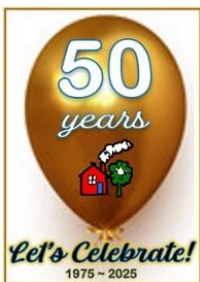


# November

## 2025 NEWSLETTER

### Important Dates...

- **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November** - Orientation for 2026 new children
- **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November** - Seniors visit
- **Thur 11<sup>th</sup>/Fri 12<sup>th</sup> & Mon 15<sup>th</sup>/Tues 16<sup>th</sup> December** – **Party week** – Please see details in the newsletter
- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> & Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - End of year picnic & celebration
- **Term 4 ends** - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December
- **School holidays** – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan. **Preschool is closed**
- **2026 begins** – Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb.



**November 2025**

*'Like' us on Facebook:*

[www.facebook.com/springwoodpreschool](http://www.facebook.com/springwoodpreschool)

*Visit our Website*

for information & events:

[www.springwoodpreschool.org.au](http://www.springwoodpreschool.org.au)

## Christmas hamper donations



**We're collecting donations  
to support families  
in need this Christmas.  
Can you help us?**

Each year Gateway support hundreds of families who are doing it tough at Christmas, providing food hampers and gifts to people in the Blue Mountains and Penrith areas. Last year Gateway provided 300+ hampers and gifts for over 1200 adults and children. This mammoth effort is only possible due to enormous support from the community. Their Christmas hamper program runs solely on donations, and Gateway are incredibly grateful for the support of local individuals and organisations. Over the page is a list of suggested food items Gateway need for their hampers.

**Food items will be collected by Gateway on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. If you'd like to help please drop off your donations in the boxes near the sign in area at Preschool by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December.**

*Thank you*

Also if you know any families who would benefit from receiving a Christmas hamper this year, please contact Gateway's Essentials team on 4720 6500

# CHRISTMAS

## HAMPER FOOD DRIVE



- \* Christmas treats
- \* Shortbread/sweet biscuits
- \* Savoury biscuits/crackers
- \* Instant coffee & longlife juice
- \* 1kg bags of rice
- \* Breakfast cereals
- \* Salmon and tuna (large tins)
- \* Tinned fruit & vegetables
- \* Lollies, chocolate & crisps
- \* Sauces, chutney and dressings

## DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS HERE



All donations will be distributed to local families via our Christmas hamper program.

[www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au](http://www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au) Phone 4720 6500 70 Old Bathurst Road Blaxland



# Children Unattended in Cars

Hot days like we've had this week prompt us to kindly ask **ALL** parents and carers **NOT** to leave children unattended in any vehicle in our car park while you drop off their sibling at preschool.

The safety issues around this practice leaves our preschool, children and parents potentially open to very serious consequences.

We know that dropping off or picking up children can be a challenge some days when you have other children in the car and we empathise, however we just want to bring to your attention the seriousness of leaving children in cars alone. We are heavily regulated as mandatory reporters and it is our duty of care to report unsafe incidents with children.

Please never leave children alone in a car, even for short periods, because cars can become dangerously hot very quickly, and children are more vulnerable to heat-related illness, dehydration, or playing with dangerous controls. A car's internal temperature can rise 20 to 30 degrees hotter than the outside temperature, and it only takes a few minutes for the inside to become dangerously hot. The carpark is a public space and we also want to ensure that cars are not left running with children in them and risk being stolen. None of us want to live with these potentially devastating outcomes.

If you are in need of help urgently at drop off or pick up, please call the preschool so we can help keep everyone safe, thank you.



## PHOTOS ARE BACK AT PRESCHOOL

**TO VIEW AT PRESCHOOL & PURCHASE ONLINE**

**for 3 weeks from 23/10/25 until 12/11/25**

**(no viewing on Mondays sorry)**

Families will have **3 weeks from 23/10/25 until 12/11/25 to view & purchase**, between **Tuesday to Friday only please when Kellie is at preschool**.

If you do not wish to purchase them, please also let us know so that we don't need to follow up with you.

**Photos can only be viewed at preschool, and must be purchased prior to taking them home.** Please

see Kellie either in the office or in the yard at pick up or drop off time to view the photos.

The complete package price is \$75 - 6 pages of photos and 6 wallet size portraits. Individual pages can be purchased separately too, **please see the attachment for package details**.

### **PAYMENT:-**

Below is a link to Fotek's online payment system allow parents to pay for their package / photos by credit card. If you would prefer to pay by cash we can provide you with a payment envelope when you view the photos.

PLEASE NOTE - For the protection of the children, their images cannot be seen on this link. Images can be viewed at the preschool.



THE ORIGINAL  
PRE-SCHOOL  
PHOTOGRAPHERS

**Springwood & District Pre School**

**Login to Pay:** [Click here](#)

**UserID :** 1049

**Password :** 117725





## Return and Earn Fundraising

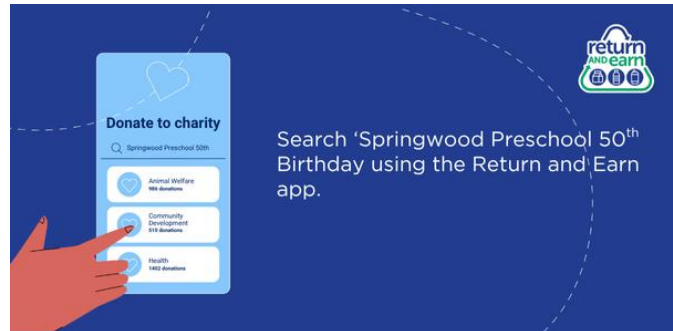
Help us continue the fundraising we began with Return & Earn for our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday to put the money towards resources for preschool.

Either visit a return & earn depot near you or place your cans and bottles in the bin provided at preschool.

**The location of the bin is shown below:**



Simply follow the steps shown here to deposit at a return & earn depot;



## Art Show Donations to



*In loving memory of our team member Sharon,*

With your art purchases at our 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration we have been able to make a donation of **\$230.30** to the Cancer Council.

*Thank you!*





FAMILY, FRIENDS & SPECIAL PEOPLE,  
WE WARMLY INVITE YOU TO OUR

## *End of year picnic & celebration*

THUR 11<sup>TH</sup> DEC & MON 15<sup>TH</sup> DEC 1-3PM

- BRING A PICNIC LUNCH TO SHARE WITH YOUR CHILD. PLEASE REMEMBER WE HAVE CHILDREN WITH EGG & NUT ALLERGIES IN ATTENDANCE SO PLEASE REFRAIN FROM BRINGING THESE FOODS & HOT DRINKS.
- A VARIETY OF CREATIVE ACTIVITIES WILL BE PROVIDED SO THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN YOUR CHILD IN MAKING SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR THIS TIME OF THE YEAR. WE BELIEVE THAT OFFERING CHILDREN THE CHOICE TO MAKE A GIFT FOR THEIR FAMILY IN THIS WAY REFLECTS OUR PRESCHOOL PHILOSOPHY, PRINCIPLES & PRACTICES. THIS WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF ALL OF THE CHILDREN MAKING GIFTS AT PRESCHOOL.
- WE WILL FINISH OUR CELEBRATIONS BY GATHERING TOGETHER TO SING SOME OF OUR FAVOURITE SONGS.
- 1PM LUNCH, 1.30-2.30 ART/CRAFT, 2.30ish GATHER FOR SONGS

IN THE EVENT OF  
SEVERE WEATHER WE  
MAY NEED TO MODIFY  
OUR PLANS, BUT WE  
WILL KEEP YOU  
UPDATED.





## PRESCHOOL END OF YEAR PARTIES

- Children can bring party food in their lunch boxes (please no nut-based products). Some ideas could include fairy bread, chips, a jelly cup, cupcakes, fruit/vegie sticks with dip and popcorn.
- **We will not be sharing any food or providing any food except for a Zooper Dooper iceblock.**



### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - DISCO PARTY DAY

Come dressed up - fancy dress, Christmas theme, crazy hair, favourite character. Don't forget to bring your dancing shoes!!! *This is the same day as picnic celebrations with families and friends (1-3pm).*



### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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. PLEASE HELP US OUT BY LABELLING EVERYTHING!



### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - DISCO PARTY DAY

Come dressed up - fancy dress, Christmas theme, crazy hair, favourite character. Don't forget to bring your dancing shoes!!! *This is the same day as picnic celebrations with families and friends (1-3pm).*



### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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. PLEASE HELP US OUT BY LABELLING EVERYTHING!





## Policies currently under review.....

### Sun Protection Policy

- No changes, just reviewing to comply with regulations  
<https://springwoodpreschool.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Sun-Protection.pdf>

### Water Safety Policy

- No changes, just reviewing to comply with regulations  
<https://springwoodpreschool.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Water-Safety-Policy-2023.pdf>

### WHS Policy

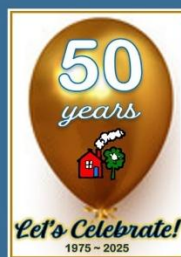
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## 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday book library

*It's not too late to donate*

*If your family would like to donate a book to our Community Library to commemorate our preschool's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday, please feel free to bring it in next term and have a 50 year Celebration label placed in the cover with your family's name to acknowledge your support and contribution.*



**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.

