



### Preschool Term 4, 2018

Wow – can you believe it is Term 4 already! It seems like only yesterday we were getting to know each other and starting our preschool adventure. We are looking forward to a fun-filled, action packed and busy term as we head towards 2019.

As the weather heats up we will be making some changes to our daily timetables, to minimise our sun exposure and maximise our learning. All preschool rooms will be starting their day in the Outdoor Learning Environment. We all need to bring a sun safe, broad brimmed hat to wear while we are outside. It would be greatly appreciated if you could assist your child to apply sunscreen before they come to school, and we will be encouraging them to reapply some later in the day. It is important that children are dressed appropriately for outdoor learning activities, these include; Tops with sleeves, longer style shorts or pants, and enclosed shoes are best. We do our best to help the children take care of their own belongings. Please help us to do this by labelling all items that come to school.

Please remember to send a healthy Munch and Crunch, (e.g. fruit, vegetables, meat and/or cheese), lunch and afternoon tea to school each day. Occasional treats are okay, but we encourage children to fill up on their healthy foods first. If you would like us to warm up their lunch in the microwave we will need you to include a note in your child's lunchbox specifying heating directions, (i.e. time and temperature).

As educators we value your feedback and suggestions on our program. Please feel free to send through your suggestions via email. We are more than happy to have a quick chat to parents either before or after school, however if you think you may need a little longer than that, please book in a time to have a more detailed conversation. You can do this by emailing your child's teacher.

We are continuing to use the SEESAW application to give you the opportunity to see your child's learning in real time. Please let us know if you are experiencing any difficulties accessing your child's photos.

There are lots of fun events planned for this term. Please pay special attention to the Events for Your Calendar listed on the following page.

The preschool routine for this term will incorporate the following activities

#### Music

This term we will be focussing on projecting our voice and singing clearly in preparation for the Whole School Gathering and End of Year Celebration. We participate in a 45 Music and Movement session every Wednesday. This includes singing, dancing, simple instruments and singing a book. The aim of these sessions is for the children to participate in a relaxed and fun environment and gain confidence singing in a group and solo in front of an audience. We practise familiar songs as well as learn a new one each week. We are even learning a song in Spanish!

#### Library

Library Day continues to be Tuesday for Banyawarra and Bancroft and Friday for Mailman and Morgan. Children are encouraged to borrow two books of their choosing to share with you at home. This term we will have a visit from Author Leonie Pye and her guide dog Wongo, where she will share her latest book 'The broken shell'. We will also be working on our Library skills, such as locating books, re-shelving books, listening, lining up and caring for our school resources.

**Please remember your child's library bag.**

#### STEM

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

This term in STEM we will be focusing on life cycles, living things, caring for our bodies and making healthy choices.

**Tadpoles** – We will observe the growth of our tadpoles and predict and record the changes we observe.

**Living things/Growth of a plant** - Children will participate in planting seeds and observing their growth over time.

**Fresh tastes** - Learning about Grow, Glow and Go foods and looking into the importance of these foods in our diets.

#### Kindergarten Orientation

During term 4 the pre-schooler children will have the opportunity to spend time in the kindergarten space. They will be playing alongside the current cohort during their investigations time and eating lunch in the Outdoor Learning Environment. This will give them the chance to become familiar with their new environment, during the morning routine. These mornings have been planned to help the transition into kindergarten, be as smooth as possible.

## Term Four Overview

The Preschool curriculum is guided by the Early Years Learning Framework

### Teaching and Learning Outcomes from the Early Years Learning Framework

This term we are working towards:

Outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of identity

- Children develop their emerging autonomy, inter-dependence, resilience and sense of agency
- Children learn to interact in relation to others with care, empathy and respect

Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world

- Children develop a sense of belonging to groups and communities and an understanding of the reciprocal rights and responsibilities necessary for active community participation
- Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment

Outcome 3: Children have a strong sense of wellbeing

- Children take increasing responsibility for their own health and wellbeing

Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners

- Children transfer and adapt what they have learned from one context to another
- Children develop a range of skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching, and investigation.

Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators

- Children engage with a range of texts and gain meaning using a range of media
- Children use information and communication technologies to access information, investigate ideas and represent their thinking

### Experiences

We will be participating in a range of experiences related to these outcomes, such as;

Outcome 1

- Kindergarten orientation visit
- Grandparents day
- Bus Wash Excursion
- Canberra Theatre – The Gruffalo

Outcome 2

- Leonie Pye (author)
- Bike and Kite Day
- Preschool Jamboree
- Cooperative play between the two preschool spaces
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives – creating acknowledgement of country

Outcome 3

- Cooking experiences
- Gross Motor experiences in the k-2 playground

Outcome 4

- Tadpoles transformation
- Kindergarten transition visits
- SCECS Outdoor Learning Environments
- Year 1 buddies – sharing their learning

Outcome 5

- Bee-Bots – introduction to coding
- Experimenting with book creator to write and illustrate stories
- Canberra Theatre – The Gruffalo
- End of Year Celebrations
- Continued investigation of sounds, letters, words and numbers
- Take home toy

### Events for your calendar

Please see page three for our events calendar for Term 4. You might like to put these events in your diary now!

We are looking forward to a fabulous final term!

Nicole Harvey (Bancroft & Morgan), Bianca Boyle (Banyawarra), and Kellie Rogers (Mailman)

### Events for Your Calendar – Term 4

- Week 1:** Belconnen Bus Wash - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October (Bancroft and Banyawarra)  
Belconnen Bus Wash - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October (Mailman and Morgan)
- Week 2:** Canberra Theatre Excursion ‘The Gruffalo’ – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (Bancroft and Banyawarra)
- Week 2:** Bike and Kite Day – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 3.00-5.30pm
- Week 3:** Preschool Jamboree – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October (Bancroft and Banyawarra)  
Preschool Jamboree - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November (Mailman and Morgan)
- Week 4:** Community breakfast - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 8.00-8.55am All welcome
- Week 4:** Leonie Pye and Guide dog Wongo visit – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November (Bancroft and Banyawarra)
- Week 4:** Leonie Pye and Guide dog Wongo visits – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November (Mailman and Morgan)
- Week 5:** The Snow Queen Performance – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November
- Week 5:** Kindergarten 2019 information evening – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 5.15-6.00pm
- Week 5:** Whole School Gathering hosted by Banyawarra and Bancroft – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 9.15am
- Week 5:** Grandparents Day – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 10.30-11.30am
- Week 5:** Book Fair
- Week 6:** Visit to the Kindergarten space for 2019 Kindergarten families – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November & Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 9.10-9.40am
- Week 7:** Preschool to Kindergarten orientation visit – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November (Bancroft and Banyawarra)  
Preschool to Kindergarten orientation visit - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November (Mailman and Morgan)
- Week 8:** Preschool to Kindergarten orientation visit – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December (Bancroft and Banyawarra)  
Preschool to Kindergarten orientation visit – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December (Mailman and Morgan)
- Week 9:** Semester two reports go home – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December (Bancroft and Banyawarra)  
Semester two reports go home – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December (Mailman and Morgan)
- Week 9:** Meet your teacher afternoon – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 3.30-4.00pm
- Week 10:** End of Year Celebration – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 5.00-7.00pm
- Week 10:** Last day of term – Tuesday 18 December (Bancroft and Banyawarra)
- Week 10:** Whole School Gathering hosted by Mailman and Morgan – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am
- Week 10:** Volunteers Morning Tea 10.00am
- Week 10:** Last day of term – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December (Mailman and Morgan)

### Educators working with Bancroft Children

Monday					
Lead Educator	Time	Assistant	Time	Additional Assistant	Time
Nicole	9.00 - 11.00	Stef	9.00 - 11.45	Lizz	9.00 - 2.00
Jackie	11.00 - 11.45	Tejal	11.45 - 12.30	Kieryn	9.30 - 2.30
Nicole	11.45 - 3.00	Stef	12.30 - 3.00		

Tuesday					
Lead Educator	Time	Assistant	Time	Additional Assistant	Time
Nicole	9.00 - 11.45	Stef	9.00 - 11.00	Lizz	9.00 - 2.00
Jackie	11.45 - 12:30	Tejal	11.00 - 11.45	Kieryn	9.30 - 2.30
Nicole	12.30 - 3.00	Stef	11.45 - 3.00		

Wednesday					
Lead Educator	Time	Assistant	Time	Additional Assistant	Time
Maria	9.00 - 11.25	Stef	9.00 - 12.00	Lizz	9.00 - 2.00
Jason	11.25 - 12.25	Anjali	12.00 - 1.30		
Maria	12.25 - 3.00	Stef	1.30 - 3.00		

### Educators working with Banyawarra Children

Monday					
Lead Educator	Time	Assistant	Time	Additional Assistant	Time
Bianca	9.00 - 11.45	Kerrie	9.00 - 11.00		
Jackie	11.45 - 12.30	Tejal	11.00 - 11.45		
Bianca	12.30 - 3.00	Kerrie	11.45 - 3.00		

Tuesday					
Lead Educator	Time	Assistant	Time	Additional Assistant	Time
Bianca	9.00 - 11.00	Kerrie	9.00 - 11.45		
Jackie	11.00 - 11.45	Tejal	11.45 - 12.30		
Bianca	11.45 - 3.00	Kerrie	12.30 - 3.00		

Wednesday					
Lead Educator	Time	Assistant	Time	Additional Assistant	Time
Bianca	9.00 - 11.30	Kerrie	9.00 - 11.45		
Nicky	11.30 - 1.00	Tejal	11.45 - 12.30		
Bianca	1.00 - 3.00	Kerrie	12.30 - 3.00		

### Educators working with Morgan Children

Wednesday					
Lead Educator	Time	Assistant	Time	Additional Assistant	Time
Maria	9.00 - 11.25	Stef	9.00 - 12.00	Lizz (working between Morgan/Mailman)	9.00 - 2.00
Jason	11.25 - 12.25	Kerrie	12.00 - 1.30		
Maria	12.25 - 3.00	Stef	1.30 - 3.00		

Thursday					
Lead Educator	Time	Assistant	Time	Additional Assistant	Time
Nicole	9.00 - 11.45	Stef	9.00 - 11.00	Lizz (Working between Morgan/Mailman)	9.00 - 2.00
Jackie	11.45 - 12.30	Tejal	11.00 - 11.45		
Nicole	12.30 - 3.00	Stef	11.45 - 3.00		

Friday					
Lead Educator	Time	Assistant	Time	Additional Assistant	Time
Nicole	9.00 - 11.00	Stef	9.00 - 11.45	Lizz (working between Morgan/Mailman)	9.00 - 2.00
Jackie	11.00 - 11.45	Tejal	11.45 - 12.30		
Nicole	11.45 - 3.00	Stef	12.30 - 3.00		

### Educators working with Mailman Children

Wednesday					
Lead Educator	Time	Assistant	Time	Additional Assistant	Time
Kellie	9.00 - 11.30	Anjali	9.00 - 11.45	Lizz (working between Morgan/Mailman)	9.00 - 2.00
Nicky	11.30 - 1.00	Tejal	11.45 - 12.30		
Kellie	1.00 - 3.00	Anjali	12.30 - 3.00		

Thursday					
Lead Educator	Time	Assistant	Time	Additional Assistant	Time
Kellie	9.00 - 11.00	Anjali	9.00 - 11.45	Lizz (working between Morgan/Mailman)	9.00 - 2.00
Jackie	11.00 - 11.45	Tejal	11.45 - 12.30		
Kellie	11.45 - 3.00	Anjali	12.30 - 3.00		

Friday					
Lead Educator	Time	Assistant	Time	Additional Assistant	Time
Kellie	9.00 - 11.45	Anjali	9.00 - 11.00	Lizz (working between Morgan/Mailman)	9.00 - 2.00
Jackie	11.45 - 12.30	Tejal	11.00 - 11.45		
Kellie	12.30 - 3.00	Anjali	11.45 - 3.00		