



St. Dunstan's Preschool Newsletter May 2023

Dear Families,

Upcoming Dates

Event	Information and Dates	
School Photos	Rafiki- 29 th of May (Mon)	Amigo- 30 th of May (Tues)
	Bunji- 1 st of June (Thurs)	Chingu- 2 nd of June (Fri)
School Readiness Information Night	Tuesday 30 th of May at 6:30pm- This is for adults only.	
Excursion- walk around the block.	Week Starting 5 th of June More information to come in a separate email	

School Photos- Week starting 29th of May.

The following is a guide to when your child's photos will be taken. This will of course be dependent on the weather.

29th of May- Raffki individual and group photos (Stacey and Rubi)

30th of May- Amigo individual and group photos (Mimi and Esther)

1st of June- Bunji individual and group photos (Mimi and Esther)

2nd of June- Chingu individual and group photos (Stacey and Rubi)

If you would like a sibling photo, please see Michelle. Sibling photos can be taken between 8:15am-9am during the week.

No payment/orders are required before the photos are taken. Once the photos are taken you will receive an online link with a personal password to view the photos and you can place an order if you would like.

School Readiness Information Night

Tuesday 30th of May at 6:30pm

The presentation will provide information regarding what it means for a child to be ready for school, which will be shared by Jocelyn Lindley a teacher from Denistone East Public School. The discussion will focus on areas of child development that should be considered for school readiness, such as personal independence, resilience, and social and emotional skills. There will also be information provided regarding what you can do to support your child in preparation for school.

If you haven't yet RSVP'd and you would like to come, please do so. For more information, please see the email that was sent on 09/05/2023.

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.

We would love for you to contribute to our display by taking a speech bubble home (please see email sent on 15/05/2023 for more information).

Ryde Council are holding events from the 30th of May to June the 4th that involve information talks in English, Mandarin and Korean, as well as guided walks and Indigenous games. For more information, please click on the link below.

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

Information at the front gate

Some of you may have noticed changes to our entry gate. We are changing our programming practices to make it more visible for our families. You will notice our 'Learning Journey Board' which highlights some of the learning that is taking place at preschool. We also have our "Making Learning Visible" folders on the children's lockers. We hope you are able to take the time to read through the documentation, and add comments and feedback, even if it is verbal thoughts to an educator. In addition to these we document children's learning individually. We will be going through this in more detail at the transition to school night. If you cannot make the information night and would like more information, please see your child's educators.

We have also added our QIP and parent library. The library has policies, pamphlets, information books and novels. If you would like to borrow anything, please just ask!

We will be putting up reflection questions that we would really like feedback on, and as mentioned we are happy for you to write it, or you can give us verbal feedback which we can then write. Feedback (both positive and constructive) and is very important for our self-assessment journey and we want you to share this in a way that you are most comfortable with.

We will also be starting an online resource padlet that you can access at any time. The padlet (an online link) will have information regarding how we provide a child safe environment, policies and procedures, transition to school information as well as useful links. An email will be sent next week with information on how to access the padlet.

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.

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

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