

Welcome to Preschool for 2021

NEWSLETTER
May 2021

Important Dates.....

- Possum Bush Preschool 10th, 14th, 24th & 28th May
- Wombat Bush Preschool 11th, 13th, 25th & 27th May
- Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser 18 & 20th May.
- National Simultaneous Storytime 19th May.
- School Photos – 1st to 4th June, info available soon.
- Bush Preschool continues in June, dates to follow.
- Smoking Ceremony for Naidoc week - 22nd June.



Please sign in with the Service NSW QR code EVERY TIME you visit preschool. Thank you.



Enrolment for 2022

We are beginning the re-enrolment process for children currently attending Preschool. Families should receive their re-enrolment forms via email or you can pick up a printed copy at the sign in/out table. Once re-enrolment is complete we will be offering placements for new enrolments for 2022. Our waiting list is already very full so if you know someone, maybe a friend or relative, who has a child that would like to come to preschool next year please ask them to submit a wait list online as soon as possible. [Click HERE for the online waiting list;](#)

They can also contact us with enquiries by email admin@springwoodpreschool.org.au or phone 47513360

Positions will fill quickly so get your application in today.



school leavers list

A list has been displayed on an easel near the sign in/out area under the veranda for children leaving us at the end of 2021 and going to Kindergarten in 2022. Please write your child's name under the school they will be going to next year. This will help your child's teachers as they begin their planning to make a smooth transition for all of the children moving onto "big school" next year. Thankyou.



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Visit our Website for information & events
www.springwoodpreschool.org.au

Late Pick ups & Late fees



This is a friendly reminder that our closing time is 4pm. Late fees are applied for late pickups from 4pm and are charged as follows; from 4pm to 4:10pm or any part of that time period is charged at \$20, and a further \$5 for each 5 minute period after 4:10pm will be charged.

We understand that everyone is busy and there is always a lot going on but **you must** be within the preschool grounds with enough time to collect your child and leave preschool by our closing time of 4pm. Please arrive no later than 3:55pm. It would be greatly appreciated if you could also remind any other adults who are authorised to pick up your child of these times too.

Should a late fee be incurred, it will be charged to your account. Two staff are required to be paid overtime to stay from 4pm with a child who is picked up late, hence the reason for late fees charged from 4pm.

We don't wish to appear unsympathetic however these times must be enforced for licence and insurance reasons. When children are not collected from the service by 4pm, the Preschool is breaching the conditions of its licence. Furthermore, the preschool's public liability insurance only covers accident claims in conjunction with the conditions of our licence, i.e. between the hours as stated above. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding in this matter.

Reporting Illness at Preschool



Maintaining a healthy and safe environment for educators and families is paramount. Springwood Preschool educators have a duty of care to ensure the health and wellbeing of the children, educators and families within the preschool by implementing illness exclusion periods for the benefit of the preschool community. We understand that children do become ill however in order to prevent illness and cross infection and due to the number of children at preschool each day and the close proximity of children to each other, we believe that infection control is essential. **PLEASE contact us if your child is unwell so that we may take the necessary steps to follow our infection control procedures.** We are unable to act effectively if families do not advise the preschool of these sorts of illnesses.

In the event of a confirmed case of an infectious illness or vaccine preventable disease at preschool we will issue an email to advise families of the situation and provide a fact sheet from NSW Health to inform families of symptoms, treatment, infectious and exclusion periods. Further to this, The Director must notify the Public Health Unit as soon as they are aware that a child at the preschool has contracted a vaccine preventable disease, making it even more important for families to notify the preschool as soon as possible of illness whether or not you suspect your child may have had the illness at preschool. Thank you for your co-operation.

Fees for Term 2 –

Covid Preschool funding continues for term 2 meaning that fees are still significantly reduced. Fee invoices have been issued via Hubworks and as per term 1, we request that fees be paid as a lump sum please and were due by Monday 3rd May. If you have any difficulties with payment or questions please email us at admin@springwoodpreschool.org.au

Thank you





ATTENTION:

COVID-19 restrictions update 6 May – How does this affect Preschool pick up & drop off?

To maintain restrictions in line with the NSW Government changes & until further notice please note that we will revert back to only staff & children inside the preschool. This means that families are welcome into the yard to sign children into preschool and then parents will leave from there to exit and staff will bring children into the building in a kiss and drop style drop off, and the reverse will apply on the way out of preschool. Please keep your drop off and pick up short so that we can maintain physical distancing and not have crowds of people in the yard at either end of the day. **Please ensure you are signing in with the QR code every time you visit the preschool and use the hand sanitiser too.** Thank you in advance for working with us in these very changeable times.

2022 Re-enrolment & School Leavers forms have been emailed



****2022 Re-Enrolment Preferences** AND**

****School Leaver Information****

We are currently organising enrolments for 2022 and require some information from you. **Although your child may be heading to big school next year, we need this document returned for official notification please.**

Please note this form is NOT for new enrolments of siblings, please complete a waiting list for siblings on our website. Offers of new enrolments will happen as soon as we have finished organising re-enrolments. Thank you.

Child's Name: Date of Birth:

*** Will your child be requiring preschool in 2022?**

If YES please complete page 1, if NO please complete page 2.

Page 1 for selecting preference of days for returning children.

★ Page 2 is for children heading off to Big School. Please don't miss filling it in and returning to us.

*Please return your forms by Friday 28th May so that we can let new families know as soon as possible of the vacancies we have to offer. Thank you.



Two day enrolment pattern explanation: Our Preschool receives funding under the **Start Strong** program from the NSW State Government as an approved community preschool. Start Strong aims to improve affordability of early childhood education and increase the number of children participating for 600 hours in a quality early childhood education program in the year before school (600 hours/year equates to 15 hours/week). Underpinning this is research showing that children who participate in quality early childhood education in the year before school are more likely to start school equipped with the social, cognitive and emotional skills they need to engage in learning. In our preschool, children attending a 2 day enrolment will have access to 16 hours/week. To take full advantage of the funding model we have structured enrolment patterns on a 2 day/week format to enable 2 groups of children across the week to access the Start Strong program's 600 hours in the year before school, as well as maximising our funding to in turn keep daily preschool fees as low as possible.

Bush Preschool to commence from week 4

Please refer to the note from your classroom for the dates specific to each group.



This term we are excited to announce that our bush preschool program will commence in week 4, and we aim to visit the bush every 2nd week until the end of the term..... 😊.

On a bush preschool day, the children and educators walk across the road to Springwood Public School. We walk through the school grounds to the back carpark that borders onto the bush land of Blue Gum Lodge. We enter the bush here and spend time engaged in supervised uninterrupted free play. Everyone carries their own backpack with food and water so we can sit and eat together picnic style 😊. There are toilets available at Springwood Public.

We have found this time in the bush to be really special....a great way to connect with nature....to explore, investigate and discover....to challenge ourselves physically.....to learn about and assess risks.....to learn about the bush and share our knowledge....to connect with each other.....and to just be.

PLEASE REMEMBER

- YOUR CHILD WILL BE CARRYING THEIR OWN BACKPACK WITH WATER AND A LUNCHBOX (MAKE SURE IT IS NOT TOO FULL)
- LONG PANTS PROTECT LEGS.
- ENCLOSED FOOTWEAR IS MANDATORY
- YOUR CHILD WILL NEED A HAT

We generally leave preschool around 9.45am and return around 2pm....but this flexible because it is just across the road.

A risk assessment and risk management plan has been completed for bush preschool to ensure everyone is safe. It is available at preschool. 😊



Biggest Morning Tea - 18th & 20th May

We're hosting a Biggest Morning Tea Please support us!



Our preschool community has been touched by cancer over the years. Hosting a Biggest Morning Tea gives us the opportunity to make a difference.

Raising funds for charities helps us support children in building their sense of agency, knowing that their decisions can influence their community.

Money raised goes towards:

- SunSmart school program
- Research
- Support services for Australians with cancer

Did you know \$55 pays for a cancer nurse to be available to offer support to those in need.

When

Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th May 2021

What do you have to do?

Send something special for your child to eat in their lunch box for morning tea.

Dress your child in blue and/ or yellow clothes on the day of the morning tea.

Make a donation, either in person on the day or via the QR code.

What will we do?

We'll have fun activities.

We'll enjoy being together for morning tea.

We'll make some fairy bread to share.

Scan to Donate



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National Simultaneous Storytime 19th May

Every year Springwood Preschool participates in National Simultaneous Storytime.

This event aims to—promote the value of reading & literacy

- promote the value and fun of books
- promote an Australian writer and publisher
- promote storytime activities in the community.

Our educators have a love of literacy and value the opportunity to share this with the children.

This year's event will be live for the Wombat children who attend preschool on Wednesdays. It will be a Zoom event for everybody else (check your email closer to the date for your invitation to join)



“Save the Date”

for Open Day - Saturday 28th August
10am – 1pm

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