

Preschool Term Three 2017
Robots, Stars, Rockets & Comets

28 July 2017

Dear Families

At Macgregor Preschool we view children as unique, creative, capable and competent learners. We recognise that children learn through play, can make decisions to inform their own learning and have differing needs, interests, backgrounds and abilities.

This term we will be supporting the children in becoming effective communicators. We will achieve this by addressing the Early Years Framework outcomes. We will support the children to interact verbally and non-verbally with others for a range of purposes. They will have the opportunity to engage with, and gain meaning from, a range of texts. They will be encouraged to express ideas and make meaning using a range of media. We will explore how symbols and patterns work and experiment with beginning writing.

To enhance learning we will be exploring the following questions:

- How can we use our bodies to communicate?
- How can we use spoken words to communicate?
- What texts do I enjoy?
- What can I learn from texts?
- How can I share my ideas in different ways?
- How can we use writing to communicate?
- Who can I communicate with?
- How can I find answers to my questions?
- How can I share ideas?

A daily diary will be on display for families to read our fortnightly plan. We appreciate feedback and encourage families to share special celebrations with us. Children have a personalised portfolio that the teachers and the children add to throughout the year providing documentation, learning stories, art pieces and photographs that reflect your child's journey at preschool.

Spanish

We will be continuing our Spanish lessons this term. We use games, songs, vocabulary comparisons and stories to introduce the children to el español!

Library

Throughout the year, we will visit the library on a weekly basis. During this time we will immerse the children in a wide range of literature with the intention of fostering a love for reading.

Children need to bring a library bag and return the books they have borrowed to be able to borrow books from our library each week.

Sun Safety and Wet Weather

During June and July children do not need to wear a sun smart hat. If you would like to pack a warm hat instead please do so. As the winter beckons, please make sure your child has a warm coat as well as a jumper for playing outside. Please provide a raincoat and wellies for those wet weather days. The beginning of August is **Hats On** and we will be asking for you to pack a sun smart hat again.

Healthy Eating and Allergies

We have three meal breaks at Preschool: fruit break, morning tea and lunch. Macgregor Preschool encourages healthy eating. At preschool we ask all the children to bring some fresh fruit or veggies to eat at fruit break. The children need to bring a water bottle each day filled with water only, please keep juice and cordial for home. We also ask that the children **do not bring chocolate or lollies** as part of their lunches. We are an allergy friendly school and therefore request that no nut products are brought into the premises as it is essential for the safety of a number of children and staff across the school.

Washing

We ask for your support in weekly washing. There are often a few smocks, tea towels and the odd table cloth. If you are happy to take the washing home, we will ask you to tick your child's name off the washing roster (on the wall in parent communication area) so we know who has it. Thank you for your support!

Volunteering in Preschool

At preschool we value the contribution of families to our program. In line with legislation, those wanting to help out on a regular basis are asked to complete a *Working with Vulnerable Peoples* form and hand this in to the front office. Your help is much appreciated.

Welcome Back and farewell

We welcome back Samantha Grant to the Robots and Comets classes from week 2 and thank Glennis Weatherstone for her commitment to the classes throughout the school year. It is with great excitement that Mandy Wheelahan and her husband are expecting their first child. Mandy will begin her maternity leave at the end of term 3 and Glennis Weatherstone teach the Stars and Rockets classes in term 4.

Dates for the Calendar

Week 5

Tuesday 15th August- National Arboretum Excursion- Stars and Robots

Thursday 17th August- National Arboretum Excursion- Rockets and Comets

Week 6

Tuesday 22nd August- Book Week dress up- Stars and Robots

Thursday 24th August- Book Week dress up- Rockets and Comets

Kind regards,

Mandy Wheelahan, Samantha Grant, Bek Stevenson, Glennis Weatherstone

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