



Woodside Preschool Newsletter August 2023

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We have had a busy start to the term as we have welcomed our Mid Year intake and moved to becoming a full-time site for 2 terms! Thanks to those who have been patient with us as we have made the occasional mix up with dates etc as we navigate this change.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Next week (week 5) is Children's Book Week and we will have lots of book related activities all week- including the Scarecrow construction for our Storybook Character Scarecrows.

We also love a dress up day where we encourage children to come dressed up as a book character. This doesn't have to be fancy or expensive- we love home made costumes (& staff will be wearing their home/kindy made creations). If you don't have anything available, have a chat to staff as we have a few boxes of dress ups that we are happy to lend for the day. (We also know that not everyone likes to dress up and if that is your child, that is ok as well). On our dress up day we encourage parents to 'stay and play' for the first hour of the day. We will also go for a small walk (weather permitting) along the Main Street.

Group 1- Thursday August 24th- Book Week dress up day and Stay and Play for parents 9.00-10.00am

Group 2- Friday August 21st- Book Week dress up day and Stay and Play for parents 9.

Governing Council News

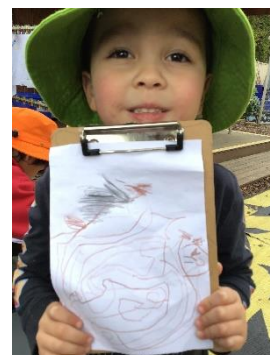
Our Quiz Night is not far away- don't forget to bring your donations in and get your table booked. We are looking forward to a fun night, raising funds for our Preschool.

For our Group 2 families- we would love you to become involved in our Governing Council. Information about Governing Council has gone into pockets today, but if your child was away and you missed it- you are welcome to come to our meeting THIS THURSDAY at 7.00pm to find out more. We are looking forward to seeing some new faces there.

What have we been learning?

Group 1

The term started with a visit from our Community Liaison Police Officers and this has led beautifully into our Child Protection Curriculum focus this term which is around knowing what is an emergency and how to get help, recognising Early Warning Signs



and developing Networks of adults who can help us. Topics we have already covered this year are recognising and naming emotions and feelings, safe and unsafe behaviours and consent.

All of these topics are introduced in a fun and age appropriate way- you may have noticed our Instagram post from last week showed the children watch and wait for a balloon to be popped- this introduced Early Warning Signs to the children.

Planning is underway for our two Scarecrows for the Royal Show- we are making Thing 1 and Thing 2 from The Cat in The Hat (which actually ties in nicely with our Child Protection Curriculum!) so both groups will make a scarecrow and we will display them together.

We have also been busy architects and engineers- exploring interesting buildings from around the world through construction and artwork. This was inspired by the photos we received from one of our kindy families currently in Europe.

Group 2

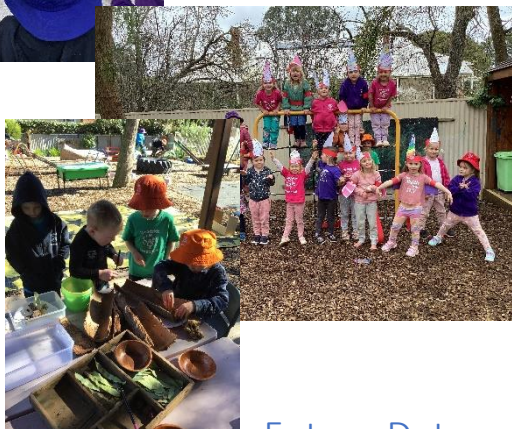


We have also been scarecrow planning as well as a been a strong focus on sea creatures, inspired by one child's fascination with the Slippery Fish song and all things 'octopus'.

Last Thursday was Bush Kindy for this group as they had the first of their make up days- out at Mt Crawford. It was an early start and a long day for them but a great time was had by all-even if there were adults and children the next day!



(8.30-3.30)
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Future Dates

DIARY DATES

August

Wednesday 16th- Bush Kindy (**Group 1**)

Thursday 17th- Governing Council 7pm- **all welcome to attend**

Thursday 24th- Book Week dress up day and Stay and Play for parents 9.00-10.00am

Friday 25th- Book Week dress up day and Stay and Play for parents 9.00-10.00am

Wednesday 30th- Father's Night (6-7pm)- (**Group 1 & 2**)

September

Tuesday 5th- Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 5th- Curriculum night 7-8pm (**Parents of Groups 1 & 2**)

Thursday 7th- bush Kindy (**Group 2**)



Wednesday 20th- Bush Kindy (**Group 1**)

Wednesday 27th- Last day of Term (**Group 1**)

Friday 29th- Last Day of Term (**Group 2**)

October

2nd-17th- School Holidays

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