



Newsletter No. 1 - Term 1

Welcome to All Saints Preschool! We trust that you and your family have had a well-deserved break and are ready for an exciting year at Preschool in 2017.

All Saint's Preschool staff believes that you the parents are the most influential in the development of your child, our preschool will support the individual needs of your child and families based upon authentic loving relationships in order to develop a cohesive partnership. We would love you to be involved in our program, and the life of our school. Please see staff or watch the sign in area for invitations for involvement.

At All Saint's Preschool we believe that children should be given the right to enjoy and develop through the staff providing excellent care and education. "Play"- child directed learning is the recognised source of learning in all areas of children's development; therefore our approach to teaching is based upon the children's needs and interests. We value self-directed learning as the medium for all the aspects of developmental learning, and believe that children's play should be integrated across all developmental domains and curriculum areas. In the classroom is a copy of the summary of the Early Learning Years Framework which is a national curriculum we follow. Please take time to read the overview to assist your understanding of how we program and evaluate learning.

Our environment has seen many changes over the past few years and we believe we have created a rich and aesthetical beautiful learning environment with materials that respect children's learning. Our indoor and outdoor program promotes an unrushed, caring routine of rich opportunities to learn and foster valuable educational outcomes for each child. Throughout the day the children experience group work and individual one to one opportunities to enhance learning. We have four teachers to support optimal individual learning. All preschool experiences are preparing your child for the formal years of schooling. Within our program we have created focus learning outcomes and individual goals for every child; these cater for specific focus on developmental skills. These intentionally set teaching opportunities prepare children for formal schooling. Our staff communicates closely with our local primary schools to ensure all our All Saint's children are prepared for Kindergarten. I am proud to say that the feedback every year has been that All Saint's children are well prepared.

If you have any questions throughout the year please drop me an email at kelly.davis@apac.org.au. If you would like an appointment to talk in private to myself or another staff member please make an appointment to do so with the office.

Thank you and I look forward to partnering together this year.

Kelly on behalf of the teaching staff @ All Saint's

Director/Teacher

Weather Changes

We have been blessed with unpredictable weather lately. With our quickly changing weather it is important to ensure that you send with your child a wide brim hat or bucket hat and a jacket each day, as although the morning may be hot (or cold/wet) the afternoon does not always remain that way. The last few weeks have been fairly hot, so please ensure your child has a hat so that they can play outdoors. It is a great idea to keep a second change of clothes in your child's bag including socks and undies so that they can change if they are wet, have an accident or are involved in messy play. Please ensure that your child's name is on each item of clothing, hat, lunch box and drink bottle as these items are easily mixed up and this makes it much easier to return items when they're named.



Sun Safe

At Preschool we recognise the importance of following a sun safety policy. We ask each child to wear a wide brimmed hat or a bucket hat (the hat with the flap down the back) and do not encourage baseball caps. There is sun screen at the sign in desk in each room for your convenience, to put on your child in the mornings when you arrive. We reapply sun screen at lunch time. We also place our outdoor equipment in shady areas on hot days. We are truly blessed to have our beautiful deck with a lovely shade sail above it!



Toys from Home

We ask for your support in leaving children's toys at home. It is hard for your child to share these items and they could be easily lost or broken. We have news bags that the children take home throughout the term to take turns in showing a toy or something of interest to share.

Lunch Boxes

Can we please ask that lunchboxes are not placed in the fridge within an insulated bag as the restricted airflow cannot keep the contents at the correct temperature



Lost and Found Boxes

If you find that you have lost an item of clothing, a drink bottle or a hat and it doesn't have your child's name on it, it can be found in the lost and found boxes located in the bathroom. Feel free to regularly check these baskets.

Important hygiene practice

Please wash your child's hands on arrival and departure. This practice will assist our policy in keeping children healthy (especially our children with allergies).

Healthy Eating Policy – Anaphylaxis policy is attached to this newsletter.

Nutrition in childhood influences growth, activity, intellectual and emotional development. At Preschool we have a healthy eating policy/ nutritional policy. We ask families to ensure they send healthy foods for their children to eat for morning tea and lunch. Can you please ensure that you don't send chocolates and packets of chips for your child?

We have Children that are allergic to nuts and eggs attending the Centre. All Saints Preschool is a Nut and Egg Free Zone. Can you please ensure that you do not send boiled eggs, peanut butter or nutella on children's sandwiches or in the packets of spreads and biscuits? We have also noticed that Uncle Tobies muesli bars and others contain ALMONDS. This has not been the case in the past. ***If you have any questions please check with your child's teachers.***

A Note From The Office

If you have any questions in regards to fees please speak to Michelle or email her at preschool@apac.org.au . Fees will be maintained weekly, fortnightly or full term. If paying by the full term, fees are to be finalized by week 3 of each term. Please ensure all fees are kept up to date to ensure our service can run efficiently.

Please remember to check your child's folder in the entrance foyer for information and paintings etc.

A note from the classrooms

Preschool is such an exciting time of a child's life where they learn to explore and discover new and exciting things. We would love to share your interest and skills too at Preschool. Please let us know if you would like to share a special hobby, collection or idea with the children (e.g. bread making, art, music, gardening etc), we would love to have you involved in our children's Preschool life. It is also an exciting time for our teachers as we start to learn about the children. We begin to support the children's learning by providing exciting experiences that build on each child's interests, skills and strengths. Each day you can also read the learning story which contains information of the children's day. This will be on display on the computers in the rooms at the end of the day. Could we invite you to contribute to this program by offering ideas or maybe jot a few words of encouragement to the staff?

If you have any questions or concerns after hours please email the office or the following teachers. We are more than happy to follow up any concerns or answer emails. preschool@apac.org.au

Child sign in area

In the room is an area for your child to sign in. This experience assists name recognition and early writing skills. Could we ask that you encourage your child to sign in each day? Could we also encourage when teaching children to write their name that we use a capital only for the first letter. Ask the office for a formation chart that assists writing skills and forming of letters.

Thank you so much for your support and we look forward to a fantastic 2017 together. All the staff team at All Saint's Preschool.