



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the restrictions for Covid-19 are eased in NSW, we are happy to welcome children back to Preschool. Please could you:-

- let us know what your plans are
- continue with physical distancing and hygiene practices in place at Preschool, as notified in previous newsletters - see reminders below.

We are pleased to be working with the 3 primary schools in Mudgee to ensure that children have a smooth transition to school in 2021, despite the disruption caused by Covid-19. Please see below the guides to orientation for each of the schools. Contact details for each of the local schools in the area and Frequently Asked Questions about starting school is available at the office..

Please note that each Department of Education school across NSW has a local intake area (zone). Schools are unable to enrol non-local students unless there are exceptional circumstances - please contact the school for details on how to apply for non-local enrolments.. For more details and to identify which area you may be zoned for, please go to the [NSW Public School Finder](#).

Teachers will be contacting parents to discuss [school readiness](#) and any [additional support needs](#) in the next few weeks. In the meanwhile, if you have any questions please contact the Preschool.

Mr Bamboozle, our friend and regular visitor to Preschool, is performing his magic online and the children seem to be enjoying his shows just as much from the screen as in the classroom. There are details to register for his next show on Wednesday and any recorded shows. Mr Bamboozle's message is to please let children know that "**they can impact the world beyond themselves**" - a good message for us all!

Meanwhile, there is something else in the air for both of our playgrounds - and it's not Covid-19! Keep watching this space!

Wishing you all well.

Regards

Rosie Gibbs

Director/Nominated Supervisor

CUDGEGONG VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL ORIENTATION TO KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Contact the school office on 63723466 to register for an enrolment pack.

Term 2

All kinder 2020 enrolments are due to the office by Friday, 3 July.

Term 3

Information evening for parents

13 August, 5.30pm: Information evening for parents

Getting geared for Kinder

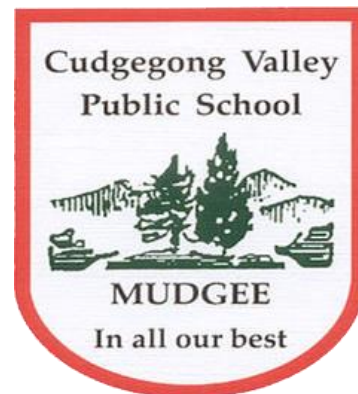
4 x 1 afternoon sessions providing children with time to explore

Week 1: 2nd or 3rd September

Week 2: 9th or 10th September

Week 3: 16th or 17th September

Week 4: 23rd or 24th September



MUDGEES PUBLIC SCHOOL - call the office on 63722036 for enrolment forms and school information pack



IMPORTANT DATES for children starting school in 2021

INFORMATION EVENINGS

20th May - Cancelled, due to current social distancing laws

29th July - as scheduled, 5.30pm in Kindergarten Rooms

JOLLY GYM - enrol by 22nd July 2020

Jolly Gym is the first of the MPS transition programs.

Starts on 4th/6th August 2020 and runs for 6 weeks.

MUDGEES BEGINNERS

Starts 27th October 2020 and finishes on 24 November.

ST MATTHEWS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN READINESS PROGRAM 2020 - To register please complete the "Kindergarten Readiness Program Registration Form 2020" available on the school website or through the school office..

Three consecutive Wednesday mornings from 9.15am - 11.am.

Wednesday, 10th June

Wednesday, 17th June

Wednesday, 24th June

Open to all children who will be beginning school in 2021.

The Kindergarten Enrolment Information Session will be delivered digitally and parents will be provided with a link when it becomes available.



If you're at home on Wednesday, you might like to tune in to Mr Bamboozle - it is a lot of fun while learning a lot!

Episode 5 of Mr Bamboozle's Fun Time will be on this coming Wednesday at 2:00pm.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tOujTVIRa-LahEA08DMCO

As a **special treat**, here's the pre-recorded Mr Bamboozle's Mailbag segment from Ep 04 that we didn't get to see during the broadcast last week.

<https://vimeo.com/416162753/170f7565ad>

Here are the links to the four episodes so far:

Topic: Mr Bamboozle's Fun Time S1 Ep01

Start Time : Apr 8, 2020 01:59 PM

Recording: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/3ed5Cu7up2xOO5XQ5GzHHaMeRobKT6a8gSMWrqVYmR3_A-EL2dwFJbdNsAdpNpD4

Topic: Mr Bamboozle's Fun Time S1 Ep02

Start Time : Apr 15, 2020 01:52 PM

Recording: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/ted4NbXiyzpLb9bKxHHBW5czTqjBT6a81HUYrqUMzk5QI29oMRrY_m0kJvQV6smw

Topic: Mr Bamboozle's Fun Time S1 Ep03

Start Time : Apr 22, 2020 01:32 PM

Recording: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/2eYsfqOh3GZleKvDsFv8BJ55ML7_T6a8hCUa86lFyUj-xxDd48g1OPt_1GZEIWCU

Topic: Mr Bamboozle's Fun Time S1 Ep04

Date: Apr 29, 2020 01:46 PM

Recording: <https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/v8dQA-nA0G9LH4nO00PvWpEZT7rIT6a8gHQa-afdz0-XJ2C5KxhxFyzDhFPDRF5f>



Mudgee Preschool steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19

To help minimise cross infection of any illness, any child who is sick or displaying flu-like symptoms, must not come to Preschool until they are well. Any children who display symptoms of being unwell will be sent home.

You can help us by:

- not entering Preschool if you are unwell
- using hand sanitizer placed at the front entry and at sign-in sheets at drop-off and pick-up times
- maintaining a safe distance of 1.5m from all other adults
- not lingering at drop-off and pick-up times
- exit through the Perry St gate
- not bringing siblings into Preschool or, if unavoidable, keeping them close to you and not allowing them to play with equipment
- bringing in your own pen to sign-in and out.

We will promote a safe and supportive environment for children by:

- reassuring children they are safe
- acknowledging and listening to children's questions
- promoting and implementing hygiene routines for handwashing as well as coughing and sneezing
- keeping regular and familiar routines within our Preschool
- engaging children in play, games and other physical activities
- being alert to children's level of anxiety and provide quiet and relaxing activities
- ensuring children are provided with rest and sleep when needed
- providing information to families and support services as required using emails, sms and fb.

Some of the additional preventative measures include:

- increasing the frequency of robust cleaning within the indoor and outdoor environment including high-touch surfaces (door handles, tables, taps)
- reviewing our handwashing and hand sanitising practices and protocols and increasing handwashing schedules
- teaching and reiterating cough and sneeze etiquette with children
- reviewing our food handling procedures and eating times for children
- reducing the size of grouping of children in different rooms
- ensuring children are resting at least 1.5m away from one another
- moving equipment and tables to allow children space in indoor and outdoor environments
- increasing the amount of natural ventilation by opening windows and doors and adjusting air conditioning
- cancelling all incursions to the service and reducing any outings to our community
- postponing parent/teacher interviews – please contact teachers by phone or email if you would like to catch up. Teachers will be keeping in touch with their classes via email, telephone and Facebook.
- keeping classes separate as far as possible
- opening doors a few minutes earlier at the start and end of the day for 3 day classes to decrease numbers of families arriving at the same time.

More information about Covid-19 can be found <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

