

WILLUNGA PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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CURRICULUM

We have had a great start to the term. Being able to build positive relationships with the children, and their families, at the beginning of the year is extremely important. The educators have been able to spend time with every child in their first two weeks and make them feel special and connected to the Preschool. We have also been able to establish positive learning behaviors at our group times.

We will be guided a lot by the children's interests when developing learning opportunities for them, whilst closely following the principles, learning areas and outcomes of the Early Years Learning Framework.

We will be starting our 'Eat a Rainbow' Program on Wednesdays from next week (week 4). When it is your child's week to attend on Wednesday they will be involved in this exciting program. Please refer to the red note by the sign in sheet or on the Skoolbag App.

PUNCTUALITY

If you arrive before 8.40 am, we would appreciate it if you could wait outside with your child. It is a very important time for our staff team to get organised for the day and we thank you for your support with this.

LOST PROPERTY

We hope that you will put your child's name on absolutely everything and that we don't have any lost property this year!!!! However, there is a basket located under the verandah with items which have been left behind.

FEES

You should have received your fees invoice this week. The deadline for payment of term 1 fees is week 4. Fees are built into our yearly budget and we rely on them to pay for our utilities and

resources for your children to use. We will also be planning excursions and/or visiting guests each term. These are always heavily subsidised if not paid in total by the preschool. Payment of fees is therefore crucial if you would like your child to participate in these events.

Please note that fees are \$90 a term, you are welcome to pay termly or \$360 for the whole year up front. If you would like to organise a payment plan please see Megan, all conversations are confidential.

You can pay your fees in cash (correct money as we do not have change) in the fees box by the office door. Please fill out a payment slip with your child's name and what the payment is for (eg term 1 fees) and place the slip and money in the plastic bags provided. Alternatively you can pay online by internet transfer, our bsb and account numbers are on your invoice and also on the fees box.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and PARENT VOICE

Every year it is a DECD requirement for us to hold an annual general meeting to present the annual report and to elect the Governing Council (Parent Voice) for the year.

We held our AGM this week on Monday 15th February, thank you to everyone who attended. If you couldn't make the meeting you can still be a part of the committee and join anytime. Minutes from the meetings will be placed on the App and will also be available in hard copy by the sign in sheets.

The next meeting is on

Wednesday – 16th March - 1.30-3pm at the Preschool.

Our committee members are now busily organising a twilight sausage sizzle/acquaintance night. The sausage sizzle is

an event for our Preschool community, so come along and meet other parents, the educators and have a look at the Preschool. It is a great opportunity for parents who work to come and see their child's learning environment.

TWILIGHT SAUSAGE SIZZLE/ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

When – **Wednesday March 9th**
From - **5.30 – 7pm.**

Are you able to donate a cake or muffins for our sausage sizzle/acquaintance night? A note will shortly be placed in your pigeon holes for you to nominate how many sausages you will need for your family (to assist us in planning) and for you to let us know if you are able to donate a sweet for families to purchase with a gold coin donation. Sausages are also purchased with a gold coin donation per sausage and you will get a sausage in bread. Coffee and tea will be available, but if you wish to consume other beverages please BYO.

Please return sausage number and cake donation slip to staff by **Monday 29th February (week 5)**

All monies raised on the night will be donated to the local CFS.

PUPIL FREE DAY

The Parent Voice has approved a Pupil Free day on Friday 11th March. There will therefore be ***NO KINDY session for the Blue group that day.***

The educators will use the day to review last year's Quality Improvement Plan and to prepare a Plan for 2016.

STAFF FOR TERM 1

The educators at Willunga Preschool are: -

Megan Webster – Director/Teacher
Jasmine Hunt – Teacher
Rosalie Langley- Teacher
Donna Chess – ECW (Early Childhood Worker)
Heidi Pearl – ECW
Lisa Hurley-ECW
Coralie McMillan- ECW & Preschool support
Pauline Griswood – Teacher (Relief)
Sandra Waye- Finance officer

A timetable of when each staff member is working will be posted in the entrance foyer.

FRUIT/SNACK TIME

Please remember that our policy on Healthy Eating states that children bring fresh fruit or vegetable for snack time. It has been wonderful to see so many children indulging in some beautifully prepared fruit from home. Please refer to our Healthy food policy that you received in your blue information folder or see a staff member for a copy.

Remember that we are a "NUT FREE" kindy. Please refrain from bringing anything which may contain nuts. Read all labels very carefully and definitely no peanut butter or nutella.

NO HAT – NO OUTSIDE PLAY

For the first 2 weeks of term to ease the children's transition into routines we have allowed some children to borrow a Kindy hat so they were able to play outside if they didn't have their own. From week 4 we will be strictly adhering to our "No hat – No outside play" sun smart policy. As there are health concerns regarding the sharing of hats, your child will need to have their own (named) hat for every session to enjoy our beautiful outdoor play space.

FUNDRAISING – BULB CATALOGUES

Our first fundraising activity for this year is 'Garden Express' Bulb catalogues. Catalogues and information will shortly be placed in your child's pigeon hole. Please regularly check your child's pigeon hole (below their name) for any information and/or art work.

SKOOLBAG APP AND WEBSITE

Are you able to access information on our App and website? If not please let Megan know. Our web address is
www.willungapreschool.com.au

The app and website are linked so all information is available on both platforms.

Alerts will be sent to the app when important notes and newsletters are added to keep

families informed. A note will be also placed on the noticeboard at the Centre for families to know to visit the website to access new information.

YOUR IDEAS

We value your ideas and welcome them. If you have any suggestions please see any staff member or come along to our next governing council meeting.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TWILIGHT BBQ/ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

Wednesday March 9th 5.30 – 7pm

PUPIL FREE DAY

Friday 11th March

PARENT VOICE MEETING

Wednesday 16th March – 1.30-3pm

KIND REGARDS,

*Megan, Jasmine, Rosalie, Donna,
Heidi, Lisa, Coralie and Pauline*

If you have any questions regarding your child or the routines of the preschool please feel free to talk to any member of the staff team.