

Elizabeth Downs Preschool



Dear Families,

Term 3 is quickly drawing to a close and we have watched with great pleasure the children grow, build friendships, develop confidence and skills, take risks and become resilient and more independent learners.

The children have been observing closely the spiny leaf stick insects and they have grown quite quickly so far, although not enough for the children to handle yet. They were delighted as they observed the changes of the caterpillars into butterflies, so we hope they will be as equally engaged watching the life cycle of frogs. Using the microscope connected to the interactive whiteboard, the children will be able to observe the tadpoles, still in their eggs. They will quickly hatch and hopefully will go on to grow, develop legs and absorb their tails, becoming little frogs, which will be released back into the dam they originally came from.



As many of the Yambo children may have mentioned, Corinna has left the Preschool as she found another teaching position closer to her home. Jessica has now joined our team and has quickly made great connections with the children. Roqia is also working with us on Tuesday and Friday mornings, as a School Support Officer with bilingual skills.

Sports Day

Thursday, 24 September is sports day and it will be very different this year as we are unable to have families attend. The Preschool will join in games and activities with the rest of the school. Kari children are welcome to attend the day's activities. More information will be available soon.

Interviews

Thanks to the families who have organised or attended teacher interviews. If we have not had a meeting with you yet, please see educators to organise a time for a chat and a look at your child's portfolio. You are also more than welcome to book a time to speak to educators throughout the term, especially if you have any concerns.

Dates to remember

Thursday
24 September
Sports Day

Friday
25 September
End of Term 3
Early 2pm dismissal

Monday
12 October
First day Term 4

We wish to acknowledge that the Preschool is situated on the traditional country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains

Occasional Care

Occasional care sessions are fully booked each week and families are on a waiting list. Please advise Vicky or phone the Preschool, if you cannot attend your booked session, so she can offer the space to someone else.

Warmer Weather

As the weather is now improving and the UV levels are on the rise, we ask that children are brought to Preschool wearing sunblock. We will be reapplying at lunch time to ensure that no one gets burnt. The children are already wearing their hats whenever they are outside.

We also ask that all lunch boxes are packed with an ice brick or cold pack. Yoghurts, cheese and meat have a high risk of becoming contaminated and therefore need to be kept cold. Unfortunately we do not have a fridge that the children can use.



Preschool Survey

Over the coming weeks, all families will be asked to complete an annual Preschool Survey. The questions relate to all aspects of the Preschool and the results allow us to improve our service. The survey is anonymous and completely confidential. Please remember that if you would like us to include something in our program or you would like to share something special with the centre, we would love to hear from you.

Spare Clothes

If your child has been changed into spare preschool clothes, can you please return them as soon as possible? Please also remember to pack named, spares for your child.

Drink Bottles

Can we please remind families to supply a drink bottle for their child each day, as many are coming to Preschool without one at the moment?



Preschool Enrolments for 2021

We are now taking 2021 enrolments for Preschool. If you have a child turning 4 BEFORE the end of April 2021 - they can start preschool in January next year. Please see educators for an enrolment pack.

School Enrolments for 2021

School enrolment packs have been sent home to those families who have nominated Elizabeth Downs Primary as their preference. Please return the completed forms to the Preschool as soon as possible, so planning can begin for next year's classes.

Regards
Preschool Educators