

Woodside Preschool Newsletter November 2023



Week 5 Term 4 2023

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News

We are fast approaching the end of the preschool year-Group 1 will have their last day on Wednesday Dec 13th and Group 2 have their last day for the year on Thursday Dec 14th.

Our Family Tea, Christmas Concert and Graduation will be on Tuesday Dec 12th between 5.30 & 7.00pm and is for *both groups*. There will be a graduation 'ceremony' at the end of the evening for those going to school. Invitations with more information will go out in the next few weeks.

As the end of the year approaches we have a number of **cleaning/ maintenance jobs** that we would love some help with. A list will be put up soon next to the sign in table- feel free to put your name next to one of the jobs- they can be completed any time during the preschool week- or sometimes we send equipment home to be cleaned.

Holiday Monkeys- our Group 2 families are invited to let us know if you are going away over the Christmas Break and would like to take one of our Holiday Monkeys with you. They love going on adventures with their kindy friends!

Illness- you may have heard recently that SA Health are concerned about the growing numbers of both Gastro & Covid cases at the moment. Please remember to keep your child at home for the recommended time frames if they are sick. We really appreciate a phone call or as well so that we can be aware.

School Enrolment Forms- Group 1 families who have children attending Woodside primary School next year - please ensure enrolment forms are returned to the school *before* the first Transition visit next week.

For both of the Tuesday visits children need to be dropped at school at 9.15 and we will bring them back to kindy after their visit. For the Thursday visits you will need to drop them off and pick them up again as there is no kindy on either Thursday.



Governing Council News

Wine Drive- at our recent Governing Council meeting we decided to go ahead with a wine drive offer from The Lane. You will find an order form in your notice pocket- if you or your family/friends would like to purchase wine just complete the order and return with payment by Tuesday Dec 5th. Wines will be ready to collect from the Kindy on Tuesday Dec 12th. If you would like additional order forms, just let us know.

Due to your great support this year we have been able to purchase 3 new wicking beds for our Veggie Garden, new outdoor mats & a new bookcase. In the next week or 2 we will also be having a higher front fence installed (where the low chain mesh fence currently is) to ensure greater road safety as families enter and leave the premises.

Pageant -once again this year we will be walking in the Woodside Christmas Pageant on Thursday Dec 14th. We will provide more information later but put the date in your diaries now.

AGM- our Annual General Meeting has been set for Wednesday Feb 14th next year which will coincide with our Family Tea. If you think you would like to be involved in our Governing Council next year, you are invited to attend our final meeting for this year as a 'come and try'. It will be held at the Charleston Hotel (Dinner Meeting) on Thursday Nov 30th at 6.30pm. RSVP to a staff member.

What have we been learning?

We had a great joint excursion to the Art Gallery for the Tarnanthi Art Exhibition and a lot of our learning for the first few weeks centred around the types of art we would see there- learning about portraits, sculpture and having a focus on Contemporary Indigenous Art.

Last week we had 2 fabulous Grandparents and Special Friends days (even in the heat of Friday) and we really enjoyed watching the children proudly showing their special visitors around our wonderful site.

The Woodside Cup has been run and won for another year &

Of course next week we will swing into Christmas mode as excitement builds for the end of the year!



Future Dates

November

20th- Pre Entry session 1.00-3.30pm

-Parent Information Session (Pre Entry Families) 2.00-3.15pm

21st- Woodside Primary School Transition- drop *at school* at 9.15am, pick up *from kindy* at 3.00pm

23rd- Pupil Free Day

Woodside Primary School Transition -drop *at school* at 9.15am, pick up *from school* at 10.30am

27th- Pre Entry 1.00-3.30pm

28th- Woodside Primary School Transition- drop *at school* at 9.15am, pick up *from Kindy* at 3.00pm

30th- Woodside Primary School Transition-drop *at school* at 9.15am, pick up from school at 1.30pm

- *Group 2*- Extra kindy day **8.30am-1.30pm**

-Governing Council dinner meeting 6.30pm

December

4th- Final Pre Entry Session

12th- Family Tea & Christmas Concert- 5.30-7.00pm

13th- Group 1 last day

14th- Group 2 last day

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