

Welcome to Preschool for 2022

NEWSLETTER April 2022

Important Dates.....

- **Term 1 ends Friday 8th April.**
- **Billy Cart Derby – Friday 8th April**
(Friday children only)
- **School Holidays 9th to 24th April, Anzac Day 25th April – Preschool Closed.**
- **Term 2 starts Tuesday 26th April.**
- **School Photos – 24th to 27th May, information will be sent out as soon as we have it**

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BILLY CART DERBY FRIDAY CHILDREN

On **Friday 8th April 2022** our **Friday children** will be going on an excursion to Springwood Public School for their Annual Billy Cart Derby Day which is finally back this year after two years of being called off due to Covid!

We plan to leave the preschool at 9.30am and will return back at approximately 10.30am. Please be at preschool by 9am at the latest so we can leave right on 9:30am.

Please fill out the form provided by your child's educator and return it no later than Thursday 7th April 2022.

If you are yet to pick up a note or have misplaced it, please print the copy emailed to you and return to the rooms.

Thank you.



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We would like to formally introduce you to the newest member of our team, *Kayla* who comes to us from CathWest Innovation College and as part of her year 11 & 12 studies, Kayla will be joining us on a Tuesday to see what Early Childhood looks like first hand.

We look forward to sharing our team's skills and knowledge with Kayla as she begins her journey in the Early Childhood field once she finishes her year 12 studies. **Welcome Kayla!!**

AGM 2022



Springwood and District Preschool Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 10th March 2022. Our Executive Management Committee for 2022 are;
Pat Wilby – President, Luisa Bromage – Vice President, Laura De Keizer – Secretary and Steph Thompson – Treasurer.

We have received such generous support already from our new and existing families on the Management Committee and we would like to thank everyone for their involvement and we look forward to a wonderful year ahead.

Preschool Website

Don't forget... to use our website for lots of information as well as our calendar for important events.

www.springwoodpreschool.org.au



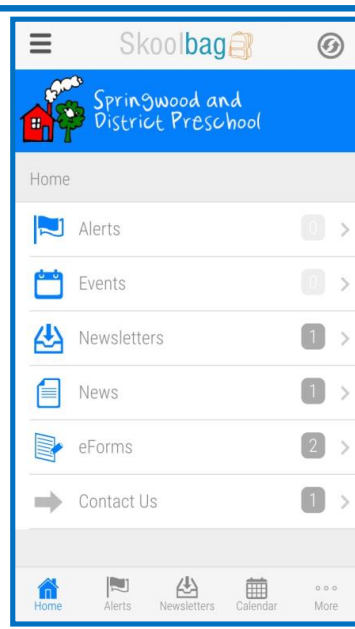
Have you downloaded the Skoolbag App yet?

Our Preschool uses the Skoolbag app as a part of our communication.

Search for **"SkoolBag"** on the App store or Google play store and download it to your smart phone.

After opening the app, **add your school (Springwood & District Preschool)** and you're ready to go!

We use the app to share urgent messages, newsletters and information on important events too.



Fees for Term 2 –

Free Preschool funding continues for term 2 meaning that fees are significantly reduced. Fee invoices will be issued before the holiday break via Hubworks and as per term 1, we request that fees be paid as a lump sum please and are due by Monday 25th April. If you have any questions please email us at admin@springwoodpreschool.org.au

Thank you



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 whether it is your child's day at preschool or not, 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.

FRIENDLY REMINDER FOR IMMUNISATION RECORDS

It is very important to provide preschool with the most up to date copy of your child's immunisation records at all times. The Public Health Amendment (Review) 2017 requires all early childhood services to maintain up to date records of all Immunisation History Statements. You can obtain a statement at any time by contacting Medicare:

- By telephone on **1800 653 809**
- By email on acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au
- Online at www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/online
- In person at your local Medicare office, Centrelink office or Child Support Service Centre.



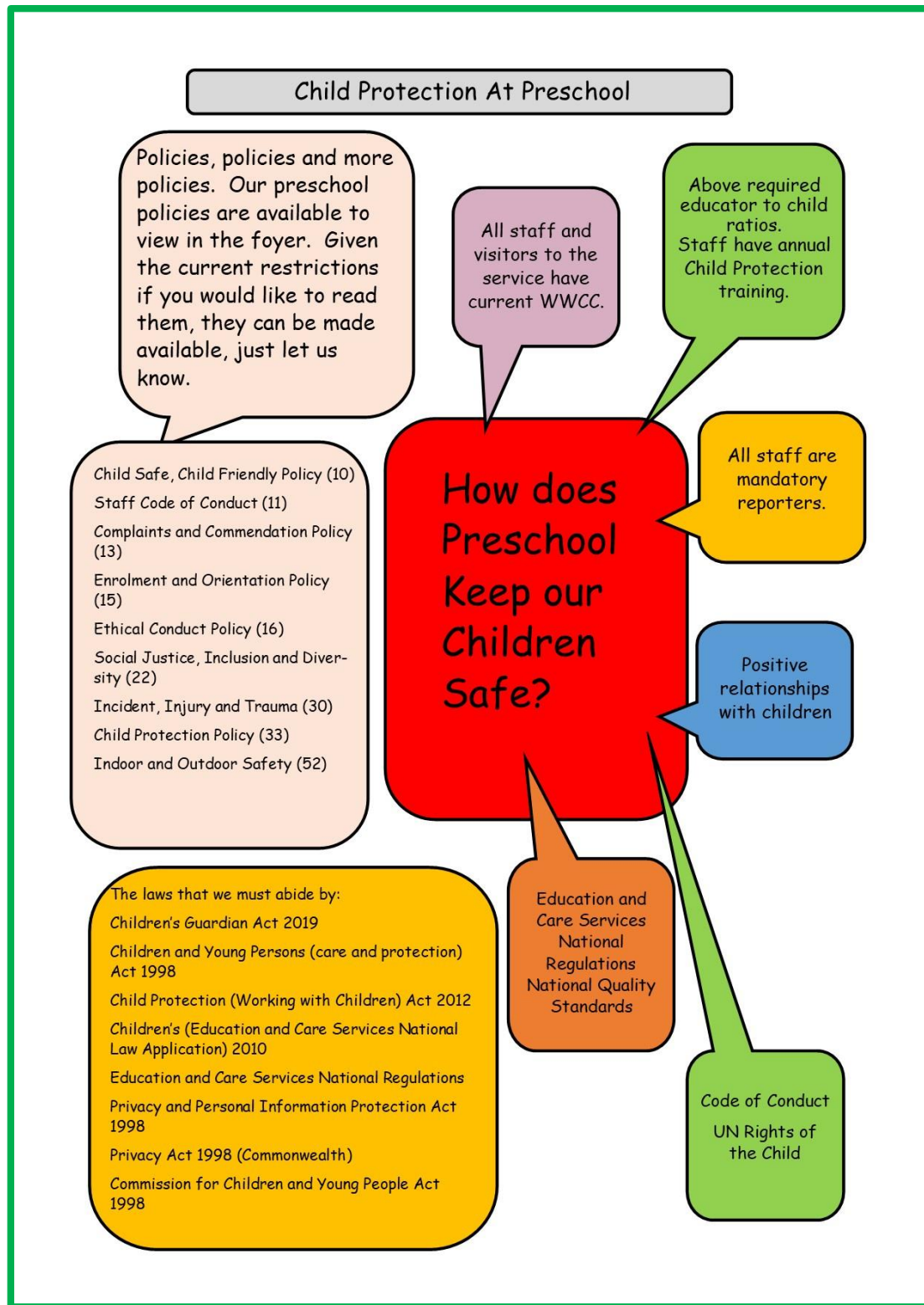
If your child is due for their immunisations, please arrange to have them done asap and provide us with the updated copy of the Statement. If the Preschool has an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease any child whose immunisation record is not up to date will be excluded from the preschool for the recommended exclusion period, for example; Whooping cough exclusion period can be up to 21 days.

If your immunisation schedule is not up to date for any reason, one of the following forms must be provided as soon as possible;

- a current **AIR Immunisation History Statement** showing that a child is 'up to date' with their immunisations, including where a child has an **approved medical contraindication** or natural immunity to one or more vaccines, OR
- an **AIR Immunisation History Form** for a child who does not have a complete immunisation history and may be on a **recognised catch-up schedule**, which has been certified by an immunisation provider.



We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.



Gateway Family Services

Term 2, 2022

Parenting Programs Summary



Program	Date & Time	Location	To Register
Bringing Up Great Kids In the First 1,000 Days <i>Learn more about how babies' brain development influences their thoughts, feelings and tune in to your baby's social, emotional, physical and cognitive development.</i> <i>Suitable for parents of 0 –2 year olds.</i>	Every Monday 2nd May - 6th June 7:00pm - 9:00pm <i>* NO Childcare</i>	Blaxland Uniting Church (rear Hall) 70-76 Old Bathurst Road, BLAXLAND	Phone Gateway- 0490 662 498 or email: groups@gatewayfamyliservices.org.au
Circle of Security <i>Learn how to be a strong, wiser & kinder parent with your kids.</i> <i>Suitable for parents of 0 -12 year olds.</i>	Every Wednesday 4th May - 15th June 9:30am - 11:30am <i>* NO Childcare</i>	Katoomba Public School Merriwa Street, KATOOMBA	Phone Gateway- 0490 662 498 or email: groups@gatewayfamyliservices.org.au
1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching <i>Learn how to understand & manage your child's difficult behaviour.</i> <i>Suitable for parents of 2 -12 year olds.</i>	Every Thursday 5th May - 19th May & 9th June 10:00am - 12:00pm <i>* Childcare is available</i>	Gateway Family Services - Penrith Office Cnr Station & Henry Sts, PENRITH	Phone Gateway- 0490 662 498 or email: groups@gatewayfamyliservices.org.au
No Scaredy Cats <i>Strategies to help your child reduce anxiety & build resilience.</i> <i>This group will assist you to understand how anxiety develops and how to offset its progress whilst providing some strategies for its management.</i> <i>Suitable for parents of 2-12 year olds.</i>	Every Tuesday 24th May - 7th June 9:30am - 11:30am <i>* NO Childcare</i>	WinCAMP 56 White Cross Road, WINMALEE	Phone Gateway- 0490 662 498 or email: groups@gatewayfamyliservices.org.au
Bringing Up Great Kids: PARENTING ADOLESCENTS <i>Learn about brain development in adolescents and what influences their thoughts, feelings & behaviour whilst identifying important messages and how to convey to your adolescent.</i> <i>Suitable for parents of 10-19 yr olds.</i>	Every Saturday 30th Apr - 4th June 10:00am - 12noon <i>* NO Childcare</i>	Gateway Family Services - Penrith Office Cnr Station & Henry Sts, PENRITH	Phone Gateway- 0490 662 498 or email: groups@gatewayfamyliservices.org.au

For more information and Individual Flyers go to:

www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au or www.facebook.com/GatewayFS

Gateway Family Services parenting programs are funded by DSS and DCJ.

Gateway works collaboratively with community partners to bring parenting programs to communities from St Marys to Blackheath.

Gateway encourages, supports & respects diversity in families & communities. Our Groups are open to everyone.



SPRINGWOOD UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

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Football4All

SUFC Lyrebirds Team

An inclusive football program for
children with special needs

Summerhayes Park, Winmalee
SATURDAY 8:30 to 9:30am
APRIL 23 - JULY 23, 2022
(no games during the July school holidays)
Open to players 5-16yrs



A 12 week program of skills, drills and game play, tailored to suit your child's needs, run by our dedicated facilitators and supported by the Western Sydney Wanderers! We are committed to providing your child with a fun, safe and inclusive environment in which to learn new skills and develop their love of Football, while making new friends along the way!

Registration: \$100 per family (registration open until 27 June, 2022)
Active Kids Vouchers accepted
Includes Ball, Sausage Sizzle and Drink (after each game)

Contacts and Enquiries can be directed to our
Lyrebirds Co-ordinator at:
lyrebirds@springwoodunited.com.au
Mobile: 0408 269 663



Register Now @ www.playfootball.com.au

COVID SAFE!
For Kids O-12 and
their Parents/Carer
All Welcome!

FAMILY FUN DAY

Thursday April 21
Bullaburra Village Green
FREE! 10am - 2pm



BBQ
Wagana Dancers
Bush Walks
Craft
Fun & Games!

Shuttle bus from
Bullaburra Station
@ GWH Service Rd

For more info: Liz 0422 733 224
Cancelled if wet weather

We acknowledge the Dharug and Gundungurra people as the
Traditional Custodians of the land in which we live and work

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BLUE MOUNTAINS
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