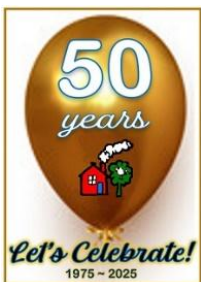


September

2025 NEWSLETTER

Important Dates...

- **Stay & Play mornings** – Tues 2nd & Thurs 4th Sept from drop off til 10:30am
- **Saturday 6th Sept - 50th Birthday celebration** 10am to 1pm
- **Book fair parade** at Springwood Public School - Tuesday 16th Sept
- **Seniors visit** - Friday 19th Sept from 10:30-11:30am.
- **School photos** - Tues 23rd & Thurs 25th Sept from 8:30am
- **Term 3 ends** - Friday 26th September
- Tuesday 28th & Friday 31st October – **Steps Vision Screening** from 9:30am.



September 2025

'Like' us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/springwoodpreschool

Visit our Website

for information & events:

www.springwoodpreschool.org.au

Celebrating 50 years of
SPRINGWOOD PRESCHOOL

A group photo of children and adults sitting on a wooden structure, possibly a slide or a bench. A logo is overlaid on the photo that says '50 years Let's Celebrate! 1975 - 2025'.

Join us for a special anniversary celebration!
Saturday 6th September
10am to 1pm
9 Macquarie Road, Springwood

Come along and celebrate 5 decades of Springwood Preschool. We'd love to see everyone there!

Follow our **50th Birthday** page on **Facebook and Instagram** for exciting updates and photos of preschool over the decades!

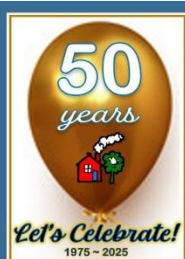
You're invited

to help us celebrate 50 wonderful years of
Springwood Preschool - a milestone of learning,
laughter and community.

Saturday 6th September, 10am – 1pm, at Springwood
Preschool.

Join us for a fun-filled day of family friendly activities
including:

- 🎨 Face painting
- 🎈 Balloon entertainment
- ☕ Coffee cart
- 🍖 Sausage sizzle
- 🎁 And plenty more surprises



Help us build our Community Library today!

**AS PART OF OUR 50 YEAR CELEBRATION THE
KATOOMBA MEN'S SHED HAVE BUILT A COMMUNITY
LIBRARY FOR OUR PRESCHOOL**

We invite families to
donate the first new
books to add to our
library. Our 50 year
celebration labels
will be placed in
each book to
acknowledge your
families
contribution.



Celebrating 50 years of SPRINGWOOD PRESCHOOL

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS		ALL DAY FUN
10 AM	Gates open	Face Painting
10AM - 12PM	Springwood Police & police car	Springwood Fire & Rescue
10:10 AM	Welcome, Acknowledgement & Smoking Ceremony	Coffee Cart
10:30 AM	Matt Falloon & his Trained Balloons	Sausage sizzle - 300 free sausage sandwiches to give away!
11:30 AM	Dignitaries Speech & cutting of cake	Steve and his wonderful guitar
1 PM	Event concludes	Photo wall display
		Art fundraiser - artworks by current students will be available to purchase, with proceeds donated to the Cancer Council in memory of a much-loved staff member, Sharon

**FREE ENTRY!
No onsite parking**

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Saturday 6th September
10am to 1pm
9 Macquarie Road, Springwood

Follow our 50th Birthday [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for some wonderful old photos and details of the days events.

Please note:

- There will be **no onsite parking**, please walk or use nearby street parking.
- We will have a professional photographer so please let them know on the day if you **do not** wish to have your photo taken.

We hope you can join us and enjoy the celebrations as we honour our preschool's proud history. We look forward to seeing you.





Help us to reach our 50th birthday fundraising target!

You can return your cans and bottles at a Return and Earn depot and instantly donate to Springwood Preschool.

Nearby locations include:
 Winmalee Shopping Centre
 Leonay Golf Club
 Lennox Shopping Centre

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returnandearn.org.au

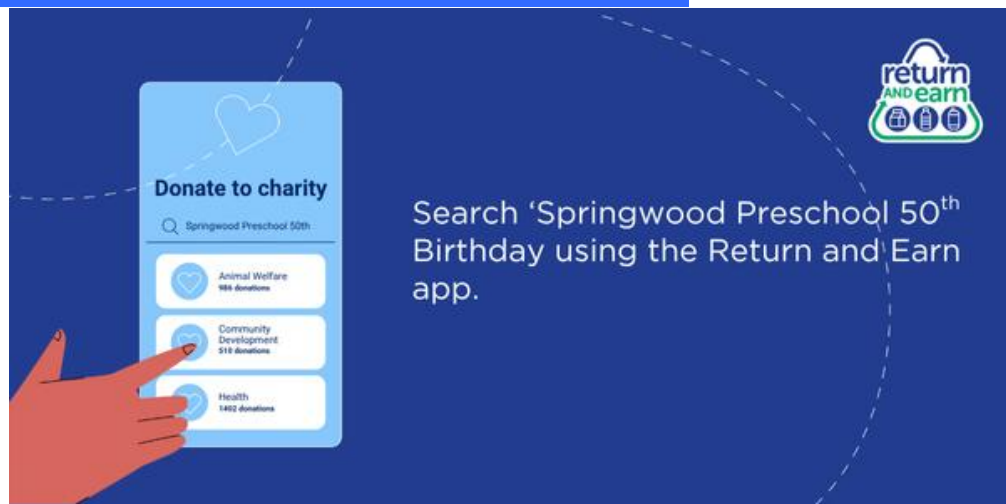


Return your containers

Press DONATE on the screen

**Select us on the screen
Springwood Preschool
50th Birthday**

Donate your 10-cent refund at your local machine in 3 easy steps



Donate to charity

Search 'Springwood Preschool 50th Birthday' using the Return and Earn app.

- Animal Welfare 188 donations
- Community Development 519 donations
- Health 1402 donations





Please no nuts, nut products or
hot drinks, thank you 😊



Preschool Photos

**Preschool Photos –Tuesday 23rd &
Thursday 25th September from 8:45am**

Preschool photos will be happening at the end of September. Children will have an individual photo and group photo on their normal day of attendance, being either Tuesday or Thursday.

*** NO PAYMENT is required** upfront. When the photos arrive back at preschool, you can view them and decide if you'd like to purchase them. Payment will then be direct to Fotek using their online payment system before taking the photos home. Details and prices of the photo packages will be sent on an email to families.

***Sibling Photos:** If you have more than one child attending Preschool this year and you would like to purchase a combined photo pack please complete the **'Shared Pack'** form that will be provided to you at preschool and return it before photo day. Details are on the order form.

***Pre Paid Family Photos:** If you would like Family photos (this can be children/siblings not attending the preschool) you will need to complete a payment envelope which can be collected from the office and book a time. Further details will be sent on an email. **Family photos are the only photos that must be paid for before the photos are taken.**





Policies currently under review.....

Below are the new policies required by the Department of Education

Child Protection Policy NSW – effective from 1 Sept 2025

- Reviewed changes to comply with regulations from 1st September https://springwoodpreschool.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/DRAFT-Child-Protection-Policy_NSW_LDC_V18.08.25.pdf

Tobacco, Drug and Alcohol-Free Policy

- Changes to comply with regulations Sept 2025 <https://springwoodpreschool.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Tobacco-Drug-Alcohol-Free-Policy-2025.pdf>

Safe use of Digital Technologies and Online Environments

- to comply with regulations - specifically regulations 168 and 170. This is now a stand alone policy for digital technology, previously covered in child safe standards policy. <https://springwoodpreschool.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Safe-Use-of-Digital-Technologies-and-Online-Environments-Policy-Reg-changes-sept-2025.pdf>



2026 Kindy @ Ellison Public School
Ellison Road, Springwood NSW 2777 | (02) 4751 5099 | ellison-p.schools.nsw.gov.au

Kindergarten Transition for 2026
Parent Information Night: Wednesday 19th November 5:15pm

Kindergarten Orientation Visits:
Join us for FOUR fabulous visits which include a School Tour & Treasure Hunt, Teddy Bear's Picnic and more

Maroon Group: Tuesday 14/10, 21/10, 28/10 and 4/11 from 9:30-11am
Blue Group: Tuesday 11/11, 18/11, 25/11 and 2/12 from 9:30-11am



Steps Vision Screening

On Tuesday 28th & Friday 31st October from 9:30am, the team from Steps Vision Screening will be at Preschool.

Children who are eligible for screening should have already received a permission form. Please complete it and return it by the day of screening. This includes if your child has had the screening elsewhere.

The youngest of our 4 year olds who will return to preschool in 2025 may not have received an envelope but if your child has turned 4 by these dates and you don't want to wait until next year then please see the office and collect a permission form.

What is StEPS?

The StEPS program is an initiative of NSW Health and offers all 4 year old children free vision screening.

Why would my child need their vision screened?

- Children rarely complain of eye problems
- Children may not realise they can't see well
- Some children can see well with one eye but have very poor vision in the other eye
- Children's eyes may look OK and parents/careers might think that their child can see well but some children might still have a vision problem
- The only way to tell if a child has a vision problem is to have their vision tested one eye at a time.

Did you know?

- If a child has a 'lazy eye' it may lead to severe vision loss or blindness if not treated
- If a child has a vision problem, the earlier the problem is detected and treated the better the vision outcome
- If parents wear glasses or had vision problems as a child their children are more likely to have vision problems too
- After eight years of age some childhood vision problems cannot be treated and the child will have poor vision for the rest of their life - glasses won't help
- Low birth weight babies and children with neurological problems are at a greater risk of developing eye problems

Does my child need their vision screened?

NSW Health advises all children to have their vision screened before they start school and strongly recommends that all 4 year old children participate in the vision screening program.

How can my child access the StEPS program?

Your local Area Health Service will target preschools and child care centres to offer all four year old children a **free** vision screening. To have your child's vision screened you will need to complete a consent form and return it to your child's preschool/chilcare centre. You can also have your four year old child's vision screened for **free** through your local Child & Family Health Service. Contact details for your local Child & Family Health Service are on the back of this pamphlet.



How will I know if my child has a vision problem?

Every parent/carer of children who have a vision screening will be informed of the results of their child's vision screening assessment. Should a vision problem be detected you will be contacted by your local Area Health Service and asked to have your child's eyes fully tested by an eye health professional. As children's eyes continue to develop until approximately 8 years of age it's important to ensure every child's vision develops normally throughout these formative years. The StEPS program is a vision screening program and does not offer a full diagnostic assessment. If you have any concerns about your child's vision you are recommended to have your child's vision tested fully by an eye health professional.

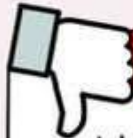


Should My child go to preschool today?



YES

No cough, cold, vomiting,
diarrhoea, has a clear
nose, had a good sleep,
does not need medicine. Is
healthy and well!
You are Good to Go!



NO

Has a cough

Has a runny nose

Vomited last night

Vomited this morning

Diarrhoea either last
night or this morning

Is generally run down
and unwell

Had Panadol (or cough medicine)
last night or this morning. (If
they need medicine to be able to
get through the day, then they
should not be at preschool).

Unsure as to whether they are
well enough to stay or go..

Parent thinks child is unwell
but child says they want to
go to preschool.

