



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the beginning of a new chapter in your child's life at Mudgee Preschool. We know that families are children's first and most influential teachers and we are looking forward to working with you to provide the best possible education and care for your child.

Generally your child's Preschool teacher will keep in touch with you about the educational program in the classroom and other news specific to your child's progress and development. My newsletters will aim to keep you informed about general Preschool educational and community matters and will have important information about upcoming events, the Board of Management, the Social Club and our policies and practices. Newsletters will be emailed and there will be hard copies available at each classroom.

Bushfires and Wellbeing

The start of the year has been difficult for many families due to the devastating bushfires across the country. Please let your child's teacher know if your child and family has been directly affected by the bushfires so that we can provide support when needed. At Preschool we are following the advice from NSW Health and will be monitoring the Air Quality (<https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/air-quality>) on a daily basis. We will keep children indoors when Air Quality reaches unhealthy levels, but it is important to let your child's teacher know if your child has asthma or any other respiratory disorders as they may be particularly sensitive to the air quality.

" Experts warn that young children particularly are at a higher risk of experiencing respiratory problems caused by exposure to dense smoke. The smoke from the bushfires contains fine particles which are toxic to the human body. Once inhaled, these tiny pollutants can get transferred from the respiratory system to the bloodstream. This can decrease the amount of antioxidants in the body and result in respiratory inflammation, which may increase the risk of allergies and asthma flaring up for young children. It is important to remember that a child may not have previously displayed symptoms of allergies or asthma." <http://thespoke.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/bushfire-smoke-young-children/>



Save the date:

We have planned some events and meetings for the first term which provide opportunities for families to meet informally, to learn more about the Preschool and also to support the Preschool. More information will be sent out once Preschool starts, but in the meanwhile, save the date!

Date and Place	What	Comments
4th and 6th February, 9.00am – 10.00am Robertson Park	Gather in the Park	Organised by the Social Club, this is an informal opportunity for parents and carers to get together to meet other families.
7 February 9.15am – 10.15am Lovejoy St Campus	Social Club	All welcome to join the Social Club to raise funds, organise social events and support special projects. Children welcome.
13 February 9.30 – 10.30 Lovejoy St Campus	Sustainability Group	All welcome to join this group which aims to support the Preschool in sustainable and environmentally friendly practices.
18 February 6.00pm – 7.30pm Lovejoy St Campus	Welcome Night	All families invited to join us for a BBQ to meet other families and children and to learn more about the Preschool.
17 March 7.00pm Lovejoy St Campus	Annual General Meeting	For election of Directors of the Board of Management.

Fees

A statement of fees has been sent to all families – please contact Karen, our admin officer, if you have any queries. Please note that fees are required to be up to date to ensure the continued enrolment of your child. Karen will be able to assist with a payment plan for families who may be experiencing difficulties.

First day

The first day back for children is Wednesday, 29 January. The office will be open on Tuesday, 28 January. We're looking forward to welcoming all children and their parents and carers. Please don't hesitate to contact the Preschool, your child's teacher or call into the office if you have any questions about starting Preschool.

Kind regards
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