

Bush Baby News

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TERM 2 WEEK 10 2020



CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Since our last newsletter we have received the news from Mrs Downie regarding her taking long service leave for Term 4, and her then planned retirement at the end of the year. As you are aware, we celebrated Mrs Downie's 20th anniversary at The Oaks Preschool earlier this year, and so it goes without saying that this has been a significant decision for Mrs Downie to make, and of course foreshadows the end of a very special era for The Oaks Preschool.

I will have much more to say about our wonderful Director and her contribution to our preschool over the last two decades later in the year, but in the meantime I want to thank Mrs Downie for the work she has done and is doing to ensure that the transition to her long service leave in Term 4 and beyond into 2021 will be as seamless as possible. As she has done in the past when Mrs Downie has taken extended leave, Mrs Sayre will step into the role of Nominated Supervisor for preschool in Term 4. I wish to thank Mrs Sayre for her willingness to take on these additional responsibilities - her presence in this role will provide continuity and stability for the children and our staff as we head into all of the usual the end of year activities that we all look forward to.

DATES TO REMEMBER Term 3

**Monday 20th July –
Friday 25th September**

- 17th-21st August,
Science week

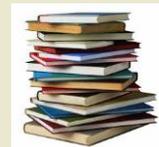


- Sunday 6th Sept,
Father's day

Term 4



- Class photos 12th,
14th, 16th October
2020.



- 17th – 23rd
October, Book
week

As Mrs Downie will be on leave during Term 4 we are currently seeking to employ an Early Childhood Teacher (university trained) for Term 4, with the possibility of ongoing employment in 2021. If you know anyone who may be suitably qualified, and would like more information about the position, please ask them to contact preschool for more information. Applications close on Wednesday 19 August 2020.

Finally, thank you as always to everyone in our preschool community for all you are doing to ensure we are able to operate in a COVID-Safe environment. The respectful compliance to our revised policies and procedures allows our children to continue to come to preschool each week and enjoy learning through play, as well as all the interesting experiences offered by our wonderful educators.

Stay safe, and let's keep wash, wash, washing our hands!

Kind regards,

Bec Pollard

FAMILY THANK YOU'S

Fogerty Family for the large non slip mat for our sign in area

Shepherd Family for the books

ROOM REPORTS: WATTLE ROOM

Welcome back to term 3! The wattle room children have had a busy and fun three weeks back.

Our Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday children have been looking at the human body. We have discussed some of the body parts and organs and joined in for some fun experiments.

We have also talked about things that are important for our bodies including healthy foods and exercise.

Our Thursday and Friday children have also been busy, learning about the ocean and its dangerous creatures. They enjoyed participating in a density experiment and are now looking at pollution in our oceans.

We have also enjoyed lots of healthy teeth activities after our dental visit last term and lots of fun science experiments such as potion making and lava lamps.

We are looking forward to many more fun activities this term!

ROOM REPORTS: WILLOW ROOM

The Willow Room have been very busy this term learning about our bodies. We have discovered how our food gets from our mouth into our tummies and names of the internal organs within our bodies. We have also discussed how to keep our bodies healthy.

Moving through the rest of the term will commence working on what we put into our mouth that is good for us and incorporate sustainability into this as we begin to plant seeds for planting into our garden to prepare for Spring.

Craft has also been very popular in the Willow Room recently which prompted Educators to create a craft station for the children to use at any time. We hope you are enjoying the lovely things they are bringing home.

We look forward to the fun activities that are to come for the remainder of the term.

INFORMATION

Science week 17-21 August 2020 will be held next week with educators challenging children with lots of experiments and information related to this years theme: Beyond the Blue

Book week August 2020

Each year, we hold a preschool library on the verandah, where children are able to borrow preschool books, take them home and read them, then return, signing them in and out themselves!

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we will be unable to do this wonderful activity this year. We WILL, however, continue with the roster for children to bring in their own special book to have read to the class during the Preschool day. Watch Kinderloop for your child's allocated day, and encourage them to bring a book in to share on that day. (Please help them choose their favourite that would be great to read to a class, with several other books being read at the same time, so not too long!) Thank you.

Walkathon 21-25 September as an end of term activity. Please stay tuned for further information and receive your sponsor sheet. We will still be holding our annual event, it just may be held without our usual group of families to cheer us on.

Photos class postponed. Please see first page, dates to remember for revised portrait, sibling and class photo dates.

Picture products

How families can participate:

The Preschool strongly encourages family input into the Preschool. Unfortunately the opportunities are limited this year due to COVID-19 procedures. Please see an educator if you would like to help and have some ideas. Suggestions are also always welcome in the suggestion box at the Wattle sign in area.

Join our Picture Product fundraising project and...

make a wonderful keepsake

Turn your child's memories into a durable high-quality product that will last a lifetime.

Both decorative and useful, picture products are beautiful. Children love eating off their own picture plate and keeping them to show their families.

BE ORGANISED FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Your child can use photos (try a photo collage), markers, footprints and paints to create their artworks and you can order as many copies of your product as you like, so it's a fantastic gift idea for grandparents and family members.

HOW: Simply choose which products you would like to order. Fill out the order form and return to preschool together with the payment by Friday 28 August 2020.

At the time of returning your order form and evidence of payment (internet transfer preferred, cash if internet banking unavailable) you will receive your template. You will then have until Friday 11 September 2020 to return your completed work.

Follow instructions on what to use, and DO NOT crease the paper template. Take care and leave a margin.

You can order multiple copies of the same artwork (on the same product) or complete separate items.

Picture clock 25cm \$30

Small clock 20cm \$25

Water bottle 600 ml \$25

Water bottle 400ml \$20

Mug plastic/ceramic \$20

Tablemat \$20

Picture Plate \$25

Phone case Various models available \$20

2021 calendar \$15

Have fun!

ORDER FORMS AND MONEY DUE BACK BY FRIDAY 28 August 2020

ARTWORKS COMPLETED and RETURNED TO PRESCHOOL 11 September 2020

FINISHED PRODUCTS WILL BE READY BY 23 November 2020