

NEWSLETTER September 2021

Important Dates.....

- Picture Plates due no later than Friday 3rd Sept.
- Term 3 ends Fri 17th Sept.
- School holidays run from Monday 20th Sept to Friday 1st Oct – Preschool closed.
- Mon 4th Oct Public Hol.
- Term 4 starts Tues 5th Oct.

* Return date for all children To Be Advised *

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



A letter from the team at Preschool.....

Dear Families,

Our preschool team wants to take the opportunity to check in with family members from our preschool. This week we hit 10 weeks since we first saw this Delta stain of the virus outbreak in NSW and as many of us listen each day to the premiers COVID update for positive changes in response to everyone's due diligence to ensure we stay at home. Although, it is disheartening to see the cases reach past 1000 cases, with 21 cases actually identified within our LGA, we have been told that come September 10th we will begin to see some lightening of restrictions. This week we heard exciting news of the NSW government's plan for children returning to school in term 4. Despite the number of cases of covid at this time, our preschool thanks every family for keeping our preschool free of this virus and our team and their own families as safe as possible. We miss our normal preschool life as I know you all do too and we all hope that as term 3 comes to a close along with the communication of the 'road map' for return to schools unpacks over the coming days, we hope we will be able resume a little bit of 'normality' for the children within our preschool. Please know that as soon as the NSW Health state that preschool can resume, we will inform you immediately and implement their recommendations. We hope that the children are getting some respite from the packages we make up and send home. However, while you all are putting your energy into creating a positive home environment for all the children and young people in your lives, please remember to also focus on yourselves as parents and make sure you give yourself a break. We have seen many photos of families going on bush walks and enjoying the lovely warmer days as we head into Spring time. Thank you sincerely for your understanding and support of our whole Blue Mountains Community and we look forward to reduction of the restriction.

Kind Regards, the Springwood Preschool Team.



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Picture Plates at Preschool



Personalised plates for keepsakes, gifts or just to add to your collection.

Orders to be in by Friday 3rd September 2021 – NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED as the order is placed as a bulk order. Cost will be \$25 per plate.

- Collect a paper template, take it home and have the children do their artworks.
- Make payment into the fundraising account by 3/9/21 (details below).
- **Return the finished artworks** to the preschool (no later than 3/9/21).
- **Refer to the contactless pickup and drop off details** on the email or on the Preschool at Home Facebook group.

Hints....

- ✓ Use strong, bold marker pens, paints, craft dyes and good quality photos.
- ✓ Don't use pencils, crayons, metallics, fluoros or glitter.
- ✓ Glue your photos in place well. Large, bright close-ups are best as they will slightly blur and darken during manufacture.
- ✓ Colours will be close but not identical to the originals. Any marks in the drawing area may show up on the final product. Don't roll, fold or crease the paper.
- ✓ Remember up to 2cm may be trimmed off the outer edge during manufacture.

NO CASH PAYMENTS - ALL PAYMENTS TO THE FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT:

Name: Springwood and District Preschool BSB: 062601 Account: 10271785 *NOTE: Please reference your payment with your Full name.*



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Are you an essential worker bringing your child to preschool during lockdown?

Please remember this checklist before coming to preschool...

Are you and your child feeling well?

Remember!!!

- Check you have not been to a NSW Health identified Covid-19 hotspot.
- No one in your household is waiting for Covid-19 test results.
- Check in with the Service NSW QR Code on arrival.
- Wear a mask for drop off and pick up.
- Sanitise your hands on arrival.

Term 3 & 4 Fees Update

Term 3 – Term levys will still apply for term 3 to allow us to continue to provide craft packs to families during lockdown. Daily attendance fees will be waived for any days that your child does not attend during lockdown. If you have already paid these fees upfront then rest assured that any credit will roll over to term 4. If you are yet to pay levys, please make your payment to our account with your childs full name as a reference. If you need me to resend a fee notice please let me know.

Term 4 – Attendance fees will resume in Term 4 and continue to be supported by NSW Government Covid funding. Should the start of term 4 be delayed due to Stay at Home restrictions, we will waive fees for the days your child does not attend, however Term levys will still apply as per term 3.

If you are experiencing financial hardship please make contact via email to Kellie or Jes on <u>admin@springwoodpreschool.org.au</u> and we can contact you to discuss how we can help.



Sadly for the second year running we have had to cancel our annual Open Day at preschool due to the pandemic. We hope to see everyone back at preschool in term 4 and fingers crossed we can hold some small group orientations at preschool for new children starting in 2022.

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