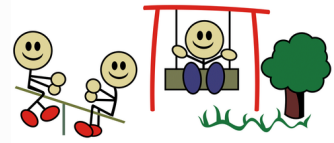




TERM 3 WEEK 1 - 2023



Dubbo West Preschool Inc.
Quality Early Childhood Education

NEWSLETTER

DUBBO WEST PRESCHOOL INC

Welcome to Term 3

Term 3 Events

- ***Week 1: 17/7/23 – Term 3 starts**
- ***Week 1: 17/7/23 – Parent Management Meeting**
- ***Week 1: 18 & 20/7/23 – Fire brigade visits**
- ***Week 2: 24 – 28/7/23 – STEPS Vision Screening**
- ***Week 3: 31/7/23 – 4/7/23 – Dental Week – Tooth Fairy visits**
- ***Week 4: 7–11/8/23 – Jeans for Genes Week and Healthy Harold**
- ***Week 5: 14–18/8/23 – Fire Emergency Drills and Science week**
- ***Week 5: 14/8/23 – Parent Management Committee meeting**
- ***Week 6: 21–25/8/23 – Book Week & Disco week.**
- ***Week 7: 28/8/23 – 1/9/23 – Fathers Day Breakfasts with Footy Colours Day Fundraiser.**
- ***Week 8: 5 & 8/9/23 – 4yr old classes Zoo Excursion**
- ***Week 9: 11–15/9/23 – RUOK? Week**
- ***Week 9: 11/9/23 – Parent Management Committee Meeting**
- ***Week 10: 19 & 21/9/23 – 4yr old classes Fun Run Days for Relay for Life**

DWPS Branded Clothing

- Hats - \$15 (Navy)
- T-shirt - \$20 (Red, Blue, Pink and Teal)
- Long-sleeve Polo shirt - \$25.00 (Red and Navy)
- Jumper - \$27.00 (Red, Navy, Pink)

The costs are kept as low as possible with any profit going back into the preschool.

Available at the Office.

FEES

For those of you that are not claiming fee relief your fees for Term 3 have now been loaded onto the KinderM8 app. These fees can be paid at the office or via bank transfer BSB 082-564 Acc 13-740-3791 (Please put your child's name as the reference). We ask that all outstanding fees are paid two weeks prior to the end of each term. If you are having issues accessing the Kinder M8 app please see Mel at the front office.

Parent Management Committee Meeting

Our next meeting will be the 14/8/2023. If you have any questions or items you would like discussed please speak to a teacher in your room or fill in a form in the foyer and hand it into the office. Please add your details for a response.

President: Yentl Brady

Vice President/Fundraising: Nikki Taylor

Treasurer/Public Officer: Melissa Harris

Secretary: Esther Behsman

Member: Leanne Freeth

Member: Sammi-Jo Skinner

Parent Management Committee News

The Parent Committee had approved further work to be completed these past school holidays. You will notice the new awnings in the front playground replacing the shade sails that were always being damaged by the trees in that yard. New flooring was put in all areas and the air conditioner units in three rooms were replaced. We will be sending out further information on the front playground revamp so you and your children can have some input on what play equipment is chosen.

If you would like to be involved in making decisions in the future of the preschool we vote in our new committee at the end of each year for the following year. We do keep some of the experienced committee to support newer members each year. To continue the operation of our community based and managed preschool we must have a parent committee who are well supported by the paid staff. At most two meetings a term of your time is required from 6-7.30pm approx.

Fundraising

3yr old and 4 year old Tea Towels as well as a whole school apron are available for purchase on the shop. Scan this QR code or head to <https://www.expressions.com.au/fundraising-schools/T7iExOmdmQbuir4dpQhC?fbclid=IwAR1qmWiHVImtz4NY2KnraFOzfWbRXUDCI5ON3ltuuSSx6lozb-KBlItUVfY> ORDERS CLOSE 22nd September.



DOTERRA OILS

A reminder that we use Doterra oils during the day in our rooms. During winter we often use Easy Air and On Guard to assist with germs. If you would like any further information on the oils your room may be using please talk to the room staff. If there are any oils you would prefer we do not use in the room your child is attending staff will note that. Some rooms will not use oils if they have already been told by a parent not to or if a staff member can not use them.

Staff Farewell

We said farewell to Miss Holly last term in the Bilby room. Holly is unfortunately moving away from Dubbo. We would like to thank Miss Holly for her time and effort at Dubbo West Preschool. We wish you all the very best in your new adventures.



Clothing

Pack a spare jumper in case it is needed as the weather cools down.

- Names on clothes and hats please so they can be returned at the end of the day.

- Pack spare clothing and undies in your child's bag as we have limited supplies of spares.

- If your child has used spare clothing from preschool can you please make sure you return them after washing as we run out regularly.

- Dress for the weather as we do still go outside.

Literacy and Numeracy

We deliver the Pre Lit program through our preschool. Pre Lit is a skills based program that provides children with the early tools of reading. Throughout the program we focus on a number of familiar picture books such as 'Dear Zoo', 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar and We're going on a Hear Hunt'. It introduces children to different concepts of print as well as introducing new vocabulary.

Numeracy skills and knowledge is included throughout the day at preschool. For example "over the past few weeks at Preschool we have been exploring number concepts through a range of experiences. These experiences include story time, hopscotch, counting steps to the bathroom and objects within the room. Today each child was asked to cut, recognise and order 5 little ducks. This activity also allows us to observe, record and plan for further activities to extend number knowledge.

LO4.2 Children create and use representation to organise, record and communicate mathematical ideas and concept. The literacy and numeracy levels are recorded in term 2 & term 4 and the improvements are reported to one of our funding bodies.

Quality Improvement Goals

QA1 - Key improvements

- Self assessment process—critically reflecting on our focus/different ways of observing & programming (EC consultant)
- EYLF V2—implementation and changes (Education Leader leading the work)

QA2 - Key improvements

- Continue the child safe standards extension to new staff and self-assessment
- Investigating new approaches or initiatives (Healthy Harold online & employee, new allied health initiative)

QA3 - Key improvements

- Key changes happening in 2 playgrounds and the planning for future changes

QA4 - Key improvements

- Using PD effectively to improve or reflect on what we do (ECA conference) established a culture group & website group. Champions and shared leadership development.

QA5 - Key improvements

- Cultural project—expanding cultures attending and critically reflecting our practice to accommodate all cultures

QA6 - Key improvements

- Building on community connections with new co-horts & using old connections differently
- EYLF V2—changes matching with practice/assessing against what we do now. & adapting paperwork. Educating staff.

QA7 - Key improvements

- Further work in coaching, leadership, connecting staff to practice and using educational leadership to keep improving and looking at our profession in different ways.

The areas above are key areas we are working on for Quality Improvement along with the Strategic Plan. If you have any feedback or suggestions please go to the QIP wall in the hallway to the Kookaburra room or email or share your thoughts with a staff member to pass on. Our Strategic Plan is also on display in the front foyer for you to read and/or have input on.

Child Safe Standards

You will notice in the front foyer we have displayed the Child Safe Standards, which our preschool is committed to. We have completed a Child safe self-assessment and continue to reflect and improve our practices to ensure our preschool is a child safe organisation.

The standards are:

1. child safety is embedded in organisation leadership, governance and culture
2. children participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously
3. families and communities are informed and involved
4. equity is upheld and diverse needs are taken into account
5. people working with children are suitable and supported
6. processes to respond to complaints of child abuse (or other concerns) are child-focused
7. staff are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe, through continual education and training
8. physical and online environments minimise the opportunity for abuse or other kinds of harm to occur
9. implementation of the Child Safe Standards is continuously reviewed and improved
10. policies and procedures document how the organisation is child safe.

Complaint procedures

If you have any complaints, suggestions or feedback PLEASE follow the steps as needed.

Step ONE: Talk it over with a Staff member that you feel most comfortable with or write us a note and hand to office with your return contact details.

Step TWO: Make an appointment to see the Director of the Preschool phone: 68827144 or see the office.

Step THREE: Put your concern in writing to the Parent Management Committee with your contact details and help in doing this is available if needed.

Step FOUR: Contact the Department of Education 1800 619 113 if none of the above steps have been able to help resolve your concern.

Throughout any of these steps confidentiality is assured.

NSW reporting obligations

Department of Communities and Justice: Any person who has reasonable grounds to believe that a child or young person is at risk of significant harm may report to Department of Communities and Justice. Phone 132 111 to report child abuse or neglect (24 hour service)

Some people must report if they have reasonable grounds to suspect a child is at risk of significant harm. They are legally 'mandatory reporters' and must report concerns about risk of significant harm to children, to the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) <https://reporter.childstrong.nsw.gov.au>

Medications

If your child is required to take medication or have it here at Preschool it should have been prescribed by a doctor. The medication must be in it's original container, with your child's name and details of dosages on the container from the chemist.

- **Over the counter medication can not be given unless prescribed by a doctor or if it is part of a medical plan that is decided by a doctor and it must also be labelled as above.**
- **Antibiotics must have been taken for at least 24 hours before attending preschool with no symptoms of infection still occurring.**
- **A medication form must be completed- long term or short term forms are available in your classrooms just ask the Teacher or staff and medication must be handed to staff to be held in a locked cupboard. If your child is unwell, please keep them home so that we can protect other children, staff and families.**

IS YOUR CHILD TOO SICK FOR PRESCHOOL TODAY?

TRY AGAIN NEXT WEEK

**RED
LIGHT**

Fever
Wheezing or shortness of breath
Hard cough
Constant runny nose with yellow/green tint
Lethargy
Diarrhoea or vomiting
Redness or runny eyes
Sore throat or swollen glands
Undiagnosed rash
Persistent itching
Uncovered sores
Unusual colour

**YELLOW
LIGHT**

JOIN US IF PARENTS CAN CHECK

Fever-free for 24hours
Sporadic cough
Minimal green/yellow runny nose

**GREEN
LIGHT**

OK TO COME AND PLAY

Mild, infrequent cough
Clear runny nose
Active, playful, and rested

**If in doubt, please stay out
And try again next week.**

