



St. Dunstan's Preschool Newsletter June 2024

Dear Families,

Upcoming Dates

Event	Dates	
Preschool Photos	Amigo and Rafiki - Tuesday 18 th of June Chingu and Bunji – Thursday 20 th of June	
Excursion- walk to Kings Park	Rafiki -24/06/2023	Amigo - 25/06/2023
	Chingu - 27/06/2023	Bunji - 28/06/2023
Family Meetings	Week starting Monday 24 th of June	
School readiness Presentation	Tuesday 2 nd of July at 6:30pm	
Pyjama Day	Amigo and Rafiki - Wednesday 3 rd of July	
	Chingu and Bunji - Friday 5 th of July	
Last Day of Term 2	Amigo and Rafiki - Wednesday 3 rd of July	
	Chingu and Bunji - Friday 5 th of July	
First Day of Term 3	Amigo and Rafiki- Monday 22 nd July	
	Chingu and Bunji - Thursday 25 th July	
StEPS Eye Test	Amigo and Rafiki - Wednesday 31 st of July	
	Chingu and Bunji – Thursday 1 st of August	

Preschool Photos

Please complete the online enrollment before your child's photo day. The link was sent via email.

Excursion to Kings Park

The children will have the opportunity to be physically present within their community, whilst observing the world around them. As we walk, educators and adult helpers will actively participate in conversations to draw the children's attention to aspects of the natural and built world around them (different trees, plants and animals that they notice, houses, house numbers, and types of cars). The children will have the opportunity to become physically active and build their capabilities in walking distances, whilst also developing an awareness of safety and responsibility whilst walking along the street. Whilst at Kings Park children can closely explore the environment and use tongs to collect rubbish, Caring for Country.

If you would like your child to attend please make sure you have completed the permission form that was sent via Adobe.

Family Meetings

Family meetings will be starting on Monday the 24th of June. A note has been placed in your child's communication pocket 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. Meetings can also be made with Michelle to discuss any matters involving the operations of the preschool.

School Readiness Presentation

The presentation will provide information regarding what it means for a child to be ready for school, which will be shared by teachers from Denistone East Public School as well as teachers from St Dunstan's Preschool. 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 can attend this information evening, could you please RSVP by replying to this email, informing an educator or sending a message on Whatsapp.

Pyjama Day

We have been very fortunate to support our preschool families and we would also like to help our local community. Community Christian Aid is a community hub that aims to provide community support as well as many other things.

We are asking children to come dressed in their PJ's on the last day of term 2 (please see upcoming dates) along with items that can be placed in the local community pantry cupboard which is located in Eastwood.

These items include long life milk, coffee, cans of tuna, pasta sauce, snacks (muesli bars, tiny teddies, chips), tissues, shampoo, toilet paper and anything else that has a long expiry date which you think families in need could use.

StEPS- Eye Test

“The StEPS program is a free population based vision screening program and is designed to identify childhood vision problems which cannot be detected by observation, behaviour, family history or vision surveillance. The StEPS program will actively identify and target all 4 year old children in NSW to offer them a free visual acuity screen using a validated test”.

This eye test happens here at preschool and is free for all children. Permission notes will be placed in your child's communication pockets shortly.

Family Fun Day

Thank you for making our Family Fun Day a success. Even though it rained throughout the day we could see everyone having fun! We asked for feedback and most of you have suggested another Family Fun Day. We will aim to have another one later in the year.

Child Safe Series

As mentioned previously, we have been intentionally teaching children about child safety. The first two books we have focused on are Sam the safe explorer and Fiona finds her five heros.

“Sam the safe explorer looks at how children can recognise safe and unsafe spaces. It helps kids recognise how they feel in places, even familiar places, and especially ones where they're scared or upset”.

“Fiona finds her five heroes promotes the concept of kids having a support network of five people they can turn to if they feel sad, scared or upset. It aims to undermine the use of secrecy that many abusers rely upon. It also helps children understand there are always people they can turn to for help.
Providing a Child Safe Environment”

Friendly Reminders

- Please remember your child's hat.
- Please remember to pack an ice brick in your child's lunch boxes even in the cooler weather.
- 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