



## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well we've made it to the end of Term 1 and like all organisations (and families) have had to be flexible, adaptable and open to change. We're finding new ways of working, living and playing together and also being mindful of how we can support each other along the way. We have new information coming through every day and will endeavour to keep you up to date, even during the term break.

Preschool will remain open for Term 2 for those families who have no other options. Current NSW Health guidelines are that schools (and Preschools) will be open, but to please keep your children home if possible. I will be contacting all families in the middle of the term break to get an idea of what **your** plans are so that we can make **our** plans regarding staffing and programs accordingly.

Please read all the information below about **FEES** and other updates and don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Have a Happy and safe Easter break - I wish you and yours well.

Regards

Rosie Gibbs

Director/Nominated Supervisor

### FEES

The NSW Department of Education today announced that there would be FREE PRESCHOOL for NSW parents for 6 months. At this stage there have been no details as to what this could mean for Mudgee Preschool and we are waiting for further information before any decisions can be made. The Board of Management is working very hard with me to analyse all the different funding opportunities that may apply and our aim is to let you know as soon as possible. In the meanwhile, so long as your fees are up to date for Term 1, no statement for Term 2 will be sent out and all direct debits will be suspended.

(Updates from the Department of Education can be found on their [Facebook Page](#))

If you have any questions or concerns about your fees or if you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact the office on 63721460 to talk to myself or Karen, our admin officer.

## **PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

Normally at this time of year, we are planning catch-ups with families to talk about their child and their Preschool experience. We have postponed the face-to-face meetings but early next term all teachers will be connecting with their families again to see how the children are going - it is very important to us to maintain our relationships and to support all children in their learning and playing.

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the "surveys" that were emailed to each family. During the break I will be contacting families again to see what their intention is for Term 2 in terms of attendance - this all helps with our planning going into Term 2



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*Over the Easter break, be a good egg! Keep children home if possible. Protect yourself and others through social distancing.*

NSW Health Information for parents and guardians

- Anyone that is sick, or has been overseas in the last 14 days, should not attend or enter a school, child care centre or university.
- Out-of-school activities and family holidays that are not essential should be cancelled.
- Have a plan for if your child/young person cannot attend childcare or school and be prepared for them to learn at home. You may need to discuss your child care plans with your employer.
- Make sure your child/young person isn't meeting up with groups of friends.
- Encourage good hygiene including handwashing with soap and water and coughing/sneezing into a flexed elbow.

**Further information from NSW Health for families attending early childhood education and care services can be found <https://preview.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/schools-universities-and-childcare>:**

