



St. Dunstan's Preschool Newsletter August 2024

Dear Families,

We have a lot happening in term 3 and thought we would give you some dates to save in your calendar. We will send more information closer to time.

Event	Information and Dates
Book Week- Dressing up as a character from their favourite book	Amigo & Rafiki Classes – Tuesday 20th of August Bunji & Chingu Classes- Friday 23rd of August
Excursion to Kings Park for Morning Tea and games	Rafiki's- Tuesday 27th of August Amigo's- Wednesday 28th of August Chingu's- Thursday 29th of August Bunji's- Friday 30th of August We will send permission notes out shortly via Adobe. (Once again we will need family helpers on the day)
Spring Fest- A family Fun Day at Macquarie Anglican- St George's Church	Saturday 31st of August (More information to come)
Grandparents and Visitors Day- Morning Tea	Amigo & Rafiki Classes – Tuesday 3rd of September Bunji & Chingu Classes- Friday 6th of September 9:30am to 11:30am (More information to come)

Pyjama Day

Thank you, families, for your generous donations. We delivered the pantry items to CCA NSW Community Hub. They were very thankful for the donations and said it will help many families in our local community.



Learning Journey Books

Please don't forget to bring these books back so we can continue to add to them during term 3. If your child has any photos or drawings from the school holidays or any other events, please bring them in and we can add them to their Learning Journey books as well as show their friends during show and tell time.

Progressive morning tea and indoor outdoor time

We will be making a few changes to our routines during term 3 and 4. We will be starting with progressive morning tea. This means children will have the opportunity to pick when they would like to have morning tea (between a specific time frame) allowing their sense of agency to be supported. Children will also be able to move between the indoor and outdoor learning environments engaging in play with children in the other class.

To help support this change we ask that you and your child place their morning tea on top of the lockers in the morning. This will allow us to monitor who has eaten and who has not.

Preschool Number

As most of you are aware we have a new preschool mobile number.

The new number is 0414 605 566. Please save the number in your phone, we may occasionally send you messages, make calls or send our usual WhatsApp messages. If you don't get our Whatsapp messages but would like to receive a SMS could you please let us know.

Please remember that we might not check the mobile phone throughout the day. If you need to speak to us please call preschool on 9887 1481.

Our team is growing

We are expanding our team and looking for a qualified educator (Cert III or Diploma in Children Services). If you know someone who might be interested please pass on the link which has more information.

<https://www.seek.com.au/job/77795981?type=standout&ref=search-standalone#sol=4f0811167d7fbb46b09976aff12df6ea39a2e94e>

Policy Review

It is best practice that we get families to help us with our policy reviews. If you can help with this (we can email the policies for you to read from home) please let us know.

Child protection

In addition to Sam the explorer and Fiona finds her five heroes, we have intentionally taught children about Andy and Eve.

“Andy learns the undies rule is a non-confrontational way of explaining to children how the parts of their bodies covered by their underwear are private. The book reinforces the rights of the child to say ‘no’”.

“Eve listens to her feelings teaches kids to recognise when they are feeling sad, scared or upset and shows them that it’s fine to communicate these feelings. The book helps children build confidence so that they have a voice and a sense of empowerment”.

https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2022-01/FS_CSS_SAFEParentinformation.pdf

As we have mentioned previously, having open discussions about child safety with the children both at preschool and home is vital for children’s learning, development and wellbeing.

Kitchen Duties and Working Bees

Thank you to the families who have donated their time to help us with the working bees, excursions and cooking experiences.

This term we will start our morning helper’s roster. If you would like to help us with cleaning, craft preparation, reading policies, or sharing your talents with us (cooking, reading stories, exercising or anything else) please add your name to the list (this will be up next week).

If you cannot help during preschool hours we would appreciate support with taking home some washing eg tea towels

Thank you for the wonderful support 😊

Michelle, Mimi, Rubi, Stacey, Esther, Terrie, Sephine, Young, Ben, Lynette and Simone.