



in partnership with families and the community

Newsletter - Term 1, Week 9, 2024

Bega Preschool 2024 TERM DATES	
Term 1: 30 January – 12 April 2024	
29 March- 1 April	Easter holiday
Term 2: 29 April – 5 July 2024	
6-10 May	Preschool Photos
10 June	Public Holiday
Term 3: 22 July – 27 September 2024	
Term 4: 14 October – 17 December 2024	
T.B.A	End of year celebrations

Hello Preschool families,

Social stories have been coming home in the last couple of weeks with all the children in your child's preschool class. Our goal is to strengthen every child's sense of belonging and connection with their peers. We hope you enjoy reading these books together.

Each class team has been meeting to set learning goals for the children following family meetings and observations. We will send home a summary of your child's development in relation to their goal by the end of next term. Thank you all for coming to the family-teacher meetings and partnering with us to support your child's learning and wellbeing.

Please complete the survey link below about your preferences for 2025. We really would like to know how many families would be interested in a 3 day program before we make any changes to what we offer. Even if your child is off to school next year you might like to let us know if you would have chosen a 3 day preschool program this year or not.

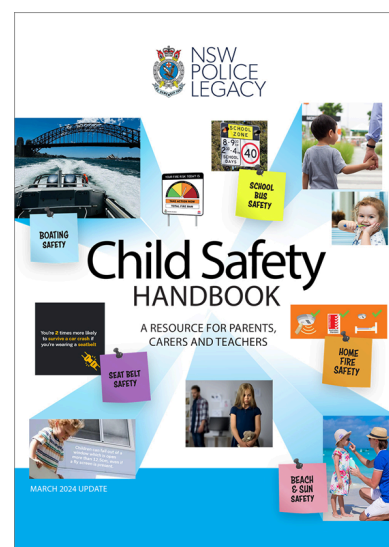
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DIGITAL CHILD SAFETY HANDBOOK

We are pleased to advise that a new edition of this valuable safety resource is now valuable online with updated safety content.

Child Safety Handbook App available for download:

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Wishing you all a happy and safe long weekend.



News from the Koala class

It has been a wonderful start to 2024 with so much learning and exploration being experienced from the children in the Koala class. We have a wonderful group of curious, enthusiastic children who have observed the frog lifecycles, learnt about Go, Grow and Glow foods, built connections with fellow peers, educators and their teacher and so much more.



Our main focus for term 1 is to settle the children into the preschool environment and foster a sense of belonging. We spend time getting to know children as individuals, understanding their wants and needs and establishing respectful and trusting relationships. When children have developed secure attachments with their educators, they are more likely to feel safe, secure, confident and happier in our environment. This results in children being more involved in play experiences and thus likely to learn and develop to their fullest potential.



We have also focused on establishing clear expectations and routines to help make smooth transitions throughout our Preschool. Familiar and predictable routines ensure children know what's happening next and reduce stress and uncertainty. By putting an emphasis on this in term 1, we have the foundations in place for a successful year at Preschool. At the beginning of our day, we start with a morning verse. You might like to practice this with your children at home.

"Down is the Earth
Up is the sky
These are my friends
And here am I

We say thank you to the Yuin people
For the land in which we play
And we promise to look after it
Every single day"

The children have contributed some great ideas about how we can look after our land and are gaining confidence in sharing their thoughts and ideas as the term progresses which is so lovely to observe.

