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Mallala Preschool Newsletter

Week 5, Term 2, 2018

Can you believe we are already halfway through another term? We have been busy over the last few weeks with lots of outside learning including musical instrument making, sandpit river creating and more recently the Preschool Fire Station.

New Faces:

We would like to welcome Alysha Schroeter to our Preschool. Alysha will be working in conjunction with our existing Preschool SSO's. Please introduce yourself and make her feel welcome.



Outcome 1:

Spare Clothes:

Just a reminder to ensure your child has a set of spare clothes in their bag each Preschool day. Spare clothes are not just for toileting accidents, but for a range of other messy activities that sometime require a change of clothes. We are currently low on spare clothes at Preschool and would appreciate any unwanted pants/jumpers/socks if anyone has anything they no longer need.

Family Photos:

Our Family Tree is coming along and the children love having their photos at Preschool to look at. Just a reminder if you are unable to print your family photo, please email it to: Melissa.keller723@schools.sa.edu.au

Sunscreen:

We will continue to monitor the UV level on a daily basis and apply sunscreen accordingly. If your child would like to wear a beanie or winter hat for outside play instead of their Preschool hat, please send it in your child's bag. Winter hats will be kept inside children's Preschool bags.

Free Positive Parenting Program:

On Thursday 14th June 1-3pm we will be holding the first Positive Parenting Session. The session is free to attend with the first session looking at:

- Ensuring a safe engaging environment
- Creating a positive learning environment
- Using assertive discipline
- Having reasonable expectations
- Looking after yourself as a parent



Outcome 2:

If you are interested in attending this Free Positive Parenting Program, please see Melissa to register.

Incorrect Date:

It has been brought to our attention that the incorrect date was included in the note regarding our transition to school visits. The correct date is **Monday 28th May**. Please see Sadie or Melissa with any questions you may have about this exciting transition program.

Morning Snack:

Over the last few weeks, we have noticed an increased amount of children saying they are hungry just after arrival to Preschool. To cater for the needs of these children, we are going to trial having a mat set up outside (weather permitting) for children to begin having their snacks during the morning. **Snacks will continue to be stored in children's bags to allow self-access.** All children will be encouraged to have their snack if they haven't already after the first group time.

Food at Preschool:

We have had some 'Hungry Little Caterpillars' at Preschool in the last few weeks at lunch time. Please chat to your child about their lunch, especially if their lunch box is coming home empty. You may want to consider packing another snack.

Child Protection Curriculum:

This term we have been talking about our identity and things we are good at. We will be making a book with the children's illustrations in the next couple of weeks of things they are good at.

We will also be exploring relationships including families, friends and people who help us. We will also begin our work on Fair and Unfair.



Outcome 4:

HELP NEEDED: for our work on Fair and Unfair we would really love it if we could have a pet visit Preschool. We will be talking about things a pet needs, what might make the pet feel unsafe and is it fair to do those things that make the pet feel unsafe. Please see Melissa if you are able to help.

In Partnership,
Mallala Preschool Educators



Term Dates For 2018

Term 1: 29 Jan - 13 April	Term 3: 23 July- 28 Sept
Term 2: 30 April - 6 July	Term 4: 15 Oct - 14 Dec

Preschool Session Times 2018:

Monday- 8.45-3.00pm

Tuesday- 8.45-3.00pm

Thursday- 8.45-3.00pm

(Even weeks of school term. Please see term calendar on following page).

Calendar Dates:



Outcome 5:

Help Needed:

We require some help from any keen gardeners to turn over the freshly applied mushroom compost in our vegetable gardens.



We also are wondering if anyone would be able to help us make sushi? We have been participating in the ELLA program and learning all about Japan and this would be a great learning experience.



Outcome 3:

Week	Date	Event
5	Mon 28 th May- Fri 1 st June	Reconciliation Week
6	Tues 5 th June	World Environment Day
6	Thurs 7 th June	Preschool Today Assembly 9.05am All Welcome
7	Mon 11 th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday – students do not attend on this day.
7	Thurs 14 th June	Free Positive Parenting Program Information Session 1-3pm. See brochure on last page of newsletter for more information.
8	Thurs 21 st June	International Day of Yoga
8	Thurs 21 st June	Preschool Today Assembly 9.05am All Welcome
9	Mon 25 th June	SA Dental Lift The Lip
10	Mon 2 nd - Fri 6 th July	NAIDOC Week
10	Thurs 5 th July	Preschool Today Assembly 9.05am All Welcome Last Day of Term 2 for Preschool

Early Years Learning Framework

Outcome 1:
Children have a strong sense of identity.



Outcome 2:
Children are connected with and contribute to their world.



Outcome 3:
Children have a strong sense of wellbeing.



Outcome 4:
Children are confident and involved learners.



Outcome 5:
Children are effective communicators.



Smiley Faces:

You will find the above smiley faces throughout the newsletter. Each smiley face represents a learning outcome from the Early Years Learning Framework. This is a quick guide to the EYLF and you can find a full copy of the EYLF in your child's Learning Journey Folder. Feel free to see Melissa if you require a copy of the EYLF Outcomes.

Happy Birthday!



We wish Happy Birthday to:

Hannah and Mack



Parenting SA Brochures:

We have various Parenting SA brochures on 60 different topics that may be of interest to you. Brochures have been selected at random as an example and included with your newsletter this week.



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Free Positive Parenting Program



Do you sometimes find you have questions about your child's behaviour and development and not quite sure where to turn?

→ Positive Parenting (Triple P) teaches simple and practical strategies to confidently tackle parenting challenges

Please join us for a FREE session where we will discuss and learn strategies relating to the **Power of Positive Parenting** including:

- Ensuring a safe engaging environment
- Creating a positive learning environment
- Using assertive discipline
- Having reasonable expectations
- Looking after yourself as a parent.

Light refreshments and crèche will be provided

When: Thursday 14th June at 1-3pm

Where: Mallala Preschool

To book: Contact Melissa Sinkinson;

Phone 8527 2240 or email: Melissa.keller723@schools.sa.edu.au

Everyone is welcome to join us for these engaging and informative sessions.

Happier families. Better relationships. Successful kids.

These seminars are delivered by DECD's Positive Parenting Team



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