

Mt Colah Preschool Kindergarten



a caring place to learn and grow



WELCOME



A big welcome back to our families and children returning after what we hope was a fantastic Christmas and relaxing New Year! Of course we extend a very warm welcome to our new families and know that you and your child will quickly settle into the Preschool routine.

We start back next Monday, January 16th and look forward to an exciting year ahead full of fun, friendships and learning. For parents new to Preschool, we send out a newsletter via email every month which contains feedback from each of the teachers about the various activities their group has been doing along with interesting information on development and education for the 3 - 5 year age group. Importantly, it keeps families up to date on events during the year so it is great if you can take the time to read the newsletter each month.

Please do not hesitate to talk to the teachers about any questions or concerns you may have at any time and especially during the first few weeks as everyone starts getting into the swing of things.

Warmest regards,

Annette

January 2017

First Day Back

Monday,
January 16th

Our Teaching Team

Term 1
Educational
Programme

Phonemic
Awareness
Programme





Annette



Lara



Zoe



Deon



Adele



Jo



Stephanie



Cassandra

2017 Teaching Team

Welcome to Preschool for 2017! The teaching time wishes you a warm welcome. Please do not hesitate to ask any of us anything at anytime! We are looking forward to getting to know your child and know they will enjoy the wonderful year we have planned at Preschool.

Class Groups: Whilst we do have lots of free playtime all together, your child will be allocated a primary teacher and the teacher allocation list will be on display on your first day at Preschool. Your child's teacher will be working with your child during the year and recording their development in their portfolio. They are your main point of contact in relation to your child, however, you will soon find that all the teachers will have a strong relationship with your child as we work closely as a team.

January Program: During the first week of Preschool we will be enjoying activities allowing us to get to know you and your child and for the children to get to know each other. We will extend this during the last week of January as the children focus on what makes them unique and special "All About Me" and we will also be focussing on all things Australian in celebration of Australia Day. Our Term 1 Educational Programme will be on display on your first day. If you have any questions please ask a teacher. The children heading off to school in 2018 will be participating in our Phonemic Awareness Programme and the programme will start during February. If you have any questions please see Lara or Zoe.

Show and Tell: When it is your child's turn for Show and Tell they will be given the Show and Tell bag the week before, in readiness for them to participate in Show and Tell on that same day of the following week. Your child can bring an item that fits in the bag to talk about or they can do "talking" news and tell us about a recent adventure. Show and Tell will commence during February.



Preschool Accounts for 2015

On your arrival at Preschool your first invoice for the year will be in your parent pocket. This invoice will include fees for the first 4 weeks of Preschool and is due for payment by Friday, January 27th. Week commencing January 30th, you will receive your first fortnightly invoice and we are then in our fortnightly in advance payment cycle. Once we are into the fortnightly fee system, many parents elect to set up automatic funds transfer from their bank account to ours (banking details are found on your statement). If you do this please set up the payment for the **Thursday prior to the Friday due date** to ensure payment is recorded on our statement prior to the following Monday morning, when the next invoice is raised. This will avoid any unnecessary confusion of entries on your statement. We only accept payment via direct deposit or cheque, we do not accept cash payments for fees.



Please note if your account does not display the child care benefit you were expecting then it is possible that your child is not linked to your family assessment with the Family Assistance Office and you will be charged full fees until this has been processed at their end. Please call them on 13 61 50.



Please always remember to check your Parent Pocket on each visit to ensure you have the latest news!

January Birthdays'

A big Happy Birthday to all of our children and teachers having a birthday this month.

Benjamin F. 4 yrs

Emily 3 yrs

Natalie 3 yrs

Matilda C. 3yrs

Isaac 4 yrs

Patrick 3 yrs

Ryder 5 yrs

Hugo 3 yrs



Lara





Quality Improvement Plan (QIP): As part of the accreditation

process each childcare service is required to implement an ongoing Quality Improvement Plan. We will be reviewing our Quality Improvement Plan over the first few months of this year to set our goals against the National Standards for 2017. Please stay tuned for further information and updates. A copy of the current QIP is located at the sign in table and parents are invited to read this document at any time.



Contact Information

Should your child be unable to attend Preschool, please ring the Preschool on [9476 4101](tel:94764101) prior to 9am if possible.

Should you have a general enquiry or feedback please contact the Preschool on either [9476 4101](tel:94764101) or email info@mtcolahpreschool.com.au at any time.

Should you have an account enquiry or need to contact Annette for any reason, please email annette@freelancer.net.au or call [9943 0731](tel:99430731) at any time.



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