

Richmond Hill Community Preschool

NEWSLETTER JULY 2016

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Preschool Expo: 9-12pm Saturday 6th August
Committee Meeting - 6.30pm Tues 9th August
School photos - Mon 15th to Thur 18th August
Topsy Turvy Day - Wednesday 24th August
Child Protection Week - 4th-10th September
Morning Tea - 9.30am Monday 5th September
Excursion - Tuesday 6th September
Parent/Educator Interviews: Term 3, Weeks 9 & 10
Working Bee - Saturday 15th October
Open Day - Tuesday 18th October 2016



DID YOU KNOW...

our Preschool utilises our Facebook page to issue reminders, publish photos of the day and general communication? Please like our page and share our posts. 'Richmond Hill Preschool'

PARENT/EDUCATOR INTERVIEWS

We will be offering times in Term 3, Week 9 & 10. Please see the notice board to book a time that is suitable

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Parent Management Committee has been successful with Community Partners for 2016/17. Many local businesses have pledged their support to our Preschool. Please support our Community Partners by utilising their services

EXCURSION

Bexhill Public School have extended an offer to our Preschool to attend their school. They have an exciting Petting Zoo that will visit their school on Tuesday 6th September. We are still finalising the details and will send out further information closer to the date.

EXTENDED HOURS

The Parent Management Committee are collating information in regards to increasing our Operating hours from 9-3pm to 8.30-3.30pm. This will be discussed at the next Committee meeting and changes will be advised shortly.

OUR PROGRAM IN TERM 3

Don't forget to look at our whiteboard which will display the children's meaningful learning experiences as well as child-led interests. Your feedback is important, so please feel free to add to the whiteboard. The following is a summary of our program for Term 3:

GROSS MOTOR

The Preschool implements the Fundamental Movement Skill program throughout the day. These skills are important because they are the "building blocks" or foundation movements for more complex and specialised skills required by children throughout their lives to competently and confidently play different games, sports and recreational activities offered at school and in the community. This term the children will practice leaping to touch the balloon, leaping like a frog, hitting a ball with a block, jumping sideways, kicking a ball with feet laying on your back, tunnel crawling, crossing the midline movements and various animal walks which encourage children to move their bodies in different ways.

Parents are always welcome to discuss their child's education and care at any time with the Supervisor.

SMALL GROUPS - PRE ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Visual memory games and activities help children build their memory and concentration which help children to focus on reading and spelling at school. Auditory memory encourages children to listen and remember verbal instructions which are skills needed in the classroom to follow group instructions. Lateral thinking encourages children to think creatively about ways to problem solve, this helps children to solve mathematical problems. Counting is promoted by encouraging children to count objects using one to one correspondence. Through this, children learn that numbers have a context and meaning rather than learning through rote. Numeral recognition provides the basis for children to

visually recognise and name numerals. This term, to promote child protection we will be focusing on children's understanding of their feelings. The children will engage in small group discussion about feelings and emotions, for example, when they are feeling scared it is their body telling them that something is not quite right. Each child will have the opportunity to use drawing as a medium to explore their emotions. They may draw how they are feeling, a place that is special to them and/or people who make them feel happy and safe.

CLOTHING

With the cooler weather please remember to send your children to preschool in layers of clothing (labelled). It's often cold in the morning but warms up as the day goes on. Some spare clothes in your child's bag are also recommended for those damp, muddy days.

SCIENCE AND LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES

Science and language activities often revolve around children's spontaneous interests and the natural environment. Educators extend and scaffold children's learning through this intentional teaching time. Information is added to the whiteboard for parent engagement.

CRAFT AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

This term children will engage with a variety of fine motor skills through craft. They have opportunities to cut with scissors, paste and print shapes to develop spatial awareness through unstructured activities to promote creative expression. Straw blowing helps develop mouth muscle tone and folding promotes the strengthening of fine motor skills.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The New Camera House (Amy Baxter) will be coming to Preschool in Week 5 Monday 15th till Thursday 18th August. Envelopes will be going home very soon so please complete your order and send back to Preschool ASAP.

EDUCATIONAL LEADER

A big congratulations to our Educational Leader Aimie Gibson who recently achieved the Dean's List by graduating with distinctions and high distinctions in 7 subjects within the 2015 study year. We are so privileged to have passionate high achieving Educators who believe in Early Education.



Northern Rivers Preschool Expo - we need your help!

On Saturday 6th August at the Parish Centre Hall (Lismore) from 9am-12pm our Preschool will be holding a Fundraising BBQ at the Preschool Expo. If you have any friends that are considering Preschool for their children please invite them to this FREE event. This is a great opportunity to talk to some quality Preschools from our area. The Parent Management Committee are seeking volunteers to help run our BBQ and talk to any prospective parents. If you can help for 2 hours on the day please see Kellie Paisley (misskell_4@hotmail.com) or Shae. Dear Parents, please come to... 2016 Lismore & District "Preschool Expo" and Family Fun Day * Saturday 6th August from 9am to 12pm * At the Parish Hall, St Andrews Church, Zadoc St, Lismore

Our Main Goal

Selecting a child's first learning centre is an important decision but it doesn't have to be

overwhelming! The idea of this event is to simplify the process by bringing together our community's preschools in one place so families can talk to representatives from each centre and gather the information they need to make the best choice for their children.

On The Day

There will be a jumping castle, craft activities for the children, balloon twisting and each child will get a 'show bag'. Also there will be a sausage sizzle, tea, coffee and morning tea slices and cakes available for purchase. **IMPORTANT:** Please tell any family members and friends in the community who have young children needing preschool places to come along with you! Lismore Parish Centre Preschool Staff and Management Committee would love you to come and join in this inaugural event in its first year!

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

For those children making the transition to school in 2017 during the next two terms the Educators begin to talk about 'Getting ready' for Primary School. The first step in making that transition is being responsible for your own belongings. You can help your child by:

- Letting them choose their own clothes and dress themselves from a specific Preschool drawer when getting dressed in the morning
- Packing their Preschool bag together before getting in the car - discussing what they need to take that day
- Encouraging them to carry their school bag on their back into Preschool
- Letting your child unpack their bag and complete their jobs at Preschool
- When they arrive home letting them unpack their belongings lunch box etc.

Your child may also begin to recognise and write their own name. Our Preschool follows the NSW Board of Studies Handwriting guide. It is important your child practises their name using this particular font as this can be a difficult habit to break. We have attached the guide for your reference.

FUNDRAISING

A big thank you to the Dynan family for their assistance with coordinating the Thermomix raffle. Jodi Dynan very kindly donated her commission (\$200) to help support our Preschool. The pie drive was a big success and the Parent Management Committee would like to thank you for your support. All of this amazing fundraising has enabled the Preschool to buy resources such as the large circular swing, resources for the dramatic play area, sandpit toys, craft resources, CDs for music and movement, and we have added a collection of new books to our library.

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 4-10 SEPTEMBER STRONGER COMMUNITIES SAFER CHILDREN

COMMUNITIES in which children are seen and heard, where their participation is valued and where their families can get the support they need are stronger communities which contribute to keeping children safe and well. To celebrate Child Protection Week this year we will be asking children to invite a trusted member of their community to our Preschool that is special to them. This can be a parent, sibling, family member, cousin, Aunty/Uncle, Grandparent, Neighbour, sports coach etc. The children will be preparing an invitation later in this term to give to their trusted person to attend a special morning tea on Monday 5th September to strengthen our relationship with the Community ensuring Safer Children.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2016
4th - 10th September
PROTECTING CHILDREN IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS



TOPSY TURVY DAY

On Wednesday the 24th August we will have a Topsy Turvy day at Preschool where the children (and the staff!) are encouraged to dress in the most unlikely things. For example: pyjamas, swimmers over their clothes, a silly hat or outfit. We change our routine for the children by having quiet time in the morning outside, having a picnic etc. The children really enjoy this 'silly' day and it provides lots of joy and laughter. We ask that families provide a gold coin donation to the Committee's chosen charity. More information to follow about this event.

SHARING NEWS

Our program is based on the interests of the children and we enjoy sharing items brought from home. Please leave precious items (toys, jewellery etc) at home in case they are misplaced. We are exploring our natural environment in Term 3 and enjoy learning about the elements of nature. Please encourage your child to bring in items that we can extend and engage their learning in this area.

KEEPING YOUR KIDS ACTIVE THROUGHOUT WINTER

Keeping active all year round is important for kids (and adults!). The cooler months are great for outdoor activities and your kids will love to get out in the fresh, crisp air during the winter months. Try:

- * Backyard footy for developing ball skills.
- * Hop-scotch which encourages counting, throwing, hopping and jumping skills.
- * Family time on your bikes for mastering balance.
- * Explore creativity - encourage building pretend castles and igloos from blocks, boxes and other materials around the garden.
- * Or just have fun on a sunny winter afternoon being active at the playground.

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