

Mt Colah Preschool Kindergarten



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WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to Preschool everyone! We trust you have had a wonderful and relaxing time with family and friends over the New Year break. 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 Monday, January 20th 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 educators 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 with upcoming events during the year so it is great if you can take the time to read the newsletter each month.

On our return to Preschool we spend the first two weeks getting to know each other and start to build those personal relationships which are so important to our environment. Please say hi to all the educators and we encourage you to take the time to introduce yourself to other families—they may end up being life-long friends!

As we head into the new year, please do not hesitate to talk to the educators about any questions or concerns you may have at any time and especially during the first few weeks, as everyone gets into the swing of things.

Warmest regards, *Annette*



**January
2020**

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Annette



Lara



Cat

Welcome to Preschool for 2020!

The teaching team 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 educator, the educator allocation list will be on display on your first day at Preschool. Your child's educator 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 educators 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 an educator. The children heading off to school in 2021 will be

participating in our Phonemic Awareness Programme and the programme will start during February. If you have any questions please see Cat or Steph.

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.

Little Endeavours: Get ready for lots of fun and learning as Jo starts the Little Endeavours Programme from February. Exploring, experimenting, creating, sharing and working together - Little Endeavours and especially time spent with Jo is a highlight for the children.



Deon



Steph



Adele



Jo



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



Preschool Accounts for 2020



Your first invoice for the year will be emailed to you in the next day or so and on your arrival at Preschool a printed copy 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 31st. Week commencing February 3rd, you will receive your first fortnightly invoice (via email) 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 bank 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 also ensure we have the correct email address on file to ensure you receive your fortnightly accounts. Please note if your account does not display the child care benefit you were expecting then it is possible that your child is not correctly linked to your family assessment within the Centrelink system and you will be charged full fees until this has been processed at their end. Please check your online application or contact Centrelink to rectify.

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Sadly, in the week before Christmas our lovely Jo's husband passed away unexpectedly. Our team has rallied around Jo and her family and they are doing as well as can be expected. We look forward to welcoming Jo back to our Preschool community during February as she shares her wonderful learning experiences via our Little Endeavours Programme. Our thoughts and warmest wishes are with Jo and her family at this time.





Quality Improvement Plan (QIP): As part of the accreditation process each childcare service is required to implement an ongoing Quality Improvement Plan. Our Quality Improvement Plan for 2020 has set goals against the National Standards as we strive to continually improve the services we provide. Please refer to the Quality Improvement Plan display at our entry for regular updates as we focus on our goals. 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** prior to 9am if possible.

Should you have a general enquiry or feedback please contact the Preschool on either **9476 4101** or email lara@mtcolahpreschool.com.au or info@mtcolahpreschool.com.au at any time.

To contact Annette at any time, please email annette@freelancer.net.au or call **9943 0731**.



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