



## St. Dunstan's Preschool Newsletter March 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Once again we would like to thank you for your support during these ever changing times.

### Upcoming Dates

Class	Last day of Term 1	First Day of Term 2
Amigo and Rafiki (3 Day)	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> of April	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> of April
Chingu and Bunji (2 Day)	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> of April	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> of April

### COVID changes

We are aware that the NSW Government are easing restrictions in relation to isolation rules for household contacts.

As mentioned previously we have a duty of care to keep all children, staff members and families safe. This means we can make adjustments to what we feel is necessary. As we allow adults to drop off and pick up within the preschool not just outside in the playground, **you are still required to wear a mask at all times.** If you do not have a mask, please call from the gate and we will come out and collect your child. The same procedure still applies if you have other children with you.

In relation to household contacts. **If you or child is a close contact and has not had COVID within the last 6 weeks, they must continue to isolate for 7 days each time a person tests positive within the home.** As stated above, we understand the Government has changed their recommendations, however we feel that it is important as most of our children cannot be vaccinated, there is no social distancing and children do not wear masks. If you need to clarify this, please see Michelle.

We understand that these rules are not ideal for all families, but we trust that you continue to follow the guidelines we implement to keep everyone safe.

### Management Committee for 2022

On Tuesday March 15, we held our Annual General Meeting and welcomed our new and returning parent and church representatives:

Parent Representatives:

- Hui wi Quek (Treasurer)
- Melinda Fitzgerald

- Claire Hinggerson (Vice President)
- Rubi Martin

#### Church Representatives:

- Tim Adams (Secretary)
- Robyn Hattingh (President)
- Robyn McMurdo (Assistant Secretary)
- Albertus Hattingh
- Craig McMurdo

A big THANK YOU and welcome to the new committee, we are looking forward to another positive and productive year for the preschool.

### **Policies**

We are continuously reviewing policies at the preschool. Part of the process is to receive parent feedback regarding policies. If you are available to help us with this process by taking policies home to comment on, please see Michelle.

### **Family photos**

We would like some family photos to add to your child's Preschool Journey book. Please hand the photos in your child's teacher, or email them to [mail@stdpk.org.au](mailto:mail@stdpk.org.au) and we can print them off for you.

### **Our educational program**

We would like to share with you how our educational program operates at the preschool. A quality program addresses the learning of the children within a planning cycle which has the following stages: observing and collecting information, analysing, planning, implementing, reflecting/evaluating.

Please see attached a summary of our planning cycle in which every child's learning is documented and reflected upon in order to provide opportunities for them to achieve their best learning potential in preparation for school and life.

### **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.
- 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 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.

Thank you for the wonderful support you have shown with following our COVID policies and procedures.

Michelle, Julie, Hayley, Stacey, Esther, Terrie, Sephine, Young, Ben, Lynette and Simone