

NEWSLETTER Term 3 Week 1 2016

Welcome back to Willow Close Pre-School for Term 3 and a special welcome to our new teacher Asta as well as our new students Ethan, Shantanu and their families.



Our Condolences

On behalf of the Willow Close Preschool community we extend our deepest condolences to the Delaine family on the tragic passing of Juanita Delaine in hospital last week. Juanita is the mother of Jaxon who is part of our kindy community.

We are thinking of them during this difficult time.

Reminders

Signing In and Signing Out

It is important for the safety of all concerned at pre-school that your child is signed in upon arrival and signed out by an approved carer upon departure.

Lunch Boxes

There have been some lollies and chocolates appearing in children's lunch boxes this week. As these are sometimes foods, could you please make sure they are not packed for your child's kindergarten lunches. We aim to encourage healthy eating as much as possible at kindergarten.

Kindergarten Photos

The children's photo packs have now arrived and will be available for viewing next week until Monday the 15th of August. A full pack costs \$35 but you may choose your own selection from the pack. Photos can be collected once we have received payment for them. You are able to reorder.

Playgroup Fridays 12:30-2:30pm

Come and join Willow Close Playgroup. Meet other parents and their children in a friendly atmosphere. Open for children from birth to 5 years - cost \$2 for children 2 and over.

Dates to Remember

Fri 19th August 2016

Child and Family Health Checks

If your child has not yet had a health check and you would like to arrange one, please see Asta.

Wed 10th August 2016

Governing Council Meeting

for governing council members will be held at the kindergarten at 7:30 pm. New members are welcome!

Sun 14th September 2016

Family Portraits from 9am for those families who have booked a time and paid.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Belonging, Being and Becoming. Children are Effective Communicators

The Treasure Box

This term we are introducing **Treasure Boxes** to the children to support their interests in sharing things from home. Each child will have an opportunity to take the Treasure Box home, place up to three favourite things from home and bring it to their next pre-school session to share with a small group of children. The Treasure Box promotes increased confidence between the speaker and listener to describe, formulate and answer questions and to improve listening and turn taking skills.



Belonging, Being and Becoming. Children Have a Strong Sense of Wellbeing

Make your own Lunch

In **Week 3** the children will be making their own lunches here at kindergarten from ingredients such as wraps, bread and various fillings provided by the pre-school. Fruit and water will need to be brought from home. In week 2 we will brainstorm the types of fillings they would like in their sandwiches/wraps. Currently the children have an interest in cooking and we are focusing on healthy food choices.



CURRICULUM SNAPSHOT

Mud Kitchen - There has been much excitement this week, as children have noticed the new feature of our outdoor play space. Many children have enjoyed creating a variety of dishes in the kitchen using the natural resources of mud, leaves, flowers, herbs, sticks and pebbles found in our preschool garden. Playing with mud provides a fantastic opportunity for sensory development and also supports language development as they describe textures, recipes and play scenarios.



Healthy Foods - We have begun exploring different types of fruits and vegetables at kindergarten through group-time games, conversations and art experiences. It is important for children to be exposed to the rich variety of unprocessed foods available and, as they become more familiar with them, they will be increasingly confident to try different foods. Over the course of the term we will continue to explore healthy foods through cooking and gardening, as well as games and art activities. The children have been talking about healthy foods we can cook so that they have a voice in their learning.



Family Portraits

We invite you to make an appointment to have a family portrait taken at the preschool on Sunday the 14th of August. For \$15 you will receive a 10"x 13" (25x33cm) framed family portrait in colour or black and white. All money raised will go to Willow Close Preschool. Please pay and make an appointment with one of the staff members at kindergarten. Appointments are available from 9am. Afternoon appointments will only be available if all morning appointments are filled.

LITERACY PACKS

Please feel free to borrow the Literacy Packs available just inside the entrance. There are many titles with exciting resources and activities for your child and family. If something is missing or damaged in the packs please let the staff know so that it can be fixed and the pack back in circulation as soon as possible.

TALK TICKETS

It is important to maximise opportunities to talk with children to help them develop their oral language skills. 'Talk tickets' provide ideas and opportunities to talk with children at home. They offer suggestions of questions you might ask your child and how you might extend conversations. If you are interested in the Talk Tickets, copies will be available at the sign in desk.