



St. Dunstan's Preschool

Newsletter June 2023

Dear Families,

Upcoming Dates

Event	Information and Dates	
Excursion- walk around the block.	Amigo - 06/06/2023	Rafiki - 07/06/2023
	Chingu - 08/06/2023	Bunji - 09/06/2023
Public Holiday- King's Birthday	Preschool will be closed Monday 12 th of June	
Family Fun Day	Saturday 24 th of June	
Family Meetings	Week starting Monday 19 th of June (more information to come)	
Pyjama Day	Amigo and Rafiki - Wednesday 28 th of June Chingu and Bunji - Friday 30 th of June	
Last Day of Term 2	Amigo and Rafiki - Wednesday 28 th of June Chingu and Bunji - Friday 30 th of June	
First Day of Term 3	Amigo and Rafiki- Monday 17 th July Chingu and Bunji - Thursday 20 th July	

Family Meetings

Family meetings will be starting on Monday the 19th of June. A note will be placed in your child's communication pocket next week with available dates and times. Family meetings are a great opportunity to go through your child's progression of learning, assess your child's readiness for kindergarten (or whether another year of preschool is an option) and discuss goals for the next 6 months.

Pyjama Day

We have been very fortunate to support our preschool families and we would also like to help our broader community including feeding the homeless. We are asking children to come dressed in their PJ's on the last day of term 2 (please see upcoming dates) along with a monetary donation. The money raised will be used to buy food, which the children can then help put together creating a snack pack. These will then be passed on to the St Vincent de Paul Society who will then hand them out on their night patrol. On Pyjama Day we will cook/bake, have popcorn and watch a few episodes of Bluey.

Show and Tell

This year we have decided not to have a show and tell roster for the children, however, children are encouraged to bring a photo, favourite storybook, something they have made or game in to share for show and tell. No toys will be shown during show and tell time.

Family Fun Day - 24th of June 2023, 10am- 1pm

Come join us at St Dunstan's for a day filled with children's activities including arts and craft, face painting, jumping castle, cake stall, sushi/rice paper rolls and a free sausage sizzle.

Cost - \$25 per family

We will need your help. If you can help bring cakes/sweets for us to sell at our cake stall or ingredients for the sushi and rice paper rolls. We will also require helpers on the day to help with things such as art and craft supervision, nail painting, serving at the cake stall or cooking sausages.

If you can help with any of the above please see a staff member.

Please check your emails (St Dunstan's Adobe) for more information. If you didn't receive the email, please let us know.

Padlet

We have created an online platform which has some of our policies and procedures, our Quality Improvement Plan, school readiness information, child safety, the national law and regulations and links to great resources.

Please take the time to look through the information, if you have any questions, please let us know.

There are also resources on our parent/caregiver library (located at the front gate) and on our website.

<https://padlet.com/director556/families-66jxl46h6n4a0vdw>

Providing a Child Safe Environment

We have also been doing extensive professional development around keeping children safe.

We have reviewed our policies and procedures and have made significant changes to ensure we are enforcing best practices within our preschool.

Some of our policies and produces relating to keeping children safe in include:

- Proving a childsafe environment.
- Statement of Commitment to child safety
- Code of Conduct
- Child Protection
- Interactions with children
- Family Grievance
- Supporting a child's sense of agency, wellbeing, and identity
- Volunteers
- Working Together Agreement

These policies are available to read on our padlet.

We require all parents and/or guardians to sign our code of conduct. We will have copies of these for you to sign in the upcoming weeks.

Friendly Reminders

- Please remember your child's hat.
- With the unpredictable weather we have been experiencing it is important to make sure that your child is wearing sensible clothing.
- Please remember to pack spare clothes (including items for cooler weather)
- Slow down and drive carefully in the carpark.
- Always hand your child's medication to a member of staff and complete a medication form.
- Sandals and running shoes are the best choice for climbing our obstacle course, so no thongs, crocs or ugg boots please.
- Please remember to bring a water bottle.
- Please do not hold the gates open for long periods of time as it can be an opportunity for children to leave the preschool unaccompanied.
- Please do not leave any siblings in your car. It is against the law. If this causes issues for you, see a staff member for assistance.
- Please remember we are an allergy aware preschool.

Michelle, Stacey, Esther, Terrie, Mimi, Rubi, Sephine, Young, Ben, Lynette and Simone