerns or if we can help you in any way. We are looking forward to a fun year of learning in 2022.

Elizabeth, Melissa and Jodie