

Dear families,

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of your children enjoying the preschool.

**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. Some children may need to have shorter days at preschool at the beginning. 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.

**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.

**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. Thank you for signing in and out.

**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:

**Thursday 9 March 2023**

**Monday 15 May 2023**

**Wednesday 6 September 2023**

**Tuesday 21 November 2023**

**Feedback.** 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 12<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00pm.

**Governing Council.** Our 1<sup>st</sup> governing council meeting is scheduled for Friday 24 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