



Yumalundi. Welcome to Term 3 at Macgregor Preschool. We hope everyone had a safe, warm and restful break. This term, our community of learners will be exploring the big idea of safety. Through this learning focus, children will have opportunities to explore what safe looks like/sounds like/feels like at preschool. We will also be spending time developing our understandings about personal space and protective behaviours if we are ever feeling unsafe. To support all children, we'll use a variety of approaches such as hands-on activities, small group investigations, open-ended questions, and class discussions that allow every child to take part in the preschool program in a way that suits their unique learning style. We're looking forward to a fun, nurturing, and enriching term ahead.

Preschool Learning Program

Our programs are available for families in each classroom. They will also continue to be posted on Seesaw. We welcome your feedback.



Clothing reminders

As the cold, wet weather continues, educators will provide opportunities for the children to explore the outdoor environment. If your child owns gumboots and a raincoat, we encourage them to bring these items along to school. Please leave umbrellas at home. We strongly encourage a full set of spare clothes (including socks) to be packed in children's bags. If any spare Macgregor Preschool clothing has been borrowed, we kindly ask that it be laundered and returned to the classroom teacher.

Sun Safety



From the 1st August please remember to apply sunscreen each morning before coming to preschool. We will prompt children to reapply during the day.



Illness

We kindly ask that you keep your child at home if they show any signs of illness. We will make contact with you through the day if your child becomes unwell.

Preschool Maths Bags

The maths bag will continue to come home this term. The maths bag is a great resource designed to assist parents and carers to help their preschool aged child investigate and learn powerful mathematical ideas through play. Incidental conversations that occur when observations have been made in our environment can promote a positive disposition to learning mathematical knowledge and skills. Simply take a few minutes to engage with your child to *notice, explore and talk about* mathematics, using the maths bag contents as inspiration and conversation starters.



Library

This term we will continue to borrow books to enjoy at home. Children will have the opportunity to engage with a variety of literature including fiction and non-fiction. Teachers will run explicit library lessons, learning how to select a book of interest, borrow books and understand early reading behaviours.

Please bring your library bags and books to return on your borrowing day:

Guginya - Tuesday
Gudamang - Monday
Walga - Thursday
Buru - Friday

Please note that Gudamang's library day has changed from Tuesday to Monday.

Mindfulness

Learning groups will continue to participate in mindfulness sessions throughout their day. There are many benefits to mindfulness for children, including increased focus, attention, self-control, classroom participation, compassion. Some of the experiences may include; listening to calming music, browsing books, practising yoga, bringing awareness to breath, and guided meditation exercises.



National Science Week

The theme this year is **Seeds of Science: Nurturing Knowledge for All**. Your preschool learners will have the opportunity to be involved in some hands on science experiences at preschool. Stay tuned for more information closer to the date! There are some great ideas for activities to engage in at home here: <https://www.scienceweek.net.au>.

Book Week

The Children's Book Council of Australia', Book Week is happening from 24 - 28 August. The theme for this event is **Symphony of Stories**.

Preschool will be hosting their very own book week parades (Tuesday and Friday, times to follow) so it's time to get busy creating a costume of your favourite book character! There is no expectation that you purchase a costume. Sometimes the things we collect at home are perfect to *make a costume!*



Car Park Safety

Ways to keep safe in the carpark area:

- park in parking bays only
- always hold hands with children.

Healthy Lunchboxes and Allergies

Thank you for packing a variety of healthy foods in your child's lunchbox each day. Please ensure you provide a water bottle, educators can refill these when needed. Please refrain from sending a juice box or milk to preschool. To keep all students safe, please do not **pack any nut products including Nutella**. We ask that you also avoid sending **eggs, sesame seeds, blackberries, lentils, pistachios, fish and seafood**.



Dates to Remember

Week 5 - Science Week

Week 6 - Book Week

25 - 28 August - Book Fair

Tuesday 25th - Gudamang & Guginya Book Parade

Friday 28th - Walga & Buru Book Parade and Primary (K-6) Book Parade

Week 7 Wed 2nd / Thurs 3rd Sept -- Father's Day stall

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