

# Woodside Preschool NEWSLETTER

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Night is on Thursday  
Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5.30-  
7.00 pm. See the  
last page for details  
and tickets

## And they're off! School readiness, our style.

Every year in term 4, we watch our older children spread their wings and start to fly.

*They become masters of their preschool universe.*

They are strong and secure in the relationships with their friends, their teachers and their surroundings.

Their play is complex, independent and intricate.

They can do things themselves. Practical things. Self-help things. Problem solving things. Conflict resolution things. Negotiation things.

In fact, if we have done our job well, they rarely need us at all.

They want more, different, bigger, newer, harder, riskier, faster, longer and higher.

They climb - high. They hang upside down. They somersault. They run - fast.

They are at ease.

They love to tease us and joke with us -and to push us.

Their artwork is detailed, and often tells a story.

They push boundaries and limits.

They stand up for themselves.

They are curious.

They question.

They like games with rules.

They build cities with blocks and create magic out of boxes and tape.

They look after the younger ones - mostly.

They tell us what they want, in no uncertain terms.

They take on challenges.

They experiment with power.

They persist.

They play with words.

They write letters. They write their names. They write books.

They create their own play spaces.

They teach us things.

They undertake feats of complex engineering.

They tell us when we need to water the garden, feed the worms, pick the beans or feed the chooks.

They delight in 'real work'.

They roll their eyes but then get on with the business of packing away the block area or the sandpit like a well-oiled machine.

They make us laugh.

They are explorers, artists, scientists, mathematicians, authors, actors, musicians, athletes, dancers.

They give each other comfort and support - most of the time.

They can be still, and are learning that sometimes they need to be.

They know what they like. They know what they can do. They will tell you that they are good at everything.

They still like a cuddle, but then they are off again.

They like nonsense. The sillier, the better.

They strut.

They run through the bush, naming the landmarks along the way. The creek, the short cut, jump rock, the cave, boat rock.

They spend the days as mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, babies, cats, dogs, lions, ninjas, superheroes, aliens, princesses, astronauts and pirates.

They are special. They are needed. They belong.

**They don't just belong. They own the joint!**

"*You are going to cry, and cry and cry when I leave preschool.*" said one five year old matter of factly.

We tease them that we won't let them leave. "*You have to. You have to let us go.*" **And we do. They're ready**

[Based on an article \(no longer online\)-http://www.letthechildrenplay.net/2012/11/and-theyre-off-school-readiness-our.htm](http://www.letthechildrenplay.net/2012/11/and-theyre-off-school-readiness-our.htm)

# Robyn's News



# Our Learning



Well, as we close in on our preschool journey it's important we reflect on the enormous amount of learning and the many experiences we have shared together..



In addition to the everyday playful learning, we have been lucky (& creative) enough to have managed to participate in some very exciting and special preschool events. Not only are these events super fun, they help build relationships and a sense of belonging, as well as great memories to keep..

Take a minute to reflect on some of these both here and (later) in your child's sharing books. It truly has been an extraordinary year and it has been awesome sharing it with your family.

## 20+ Highlights from 2020

- ❖ Family Picnic with Fritz the clown
- ❖ Life Education Van
- ❖ Tour down Under presentation to Tash
- ❖ Glenn's Mobile Junkyard
- ❖ Harmony Day
- ❖ Our Teddy Bear - kindness fence project
- ❖ Virtual Mothers Night & Morning Play date
- ❖ Campfire Kindy days
- ❖ Reconciliation Week
- ❖ Chile Day
- ❖ International Mud Day
- ❖ Community oval walks
- ❖ Kindy Disco
- ❖ Big Buddy visits
- ❖ School Visits – Library
- ❖ Bush Kindy
- ❖ Father's Night
- ❖ Footy Colours Day
- ❖ Book Week parades
- ❖ Grug excursion
- ❖ Wheel-A-thon
- ❖ Woodside Cup



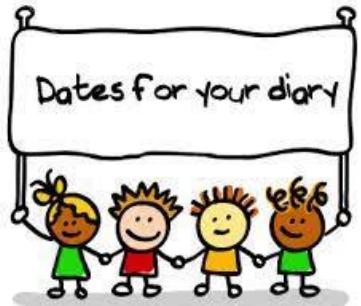
Still to come .....

- ❖ Kindy Concert & Graduation!

Sayonara Class of 2020 – Kathy, Jodie, Jane & Jo ☺



## TERM 4 200- Diary Dates



<b>Tues Nov 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Lynne and Sarah to visit Woodside Primary school receptions.
<b>Thurs Nov 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00-11.30 Pre Entry
<b>Tues Nov 17<sup>th</sup></b>	First Woodside Primary School transition visit (9.15-10.30) – then back to kindy (with staff)
<b>Thurs Nov 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Woodside Primary School Transition visit 9.15-11.45. Staff will then bring children back to kindy for the rest of the day 9.00-11.30- Pre Entry session
<b>Tues Nov 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Third Woodside Primary School transition visit (9.15-10.30) – back to kindy afterwards
<b>Wed Nov 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Governing Council Dinner 6.00pm at the Charleston Hotel
<b>Thurs Nov 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Final Woodside Primary School transition 9.15-1.45 (then home) 9.00-11.30- Final Pre Entry session
<b>Thurs Dec 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Graduation Night 5.30-7pm. Family picnic tea. Each graduating child can come along with 2 adults (and siblings). Bring your own picnic tea- no alcohol allowed. Attending adults need to complete the details on the tickets attached to this newsletter and bring them on the night. (In the event of rain we have booked the Lenswood Primary School hall)
<b>Wed Dec 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Last Day of kindy- lots of fun activities throughout the day to celebrate kindy.

# Governing Council

Our final Governing Council meeting for this year is on Wednesday Nov 25<sup>th</sup>. As it is our last meeting we will have dinner at the Charleston Hotel.

Traditionally at our last meeting we welcome people who may be interested in joining our Governing Council next year to 'come and try'.

If you will be a member of our Kindy community next year or know someone who is joining us next year and may be interested in joining the committee let them know about this date.

You can contact us for more details and to RSVP

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## Catastrophic fire danger days

Our centre has detailed plans in place to keep your child safe in the event of a bushfire.

On catastrophic fire danger days in the Mount Lofty Ranges fire ban district our centre will be **closed** and no one is permitted on site. After hours sports or activities will also be cancelled.

Whilst our centre's bushfire risk rating is R3 (medium to low risk), we are in close proximity to a nearby R1 or R2 (extreme to very high risk) school/preschool.

This change allows for a consistent approach to the management of school and preschool closures in our immediate area.

If a catastrophic fire danger day is forecast, we will inform you of a closure after 4pm the day before.

If the CFS upgrade the fire danger rating to catastrophic on the day, our centre will remain open. This is in line with the department's processes and allows us to more easily manage communication with parents and caregivers in the event that a closure of the centre is recommended by the department.

We encourage you to read the [Bushfire and your child's school or preschool brochure](#) for more information on closures and how we will act if threatened by a bushfire. Search 'bushfire information' on [www.education.sa.gov.au](http://www.education.sa.gov.au)



**Our Christmas Celebration & Graduation Night will be held on Thursday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5.30-7.00pm.**

Details can be found on the Diary Dates page of the Newsletter.

To help us comply with current COVID regulations we asked that each child has a maximum of 2 adults accompany them on the night. Siblings are also able to attend.

Attending adults need to complete the tickets below and return to kindy or bring on the night.

## Woodside Preschool Graduation Night



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Preschool Child's Name.....

Adult 1 name.....

Contact ph.....

Contact email.....

    Siblings attending Y/N

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