



St. Dunstan's Preschool

Newsletter May 2024

Dear Families,

Upcoming Dates

Class	Dates	Events
All classes	Saturday 1 st of June 10am to 1pm	Family Fun Day
Rafiki and Amigo classes	Monday 10 th of June	Public Holiday- Preschool will be closed
Rafiki and Amigo classes	Tuesday 18 th of June	Preschool Photos- <i>more information to come</i>
Bunji and Chingu classes	Thursday 20 th of June	Preschool Photos- <i>more information to come</i>

Family Fun Day

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

Cost - \$30 per family (everything will be free on the day)

Please remember that it will be a busy day and you will be responsible for your own children, educators won't be actively supervising. At all times children must be in the company of an adult (this includes older and younger siblings).

We will require helpers on the day to help with things such as art and craft supervision, nail painting, and cooking sausages.

If you can help, please see a staff member.

We will require you to RSVP and pay. Please check your emails (From Adobe) for more information. If you didn't receive the email, please let us know.

Spare Clothes

PLEASE pack spare clothes for your child. This includes weather appropriate tops, bottoms, underwear, and socks. We know your child is toilet trained but accidents can happen during toileting and when engaging in water play. We have minimal spare clothes in emergencies, but we want to respect children and value their right to wear something that belongs to them.

Packed Lunches

Even with the cooler weather, ice bricks are still needed in your child's lunch boxes. Correct storage of children's food is vital for their health and safety and is governed by our nutrition policy and appropriate authorities.

Sustainability Festival



Sunday 2 June 2024 | 10 am - 2 pm

Ryde Council is holding a Sustainability Festival, in celebration of World Environment Day. This event promotes sustainability, resilience, and environmental awareness.

This year's festival will be held on Sunday 2 June 2024 from 10.00am - 2.00pm at Anzac Park, West Ryde.

For more information, please visit

[https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Sustainability-](https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Sustainability-Festival#:~:text=Sunday%20%20June%202024,at%20Anzac%20Park%2C%20West%20Ryde)

[Festival#:~:text=Sunday%20%20June%202024,at%20Anzac%20Park%2C%20West%20Ryde](https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Sustainability-Festival#:~:text=Sunday%20%20June%202024,at%20Anzac%20Park%2C%20West%20Ryde)

National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week (May 27-June 3) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. This year's theme is 'Now More Than Ever'.

Ryde Council is holding events from the 26th of May to June the 12th including guided walks and Indigenous games and craft. For more information, please click on the link below.

<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/National-Reconciliation-Week>

Child Safe Series

The Office of the Children's Guardian has developed the SAFE series – four children's books containing personal safety messages for children under six. The books support children's rights and promote the concept of kids having a voice. They help children identify the parts of their body that are private, help them understand their feelings and encourage them to think about five people they trust to help them if they feel scared, sad or upset.

We will be keeping you informed as we have intentional teaching groups around each book.

Show and Tell

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

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** and that you apply sunscreen to your child upon arrival at preschool. **Sunscreen** is always available on top of the lockers and at the outside sink. We will assist your child with application for afternoon outside play.
- 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, Ugg boots or crocs 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