

Bush Baby News

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CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Welcome to Term 3! It is hard to believe we are now over the half-year hump and heading downhill towards Christmas and the New Year!

I hope you were able to enjoy a school holiday period that had just the right amount of rest and excitement, and I hope those families and friends who purchased our Fruit and Vegetable Boxes enjoyed the fresh goodness and were able to put together some nutritious meals to help get through flu season!

Happily the Fruit and Vegetable Boxes were truly local with much of the produce coming from Mowbray Park and Top 40 Orchard at Oakdale. So with your Fruit and Vegetable Box purchase you were able to support both the preschool and some local farmers who are still doing it tough through the drought - it was a win/win! With any luck you might have even had some success (like I did) getting the kids to try something new because it came from 'the box'!!!

There are a number of activities coming up this term including a Bunnings Bake Sale in August so keep your eye out for key dates in the newsletter and, as always, we look forward to your continued support of the fundraising activities which allow us to make improvements to the preschool to benefit all the children and staff.

As always, if you have any feedback, questions or queries please don't hesitate to chat to myself, another board member, Mrs Downie, or of course, pop it in the Suggestion Box at the sign in desk.

Kind regards,

Bec Pollard

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3

Monday 22nd July – Friday 27th September

- Police familiarization and safety talk – Mon 12, Wed 14 & Fri 23 Aug



- Bunnings Cake Stall – Saturday 31st August



- Grandparents week – 26th – 30th August



A BIG THANK YOU...



Alexis O'Brien who picked up a huge shopping bag full of rubbish that had been dumped in the Preschools side parking area.

WELCOME BACK

Welcome to a busy term 3.

Please check the dates to remember for the important dates such as class photo days, walkathon, Bunnings cake stall and Grandparents week.

More information or invitations will follow, for now, mark them on your calendar.

REPORTS

The educators are currently working on mid-year summaries of progress to send to you. You should receive these early in week 3. There is a tear off section where you need to comment back to the educator who wrote the report with items you would like to see further developed at Preschool. Please ensure you return the bottom section as soon as possible. Educators will be including your input in our plan for your child for the term.



JOBS BOARD

THE JOBS BOARD IS NOW ATTACHED TO THE WALL AT THE ENTRY.

A great family suggestion was to have a jobs board where families could see what the preschool needed doing, and where families could help. There are a few things on there at the moment. Please see Mrs Downie if you can help with any of them.

- School readiness information evening at Preschool – Wed Sept 4th evening
- Class photos and individual photos – Mon 16th, Wed 18th & Fri 20th Sept



- Walkathon 23-27th September–last week of term 3



Term 4

Monday 14th October –
Friday 20th December



STAFFING

Mrs Mills will be working for Mrs Adams in the Wattle room for the remainder of the year. Mrs Mills works several days in the Wattle room already and knows all the children well, so she is a great addition to this room.

Preschool is looking for a casual staff member who is available with very short notice to replace staff who are sick. The ideal person would be able to be long term, to give consistency to the children, and know our routines well. If you know anyone who is interested, please encourage them to call Mrs Downie at the Preschool.



ANNUAL ONE OFF DONATIONS

The donation box is out the front for families whose surname starts with G, H, I, J, K or L.

Please bring in your donation of toilet paper and tissues, at your earliest convenience and have your name marked off. This is an important donation to keep costs down for the Preschool. Thank you.



CHILD SAFETY

Leaving your child for the first time, and trusting others to care for them is a big step. Enrolling your child at preschool is important for their independent development and for them to practice social skills and caring for themselves.

The staff, educators and management at the Oaks Preschool are committed to keeping your child safe and to providing information for families on how to keep their children safe.

We do this through:

1. Employing trained staff and ensuring educators continue to update their knowledge according to current regulations and laws
2. Ensuring staff are fully trained in emergency First Aid, anaphylaxis, asthma and fire procedures.
3. Ensuring staff are familiar with all safety requirements and practice emergency procedures often
4. Complying with all safety requirements for equipment and buildings and maintain these regularly
5. Supervising children effectively both indoors and out
6. Our preschool program including many opportunities for both intentional teaching and spontaneous opportunities for helping children learn safety messages such as
 - Road Safety

- Healthy eating-Nutrition
- Sun Safety
- Physical Health
- Hygiene and Dental Care
- Safe play and Behaviors
- Stranger Danger

7. Educators being aware of, and identifying concerns with the safety of children through child protection training. This includes signs of neglect, physical, sexual and emotional abuse. Staff at the Preschool are mandatory reporters and, as such, are obliged, under the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 (NSW)* to report any concerns they may have regarding any children in our care.

If you have any questions regarding our processes for keeping children safe, please see staff.

