



St. Dunstan's Preschool

Newsletter June 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for your ongoing support including helping out in the kitchen, working bees, participating in our questionnaires and attending our school readiness presentation (just to name a few).

Upcoming Dates

<u>Events</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Last day of Term 2	Rafiki and Amigo - Wednesday 23 rd of June Chingu and Bunji - Friday 25 th of June
Pyjama Day	Rafiki and Amigo - Wednesday 23 rd of June Chingu and Bunji - Friday 25 th of June
First day of Term 3	Rafiki and Amigo - Monday 12 th of July Chingu and Bunji - Thursday 14 th of July

Kitchen duty

Thank you to the families who have helped support us in Term 2.

Please keep an eye out on the board at the entrance to Preschool as we will be adding Terms 3 and 4 next week.

Don't forget we will be organising excursions which we will need family support for. This will also count as a "kitchen duty"

Pyjama Day (23rd and 25th of June)

Children are encouraged to come in their PJ's with a donation. The money raised will be used to help out our local community, This year we have decided to look into an organisation where the children can help be involved (such as making food or resources to help the community), rather than just donating the money. I've only just started to look into this, if anyone is already associated with any organisation that we could potentially help can you please let Michelle know.

Community Board

We have started our community board (located on the fence outside the preschool entry). As mentioned previously, we are inviting families to put a photo or description up with your name. Items should be in good, clean, working condition that you feel can be of use to one of our preschool families. When a family communicates that they would like the item to a staff member, an exchange can be organised. Please don't bring the items in until we know they have a new home to go to.

LOL Dolls

Thank you to the families you provided us with feedback regarding the LOL dolls. We discussed the feedback received at one of our critical reflections meeting and decided that we will donate the dolls to families in need, as we are very fortunate to have many wonderful resources to use at our preschool. We really do value your thoughts and comments and will be asking you for more feedback in the near future.

School Readiness Presentation

Thank you to the families who attended our school readiness presentation. As we mentioned on the night, we will email you (next week) a list of resources/information that we referred to on the night including those the teachers from Denistone East Public School referred to in their presentation.

Landcare funding

We were very fortunate to be successful in obtaining a grant from Woolworths to go towards our sustainable learning environment. With the funding we received we will be replacing our broken worm farm and will purchase new seedings and soil to plant in our preschool environment. We would love to provide a learning environment where by the children can be involved in the whole process from buying and planting the seedings, caring for the growing plants (using our 'worm wee'), eating the veggies/fruit and then putting the scraps back into the worm farm. If you have an interest in this area please see Michelle, we would love for you to be involved!

COVID

Thank you to all our wonderful families that have followed our COVID policy and had their child tested and waited for the negative result (as well as having no cold/flu symptoms) before returning back to preschool. We know it can be hard and not ideal but we all need to continue to get tested (even with the mildest of symptoms) to ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of all families, children, staff and educators.

Family Meetings

Family meetings will be starting on Tuesday 15th of June. If you have asked for a family interview please check your child's note pocket for a confirmation date and time. There are still a few available times, so if you haven't put in your form but would like an interview please see your child's teachers. Family meetings are a great opportunity to go through your child's progression of learning report, assess your child's readiness for kindergarten (or whether another year of preschool is an option) and discuss goals for the next 6 months.

Zest for Life (School Holiday Kids Club (Kindergarten to Year 6))

Zest for life is a program run in the holidays by Macquarie Anglican Church held at St Dunstan's Church. Unfortunately, this program does not cater for preschool age children, but we thought we would inform you in case you have older siblings (Kindergarten to Year 6) who might be interested in attending.

For more information, please click on the link
<https://www.macquarieanglican.org/event/zest/>

Reminders

With the unpredictable weather and a lot of fun to be had at preschool please remember to pack a hat and spare clothes (including jumpers, pants, socks and undies) for your child.

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

