

*Dear families,*

Welcome back, preschool parents! We hope your holiday was filled with fantastic and happy endeavours! Our staff team is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for your children and our community. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Ela.

### **Pupil Free Days - No preschool sessions.**

During the year, there will be 4 pupil free days, one day per term. You will need to find an alternative care for your children on these days.

First pupil free day is: **Wednesday 28 February 2024**  
(future dates will be advised asap)

**Attendance/dropping off your child.** As you may know, some children may have a difficult time saying goodbye, and it is what could be expected. Some children have not experienced being away from their families, the kindy is new to them, new people (educators) who are helping and building a rapport with the children. As we speak with you about your children and about their adventures while at kindy, we understand that this is also a difficult and emotional time for you. During the initial weeks, staying for a short time with your child helps them adjust, as they might feel a bit lost. Some children may need to have shorter days at preschool at the beginning. Please be patient during this settling period. If you require assistance or feel your child needs extra support, speak with the educators. We will always call you if there is something to report, ask or confirm.

**Class Dojo and our curriculum.** We are going to display a variety of posts on Class Dojo, to inform you about your children's learning days at our preschool. Our curriculum is based on providing opportunities for children to develop their learning abilities. The literacy, numeracy, and STEM experiences are well displayed and assembled within the learning environment. The social and emotional aspect of children developing their abilities to cope and be resilient, are fostered. These characteristics are necessary to build on their positive self-esteem through thinking, independence, interest, participation and more.

**PLEASE CHECK CLASS DOJO (CD) REGULARLY**

**Healthy food.** We can see that children are bringing healthy food to be consumed at the preschool. Thank you for clarifying with us the healthy eating choices. Most of the children like the "party food" but these foods are not to be consumed and especially at the preschool. The children learn from each other, therefore, the preschool provides an environment where your children will see everybody (including educators) eat healthy and tasty foods and drink water. The educators are supporting and encouraging children to eat their food during lunch and snack times.

**Support.** If you believe your child will benefit from some additional support (speech, communication, attending to learning experiences, behaviour etc....) please talk to Paige, Tammy, Zoe, or Ela to discuss further.

**Spare Clothing.** Please bring spare labelled clothes (2 or 3 sets) for your children to change themselves (toilet accidents, water and messy play), guided by educators if need be. Some children due to their health

needs (must have continence plan signed by their doctor) they will be helped by educators if they need to change as specified in their plan.

**Picking up your child.** The children need to be picked up on time. I can understand that you have other children to pick up as well, you can book your child at OHSC (if you have any issues with being on time). The educators need to prepare, evaluate, clean, and attend to admin duties each day. Late pick up will incur a fee. Thank you for signing in and out.

**Feedback/Parent Q&A.** We are holding feedback sessions next week, a casual get-together to discuss your feedback about kindy so far.

30 min sessions held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 3.00pm.

**Governing Council.** Our 1<sup>st</sup> governing council meeting is scheduled for Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 9.00-10.00. I would encourage all of you to please participate in our meetings as we need your input.

Kind regards,

Ela (Director)