



Woodside Preschool Newsletter

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Can you believe we are almost halfway through Term 1? What a fun start we have had to the year, with both groups settling in well and engaging in lots of play and learning

Safety at Kindy

We have been practising our Emergency Evacuation procedures at kindy this week. It is important to start the year of with this so that everyone (staff, visitors and children) are aware of their roles if we ever need to evacuate in an emergency.

Our front gates are an important part of ensuring the safety of all children at kindy and need to remain closed at all times. **Please don't prop either of the front gates open when you arrive to collect children.** We understand that we have a number of school children coming down now that we finish later in the afternoon and many are able to open the gates themselves- please pass this information on to them as well. We encourage these school children to come into the yard (it is much safer than waiting n the carpark) but to also respect our yard and the fact that the preschool children have packed everything up for the day and it needs to stay as they find it.

2024 Reception Enrolment at Woodside Primary School- Mid Year

Is your child starting school at Woodside Primary School in Term 3? You will find an enrolment form in your notice pocket. Please complete and return to us at kindy by *Tuesday March 5th*.

Woodside Primary School Parent Information Session

Please join us on Tuesday March 26th at 9:00am for an information session and tour of the school with the Principal, Deputy Principal and Student Leaders. Call the school on 83897083 to register your attendance. *Open to parents from both groups.*

Kindy Photos- Blue Group

Hannah Lane will be here on *Tuesday March 26th* to take the individual and group photos for the Blue Group. You will receive information and order forms for this soon.

With Hannah, we don't have the ability to order additional prints but if you order a USB of all of the photos we have taken of your child it will also include digital copies of the professional photos by Hannah. Information about the USB orders was provided earlier in the term.

Photos for the January Intake (Green Group) will be taken in Term 3.

Younger children

If you have a younger child who is not yet preschool age, don't forget we also have a fun **Playgroup** on Fridays during term times from 9.30-11.30. This is supported by our fabulous coordinator Stephanie and this year we also have preschool staff on site on Fridays. Any children below school age are welcome- this means preschool children are welcome to attend.

We also have some places available in our **Occasional Care** programme so contact us for enrolment forms for your over 2 year olds. We have places available on Mondays, so let us know if you are interested.

We are also always keen to have **Registration of Interest** forms for any children below preschool age as this supports our future planning. If you have a child who will be attending preschool in the next few years, come and see us for a form. We are already sending out enrolments for mid-year and before we know it we will be sending out the packs for 2025.

Governing Council

We were thrilled to have families from both the blue and green groups gather together for our family tea last Wednesday. It was a great opportunity for children and parents to spend some time getting to know the people in our community.



We were also so pleased so many parents took the opportunity to attend our AGM.

We thank the following parents for putting their hands up to be on our governing council. Stephanie Robinson, Kelly Johnston, Becc Tanner, Mel Squiers, Genevieve Pote, Teagan Otterspoor, Matthew Francis, Yohanna Beltrame, Georgina Owen & Carly Brown. We really appreciate these people volunteering their time to help run our Kindy. Remember any parent can attend any governing council meeting if they would like to so keep an eye out for the dates in our newsletters.

What have we been learning?

The Blue group have been following on the interests of children in the group (as recorded in our Discovery Book).

We have been exploring “science”, following Henry’s learning interest. We have been doing experiments, exploring energy, testing floating and sinking, exploring magnets, mixing potions, observing nature. We have tried to find the answer to our question “What is science.” So far we think science is ~ pouring and popping, bubbles and popcorn, exploding, needing goggles, and cooking! A definition we have read says science is “Science is the process of learning about the natural world through observation and experimentation. ”



The Early Years Learning Outcome we have been covering is Outcome 4: Children Are Confident and Involved Learners ~ Children develop a range of learning and thinking skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching and investigating.

The Green Group have been developing their sense of belonging as we connect with each other and work together. Our understanding of preschool routines and expectations is growing and, most importantly, we are forming respectful and trusting relationships with staff and each other

We have been practising many important social skills such as cooperating, negotiating, communicating, listening, sharing, turn-taking, helping, kindness and team work. We are learning to interact with others with care, empathy and respect.

(Early Years Learning Framework - Outcome 1 "Children have a strong sense of identity")

Don't forget to check the closed Facebook Group each week for more details on what we have been learning



Future Dates- *please take note of extra days for both groups*

Pupil Free Day-14th March, Thursday

Both Groups extra day-15th March, Friday

Harmony Day-19th(Tuesday, Blue Group) & 21st (Thursday, Green Group) March

Disco-11th April, Thursday 6-7pm- BOTH GROUPS

Wheel-a-thon-28th June, Friday- BOTH GROUPS

Mother's Night-14th May, Tuesday 6-7pm- BOTH GROUPS

Bush Kindy- 24th May, Friday- BOTH GROUPS

Graduation- Blue Group-2nd July Tuesday 6-7pm

Father's Night-29th August, Thursday 6-7pm-BOTH GROUPS

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