



Preschool Term 4, 2019

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 2020.

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, this includes; 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.

Keep an eye out for the completion of the Oasis just outside of the preschool gate. This is an exciting addition to the SCECS outdoor learning environment and will become a regular part of our preschool program. The Oasis will allow children to explore with water and mud; experiment with maths concepts such as capacity and be encouraged to be messy and dirty! Please remember to send spare clothes each day in your child's bag. These come in handy for the occasional accident, water play in preschool and the Oasis.

This term in preschool we will be exploring a range of art works including portraits. We will be attending an excursion to the National Portrait Gallery to complement this learning. Each class would appreciate a maximum of 3 parent helpers for this excursion. If you are interested please let your child's teacher know.

Preschool lunch cover will continue to be covered by Candy, Jackie, Emma, Nicky and Jason. On Wednesday's Nicole's group will continue to be covered by Maria.

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

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

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

The preschool routine for this term will incorporate the following activities

STEM

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

This term in STEM we will be focusing on life cycles and living things.

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

Oasis – By engaging in play in our Oasis we will explore a range of mathematical concepts including capacity.

Library

Preschool library days:

*Wamburrang – Tuesday

*Guginya – Tuesday

*Bunduluk – Thursday

*Dnnawan – Friday

Children are encouraged to borrow two books of their choosing to share with you at home. We will continue to work on our Library skills, such as locating books, re-shelving books, listening, lining up and caring for our school resources.

This term we will look at art books and stories featuring portraits as we explore a range of artworks.

Kindergarten Orientation

During term 4 each preschool class will have the opportunity to spend time in the kindergarten space.

The children 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.

Social/Emotional Learning

This term we will explore SCECS school values.

These values are Kindness, Respect, Resilience and Creativity.

We will explore these concepts through stories, role play, conversations and games.

Music

We will continue participate in a 30-minute Music and Movement session every Wednesday. This includes singing, dancing, playing simple instruments and singing stories. 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. The children are encouraged to move to the beat while singing songs and to dance with partners as well as in circle formation. During Term 4 the children will be introduced to the concept of the rhythm of songs being ' the way the words go.' This term we will be focussing on projecting our voice and singing clearly in preparation for the End of Year Celebration.

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
- Children respond to diversity with respect

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

Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators

- Children engage with a range of texts and gain meaning using a range of media
- Children express ideas and make meaning using a range of media

Experiences

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

Outcome 1

- Kindergarten orientation visit
- Grandparents day
- Outdoor classroom day
- Preschool Jamboree

Outcome 2

- Bike and Kite Day
- Preschool Jamboree
- Cooperative play between the two preschool spaces

Outcome 3

- Kindergarten orientation visits
- Gross Motor experiences in the K-2 playground

Outcome 4

- Tadpoles transformation
- Kindergarten orientation visits
- SCECS Outdoor Learning Environments
- Walking on country
- Oasis experiences

Outcome 5

- National Portrait Gallery experiences and excursion
- End of Year Celebrations
- Continued investigation of sounds, letters, words and numbers
- Take home toy

Events for Your Calendar – Term 4

Week 2:

- Preschool Jamboree – Tuesday 22nd October, **Wamburrang and Guginya**
- Preschool Jamboree – Thursday 24th October, **Bunduluk and Dnnawan**
- Bike and Kite Day and official opening of the Oasis – Sunday 27th October, 3:00 – 5:30pm

Week 3:

- Grandparent's Day – Wednesday 30th October, 10:30 – 11:30am **Wamburrang and Guginya**

Week 4:

- 2020 Kindergarten Information Session - Tuesday 5th November, 5:15pm
- Outdoor Classroom Day - Thursday 7th November Outdoor, **Bunduluk and Dnnawan** (if you do not come on this day please feel free to come with your child)

Week 5:

- Excursion to the National Portrait Gallery – Monday 11th November, 10:00am – 12:00pm, **Wamburrang and Guginya**
- Whole School Gathering – Wednesday 13th November, 9:15am
- Excursion to the National Portrait Gallery – Friday 15th November, 12:00 – 2:00pm, **Bunduluk and Dnnawan**

Week 6:

- Parents/Carers only to visit Kindergarten classroom - Monday 18th November, 9:10 – 9:40am
- Preschool-Kindergarten Orientation Visit - Tuesday 19th November, 9:30am, **Wamburrang and Guginya**
- Parents/Carers only to visit Kindergarten classroom - Thursday 21st November, 9:10 – 9:40am
- Preschool-Kindergarten Orientation Visit - Friday 22nd November, 9:30am, **Bunduluk and Dnnawan**

Week 7:

- Preschool-Kindergarten Orientation Visit - Monday 25th November, 9:30am, **Wamburrang and Guginya**
- Preschool-Kindergarten Orientation Visit - Thursday 28th November, 9:30am, **Bunduluk and Dnnawan**

Week 9:

- Preschool Reports go home - Tuesday 10th December, **Wamburrang and Guginya**
- Preschool Reports go home - Thursday 12th December, **Bunduluk and Dnnawan**

Week 10:

- Year 2 Graduation - Monday 16th December, 2:00 – 3:00pm
- End of Year Celebration – Tuesday 17th December, 5:00 – 7:00pm
- Last day of Term 4 – Tuesday 17th December, **Wamburrang and Guginya**
- Whole School Gathering – Wednesday 18th December, 9:15am
- Volunteers Morning Tea – Wednesday 18th December, 10:00 – 11:00am
- Last day of Term 4 – Thursday 19th December, **Bunduluk and Dnnawan**