

Welcome to Preschool for 2021

NEWSLETTER
December 2021

Important Dates.....

- Term 4 ends Mon 13th Dec.
- Preschool Closed for Staff Training – Tues 14th, Wed 15th Dec 2021.
- School holidays - Thurs 16th Dec to Thurs 27th Jan.
- Fri 28th Jan 2022 - New children Orientation only.
- Term 1 starts Monday 31st January 2022.



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



Enrolments are filling fast for 2022 and why not with Free Preschool funding* available again next year!!

***Free Preschool funding means** that the first 15 hours of your child's enrolment each week is fully funded by the NSW Government under this program. Our hours of enrolment are from 8am to 4pm and families have access to 16 hours of preschool per week which means *families pay just \$7.50 for the 16th hour of enrolment,*

that's 2 days of Preschool for only \$7.50 !!!

Our enrolments for 2022 are filling fast. *We have positions left* in our Thursday/Friday & Tuesday/Wednesday group for 4 year old children whose 4th birthday falls on or before 31st July 2022* *as per the funding guidelines from Department of Education*.*

So if you know someone, maybe a friend or relative, whose child would like to come to preschool next year please let us know.

Families will need to **submit a waiting list online** which can be accessed from the home page of our website;
<http://www.springwoodpreschool.org.au/>

Contact us by email admin@springwoodpreschool.org.au or phone 47513360 if you have any questions.

It's never too soon to fill in a waiting list for enrolment in future years.



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Late pickups and Late fees reminder

Please remember that our closing time is 4pm. **LATE FEES APPLY FROM 4PM**

We understand that everyone is busy and there is always a lot going on but **you must** be within the preschool grounds **before 3:55pm** to collect your child by our closing time of 4pm so that the preschool can adhere to its regulations and close our doors promptly at 4pm.

Our preschool is only licensed for the operating hours of **8am to 4pm**, Monday to Friday. 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.

We do not wish to appear unsympathetic or unfair however our operational hours must be enforced for license and insurance reasons. When children are not collected from the service by 4pm, the Preschool is breaching the conditions of its license which can lead to our license being revoked. Furthermore, the preschool's public liability insurance only covers accident claims in conjunction with the conditions of our license, i.e. between the hours as stated above. **Late fees will apply immediately from 4pm** and will be charged at **\$20 from 4pm to 4:10pm, then \$5 for each 5 minutes from 4:10pm onward** as two staff are required to be paid overtime to remain with children after our closing times. This amount will be added to your account.

We thank you for your attention and understanding.

Please Return Preschool Clothing



If your child has borrowed some of Preschool's spare clothes over the year we would really appreciate it if these could be returned before preschool closes for the year please. Our spare clothes reserves are getting quite low. Thank you.



StEPS 4 yr old vision screening

Due to restrictions put in place as a result of COVID-19, child care centres and preschools will not have had their visit from StEPS this year. Steps would like to offer children who haven't been screened through the StEPS program previously, a vision acuity screen conducted through a clinic in one of the Local Community Health Centres across the NBMLHD. Please check your email for further details. Clinic dates for December and January are below:

- ❖ Cranebrook Community Health Centre – Wednesday 8th December 2021
- ❖ Cranebrook Community Health Centre – Friday 10th December 2021
- ❖ St Clair Community Health Centre – Tuesday 14th December 2021
- ❖ Katoomba Community Health Centre – Wednesday 15th December 2021
- ❖ Springwood Community Health Centre – Thursday 16th December 2021
- ❖ Hawkesbury Community Health Centre – Friday 17th December 2021

- ❖ Hawkesbury Community Health Centre – Tuesday 18th January 2022
- ❖ Cranebrook Community Health Centre – Wednesday 19th January 2022
- ❖ Katoomba Community Health Centre – Thursday 20th January 2022
- ❖ Springwood Community Health Centre – Friday 21st January 2022
- ❖ St Clair Community Health Centre – Tuesday 27th January 2022
- ❖ Cranebrook Community Health Centre – Friday 28th January 2022





Gateway
FAMILY SERVICES

2021 CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL

This list is not exhaustive but just intended as a guide as to what we like to collect. Food that is contributed that we don't use in hampers, is given out to families through our Essentials (*emergency relief*) program, so all food regardless of its suitability for a hamper, is useful and greatly appreciated.

This is what we need the most to make up the 400 boxes of food:

<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Fruit Mince Pies	<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast Cereals ie. Coco Pops, Sultana Bran and other 'kid' favourites
<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Cakes or Puddings	<input type="checkbox"/> Salmon or Tuna - large tins
<input type="checkbox"/> Shortbread	<input type="checkbox"/> Coffee - instant, in jars
<input type="checkbox"/> Savoury Biscuits - any sort	<input type="checkbox"/> Lollies
<input type="checkbox"/> Juice - 1 ltr Long Life cartons	<input type="checkbox"/> Dried Fruit Snacks
<input type="checkbox"/> Soft Drinks - cans/ small bottles	<input type="checkbox"/> Tins Pineapple or Fruit Salad
<input type="checkbox"/> Tins Vegetables ie. Carrots, Peas, Corn, Beans, Potatoes, Beetroot, etc	<input type="checkbox"/> Long Life Custard
<input type="checkbox"/> Sauces, Chutneys & Salad Dressings	<input type="checkbox"/> Jelly Crystals

FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT:

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**Gateway
Family
Services**



Christmas Donations

Last days to donate to the wonderful work of Gateway Family Services.

If you would like to bring in items for their Christmas Hampers, please bring in your donations **by this Thursday 2nd December** as **Gateway will collect the donations from Preschool on Friday 3rd December.**

Thank you!!!

❖ **Monday 13th December is the last day for children at Preschool in 2021.**

❖ **Preschool returns for Term 1, on Monday 31st January 2022.**

We wish you all a Merry and safe Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2022.

*Best wishes from all of us at
Springwood Preschool.*





Monday 6th Dec - Disco Party Day

Come dressed up - fancy dress, Christmas theme, crazy hair, favourite character. Don't forget to bring your dancing shoes!!!



Tuesday 7th Dec - Beach Day

Come in your swimmers and rash vest (for sun protection - a t-shirt will also do) ready to enjoy some water fun! Please bring a towel with your name on it, some clothes to change into and a bag for your wet things.



Wednesday 8th Dec - Disco Party Day

Come dressed up - fancy dress, Christmas theme, crazy hair, favourite character. Don't forget to bring your dancing shoes!!!



Thursday 9th Dec - Disco Party Day

Come dressed up - fancy dress, Christmas theme, crazy hair, favourite character. Don't forget to bring your dancing shoes!!!



Friday 10th Dec - Beach Day

Come in your swimmers and rash vest (for sun protection - a t-shirt will also do) ready to enjoy some water fun! Please bring a towel with your name on it, some clothes to change into and a bag for your wet things.

The Team at Springwood Preschool

