
Southern Cross Early Childhood School



Preschool Term 3, 2019

Welcome back to term 3! We hope everyone had a safe and restful break.

We really enjoy catching up with preschool parents during Morning Muster at 8.55am and appreciate your feedback about the program and the Seesaw digital portfolios. Please remember that we are always happy to receive an email or a phone call if you are working or would like a longer chat.

This term we will continue to spend time exploring our outdoor learning environment each day. Please send in a warm jumper and/or a coat so that children can participate comfortably in all experiences. We would really appreciate you packing a spare change of clothes in your child's bag in case they are needed. From the start of August, children are required to wear a sun safe, broad brimmed hat outside. We have noticed many children who are wearing second hand uniforms still have the previous owner's name visible. When items go missing and there is no name or the incorrect name on items it makes it very difficult to locate them. Please clearly label all clothing and lunch items with your child's name.

At Southern Cross Early Childhood School, we encourage a healthy munch and crunch, (i.e.; fruit, vegetables, yoghurt and/or cheese), lunch and afternoon tea. Occasional treats are okay, but we encourage children to fill up on their healthy foods first. If you would like us to warm up your child's lunch in the microwave, we will need you to include a note in their lunchbox specifying heating directions, (i.e.; time and temperature). This term preschool is extending the Waste Free Wednesday initiative. Where possible we would like to encourage waste free meals each day at preschool. Simple changes to meal times such as yoghurt placed in a reusable container opposed to a squeezey tube, sandwiches placed straight into a lunchbox instead of wrapped in cling wrap and then in the lunchbox, popping your own popcorn and dividing it into small reusable containers instead of purchasing individual packets, etc. can go a long way to helping our environment. We will continue to have conversations with our class about sustainability and what we can do as individuals and collectively to make a positive impact on our world.

Can you help?

This semester we have a few excursions planned and are seeking parent volunteers to accompany us (without siblings, sorry). If you can assist, please chat with your child's classroom teacher for further details.

We are using loose parts in our outdoor program each day and would appreciate donations of the following: flat sheets or large pieces of material in good condition, easy to ensemble tents, large cable reels, plumbing pipes in various sizes, old remote controls, laptops, headphones and joysticks. If you have any loose parts that you think might be appropriate, please have a chat with your preschool teacher to see if they could be useful to our program. Thank you in advance.

Preschool are looking to top up their supply of plastic shopping bags. If you have any spare at home that you no longer require, we would be grateful for the donation.

We are looking forward to another fantastic term with your children!

Nicole Harvey (Wamburrang and Dnnawan), Kathleen Johansen (Guginya) and Kellie Rogers (Bunduluk)

Inquiry

Big question

“How do we share our stories?”

Assets for learning

- I am a researcher!
- I am a communicator!
- I am a collaborator!
- I can think creatively and reflectively!

Social/Emotional Learning

This term we will explore Self-Management skills such as Social mistakes, being bossy – what does ‘being bossy’ look like and how does it make us feel? As well as Social Decision Making, such as Sorting out a problem – exploring ways to think, talk and choose options to deal with social problems

STEM

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

This term we will continue our focus on developing STEM skills. The children will be participating in a range of open ended experiences involving topics such as numbers 0-20, patterns, measurement, iPad exploration, lifecycles, environmental issues and outer space.

The Science Week theme for this year is:
Destination Moon.

Literacy

This term preschool will visit library on a weekly basis as a whole class. We will work on matching the author’s surname with the correct letter location in the library.

Library Day is Tuesday for Wamburrang and Guginya. Bunduluk will borrow on a Thursday, and Friday will be Dnnawan’s library day.

Book Week – This year the theme is: *Reading is My Secret Power*. We will read and discuss books from the Children’s Book Council of Australia’s Short List.

Term Three Overview

Events for your calendar

Week 2

- Bus Wash excursion – Tuesday 30th July **Wamburrang and Guginya**
- Bus Wash excursion – Thursday 1st August **Dnnawan and Bunduluk**

Week 3

- Red Nose Day – Tuesday 6th August, gold coin donation, **Wamburrang and Guginya**
- Red Nose Day – Friday 9th August, gold coin donation, **Dnnawan and Bunduluk**

Week 4

- Science Open Classroom – Monday 12th August, 2pm-3pm, **Wamburrang and Guginya**
- Science Open Classroom – Thursday 15th August, 2pm-3pm, **Dnnawan and Bunduluk**
- School bake sale for charity – Thursday 15th August, 3pm-4pm, gold coin donation

Week 5

- Book Week Parade – Tuesday 20th August, 9.10am-9.30am, **Wamburrang and Guginya**
- Whole School Gathering - **Wamburrang and Guginya** presenting, Wednesday, 9.15am-10am
- Community Breakfast – Thursday 22nd August, 8am-8.55am
- Book Week Parade – Thursday 22nd August, 9.10am-9.30am, **Dnnawan and Bunduluk**

Week 7

- Possum Magic excursion – Friday 6th September, 10am-11.30am, **Dnnawan and Bunduluk**

Week 8

- School Photos – Monday 9th September, **Wamburrang and Guginya**
- Learning Journey – Tuesday 10th September, **Wamburrang and Guginya**
- Learning Journey – Thursday 12th September, **Dnnawan and Bunduluk**
- School Photos – Friday 13th September, **Dnnawan and Bunduluk**

Week 9

- P&C Disco – Friday 20th September, 6pm-7.30pm

Week 10

- Last day of term 3 – Tuesday 24th September, **Wamburrang and Guginya**
- Whole School Gathering - **Dnnawan and Bunduluk** presenting, Wednesday 25th September 9.15am-10am
- Last day of term 3 – Friday 27th September, **Dnnawan and Bunduluk**

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

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

- Children become aware of fairness

Outcome 3: Children have a strong sense of wellbeing

- Children take increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing

Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners

- Children resource their own learning through connecting with people, place technologies and natural and processed materials

Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators

- Children express ideas and make 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 activities related to these outcomes such as;

Outcome 1

Weekly SEL lessons, 'Bucket Filling', Individual and collaborate artwork. Surveys to see what children would like to do next i.e. treehouse, or balance challenge?

Outcome 2

Weekly SEL lessons, Bucket filling, "Think, pair share" so each child gets a turn

Outcome 3

Walk on country, Waste free Wednesday, wood working bench – supporting children's fine motor skills

Outcome 4

Gardening, visual arts using natural materials

Outcome 5

Mapping, researching places, book week – read short listed books for Book Week

Educators working with Wamburrang Children

Monday

Lead Educator	Time	Assistant	Time	Additional Assistant	Time
Nicole	9.00 - 11.30	Stef	9.00 - 11.45	Lizz (working between Wamburrang and Guginya)	9.00 - 2.00
Emma	11.30 – 12.15	Stef	12.30 - 3.00		
Nicole	12.15 - 3.00				

Tuesday

Lead Educator	Time	Assistant	Time	Additional Assistant	Time
Nicole	9.00 - 12.45	Stef	9.00 - 11.00	Lizz (working between Wamburrang and Guginya)	9.00 - 2.00
Candice	12.45 – 1.00	Stef	11.45 – 3.00		
Nicole	1.00 - 3.00				

Wednesday

Lead Educator	Time	Assistant	Time	Additional Assistant	Time
Maria	9.00 - 12.15	Stef	9.00 -11.45	Lizz (working between Wamburrang and Guginya)	9.00 - 2.00
Jason week 1-5 Nicky week 6-10	12.15 – 1.00	Stef	12.30 – 3.00		
Maria	1.00 - 3.00				

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Educators working with Guginya Children

Monday					
Lead Educator	Time	Assistant	Time	Additional Assistant	Time
Kathleen	9.00 – 12.15	Kerrie	9.00 -11.00	Lizz (working between Wamburrang and Guginya)	9.00 - 2.00
Emma	12.15 – 1:00	Lizz	11.00 - 11.45		
Kathleen	1.00 - 3.00	Kerrie	11.45 - 3.00		

Tuesday					
Lead Educator	Time	Assistant	Time	Additional Assistant	Time
Kathleen	9.00 – 12.00	Kerrie	9.00 -11.45	Lizz (working between Wamburrang and Guginya)	9.00 - 2.00
Candice	12.00 – 12.45	Lizz	11.45 - 12.30		
Kathleen	12.45 - 3.00	Kerrie	12.30 - 3.00		

Wednesday					
Lead Educator	Time	Assistant	Time	Additional Assistant	Time
Kathleen entomology	9.00 - 11.30	Kerrie	9.00 - 12.00	Lizz (working between Wamburrang and Guginya)	9.00 - 2.00
Candice	11.30 - 1.00	Lizz	11.45 - 12.30		
Kathleen	1.00 - 3.00	Kerrie	1.30 - 3.00		

Educators working with Dnnawan Children

Wednesday					
Lead Educator	Time	Assistant	Time	Additional Assistant	Time
Maria	9.00 - 12.15	Stef	9.00 -11.00	Lizz (working between Dnnawan/Bunduluk)	9.00 - 2.00
Jason weeks 1-5 Nicky weeks 6-10	12.15 – 1.00	Kerrie	12.00 - 1.30		
Maria	1.00 - 3.00	Stef	11.45 - 3.00		

Thursday					
Lead Educator	Time	Assistant	Time	Additional Assistant	Time
Nicole	9.00 – 12.15	Stef	9.00 - 11.00	Lizz (working between Dnnawan/Bunduluk)	9.00 - 2.00
Emma	12.15 - 1.00	Lizz	11.00 - 11.45		
Nicole	1.00 - 3.00	Stef	11.45 - 3.00		

Friday					
Lead Educator	Time	Assistant	Time	Additional Assistant	Time
Nicole	9.00 - 12.00	Stef	9.00 - 11.45	Lizz (working between Dnnawan/Bunduluk)	9.00 - 2.00
Jackie	12.00 – 12.45	Lizz	11.45 - 12.30		
Nicole	12.45 - 3.00	Stef	12.30 - 3.00		

Educators working with Bunduluk Children

Wednesday					
Lead Educator	Time	Assistant	Time	Additional Assistant	Time
Kellie	9.00 - 11.30	Kerrie	9.00 - 11.45	Lizz (working between Dnnawan/Bunduluk)	9.00 - 2.00
Candice	11.30 - 1.00	Lizz	11.45 - 12.30		
Kellie	1.00 - 3.00	Kerrie	12.30 - 3.00		

Thursday					
Lead Educator	Time	Assistant	Time	Additional Assistant	Time
Kellie	9.00 - 11.30	Kerrie	9.00 - 11.45	Lizz (working between Dnnawan/Bunduluk)	9.00 - 2.00
Emma	11.30 - 12.15	Lizz	11.45 - 12.30		
Kellie	12.15 - 3.00	Kerrie	12.30 - 3.00		

Friday					
Lead Educator	Time	Assistant	Time	Additional Assistant	Time
Kellie	9.00 - 12.45	Kerrie	9.00 - 11.00	Lizz (working between Dnnawan/Bunduluk)	9.00 - 2.00
Jackie	12.45 - 1.30	Lizz	11.00 - 11.45		
Kellie	1.30 - 3.00	Kerrie	11.45 - 3.00		