



# Forest Hill Preschool

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

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### PROGRAM

The children are settling into Preschool and establishing meaningful relationships with educators and peers and learning to follow the routine. An outline of what we have planned can be found in the program/day book on our website. There will not always be a daily report or photos in the day book as we start to concentrate on individual observations, objectives and portfolios. The day book can be found on our website [www.foresthillpreschool.com.au](http://www.foresthillpreschool.com.au) and the password is Jack. Educators have started documenting your child's journey in their individual portfolios.

So far we have covered first days, dog safety and documented individual goals including input from family, child and educators.

### 'MY FAVOURITE THINGS' SHEET

Several children have already enjoyed sharing their favourite things showing confidence and talking about the things that are important to them. Please fill this sheet out with your child and bring into Preschool to share. Please encourage your child to answer the questions. They may bring in **one** favourite thing (eg a toy or a book or a photo) to share at group time along with their sheet. Each child will have **one turn this term** – so please make sure you return the sheet.

Other than for this one activity we discourage toys being bought in from home as they may become lost or broken.

### HANDWASHING

The children have been learning correct handwashing techniques and are quickly mastering this. They also apply Zoono hand sanitizer on arrival for extra protection.

There is a sunscreen and insect repellent station at the sign in table at the front gate.

If you haven't already applied this at home please do so on arrival.

## COVID RESRICTIONS & CAR PARK SAFETY:

There seems to be some confusion with the procedure for pick up and drop off in the car park

Unfortunately covid restrictions still apply and car park safety and risk minimisation is of the highest importance. Please be patient

The procedure for pick up and drop off is as follows:

PLEASE LINE UP IN YOUR CAR IN SINGLE FILE ALONG FENCE LINE. REMAIN IN YOUR CAR UNTIL IT IS YOUR TURN AND YOUR CAR HAS MOVED FORWARD IN THE LINE AND IS AT THE GATE.

PLEASE DO NOT ALL GET OUT OF YOUR CARS AND CONGREGATE AT THE GATE – There should only be a maximum of two families waiting at the gate at any given time.

Families on foot will be given priority to drop their child off as part of car park safety and risk minimisation.

Please hold your child's hand in the carpark at all times.

### A FEW OTHER SUGGESTIONS / GUIDELINES/ REMINDERS FOR PRESCHOOL

- Covid restrictions and guidelines also still apply for children showing any signs of being unwell. Any child who is generally feeling unwell or has a cough, runny nose, temperature should remain home. Any child coming to school with any signs or symptoms of being unwell will be sent home. This is very important to reduce risks of spreading infection.
- PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS ARE CLEARLY NAMED- Including bags, drink bottles, lunch boxes and clothes
- Recyclable materials such as boxes, egg cartons, material scraps, grocery containers can be used for craft at Preschool –(no toilet rolls, milk or dairy products containers or containers that have had detergent/chemicals in them).
- Everyone needs to provide an email address please – newsletters will normally be emailed as part of our sustainability policy.
- Please dress your child in old clothes that are easy to undo for toileting and wont matter if they get dirty or stained during art and craft and messy play outside. Please pack spare clothes. Our spare clothes are minimal so if you would like to donate any clothes or old towels that would be greatly appreciated.
- We have Preschool T- shirts for sale \$10.  
The Preschool bank details are as follows:  
WESTPAC BANK  
Acc Name: FOREST HILL COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL Inc.  
BSB: 032 769  
ACC Number: 776752 REFERENCE: 2021 uniform & child's name
- Covered shoes are best for climbing and prevent injuries from prickles or sticks or insects in the natural environment. Please pack a Hat for outside play.

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Preschool is a community based preschool and as such requires a management committee to help run it. Volunteers are needed to nominate for the committee so that the Preschool can run. This can be a rewarding experience and a great way to meet other families and have input into the Preschool.

Nominations for positions of President, Vice president, Secretary, Treasurer, RAAF Liaison officer. School Liaison officer and ordinary members will be taken prior to and at the

AGM to be held on

MONDAY 8th March 2020 at 7pm

Thank you to those returning committee members who have indicated they will be nominating for executive positions.

There is information on our website about roles and responsibilities of committee members.

## RATING & ASSESSMENT – QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

We are currently completing a self assessment tool ( <https://www.acecqa.gov.au/latest-news/acecqa-new-service-self-assessment-tool>) in preparation for our upcoming rating and assessment (visit <https://www.acecqa.gov.au/assessment/assessment-and-rating-process>). If you have any feed back, ideas for improvement please email them through.

### STAFFING:

We welcome Halle Earsmen to our team. Halle is currently doing studies in Child studies at TAFE and is working on Mondays and Fridays with Bridget and Marisa with the younger group.

Sarah Vineburg returns to work on Thursdays while she completes her university studies.

We pride ourselves on continuity and consistency of our staff and having above ratios of staff to children.

## STATEWIDE EYESIGHT PRESCHOOLER SCREENING

This is an initiative of NSW Health and offers all 4 year old children with free vision screening at Preschool. If your child is four years old you will receive a consent form with information in it. You will need to return the form asap. Screening normally occurs later in the year and will be dependant on covid restrictions.