



Jesmond Community Preschool

Week 4, TERM 4 NEWSLETTER 2019

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TERM 4
Last day of
2019
Thursday 19
December

TERM 1
First Day of
2020
Tuesday 28
January

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 20/11
CURIOUS CUBS
VISIT – SIENCE
FUN

Tuesday 3/12
ANNUAL DISCO
GRADUATION

Mon-Thu 16-19/12
PARTY WEEK

* DIRECTORS REPORT *

Wow it's term 4 week 4 already, that means there is only 7 weeks left to go until the big man in red comes! How exciting.

With it being term 4 it means that we start to wind down. From the 1st of December our educators start to finish up our daily programming this is to ensure they have ample time to finalise every child's portfolio before the end of the year. It's also a time when we clean all the toys in the preschool.

In the xmas school holidays we will be getting brand new floors as Robyn won us a \$10,000 grant from the Department of Education. So the last week of school you may notice there won't be much out but this is all in preparation for the holidays.

You may have noticed our brand new playground! How amazing it is!!! It's been thanks to a community grant and all the hard work fundraising the preschool has done. Although the river bed won't be on a lot due to water restrictions (can't leave it running) the children have already had a ball. If I can just ask families to ensure that their child and siblings do not climb through the garden beds or on the creek as the rocks are loose.

On another note a huge congratulations to Tayla who is pregnant and due in March! The children have been very excited to hear that a baby is on the way!

Also with the warmer weather around the corner I have been to emergency training to ensure that our preschool is ready for the extreme heat, snakes (hopefully never), floods and everything in between. Do you know where our emergency meeting points are if you ever have to collect your child??? They are at Heaton Public Hall or Jesmond Public School.

I hope to see everyone at the disco and graduation. We will have a small stall selling snacks and drinks and for every purchase you make you get a ticket and go into the draw to win some great prizes! Detailed on the upcoming events page.

Also a massive thankyou to Belles family who donated so many yummy cakes for our BUNNINGS BBQ and also to our staff. It raised \$500 that went towards our new sand pit so thank you!!! A massive thankyou also to the families who volunteered their time and donations towards the BBQ. Was such positive community support.

Haylee



**PLEASE READ:
IMPORTANT
MESSAGE**

REMEMBER TO PACK!

Please remember to pack a hat and spare set of clothes for your child in case a change of clothes is needed

Footwear

No SLIPPERS please!

ARRIVING & LEAVING

As well as signing in and out we ask that you let a teacher know you have arrived or are leaving – just saying a quick 'hi' or 'bye' would be great!

DAYS AVAILABLE

We still have the following days available if you would like any additional days for your child or know of a family wanting to enroll:

Koala Room

**Monday,
Wednesday &
Friday**

Kookaburra Room

**Monday,
Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday**

**WE ARE TAKING
2020 ENROLLMENTS
NOW !!!!!**

HATS & SHIRTS

***** Available *****

Preschool Shirt \$15

long or short sleeve

Preschool Hats \$10

***** NEW *****

**MORNING TEA /
LUNCH BAGS
\$10 each**



KINDERGARTEN 2020

We are very excited for our children heading off to big school next year and beginning their infant school learning journey in Kindergarten.

Most children have started their school orientations and we are so happy to hear how excited they are with their visits.

To acknowledge and celebrate these children a graduation ceremony will be held at the Annual Disco on Tuesday 3 December.

Each child leaving our preschool to attend kindergarten will be called up on to stage and presented with a graduation certificate.

We will have hats and gowns for children to wear for any families who want to have photos taken on the night.



EVACUATION PROCEDURE

WHEN ALARM SOUNDS:
1 LEAVE IMMEDIATELY BY THE NEAREST EXIT

2 PROCEED IN AN ORDERLY MANNER TO AN ASSEMBLY POINT

3 REMAIN AT ASSEMBLY POINT UNTIL ALL CLEAR IS GIVEN

**EVACUATION DRILL
A SUCCESS!**



EVACUATION DRILLS

For one week a term we practice our emergency evacuations, this is to ensure if we were to have an emergency occur the children and staff know exactly what to do.

If you are dropping off or picking up your child and we are in the middle of an emergency drill we require you to join in and wait for it to be completed, this usually only takes 5 minutes. As in a real emergency we would have to stay outside the preschool until it is safe to return so we need to practice this and show the children that this is what is required during emergency evacuations.

*Practice
makes
perfect*

Evacuation Practice:

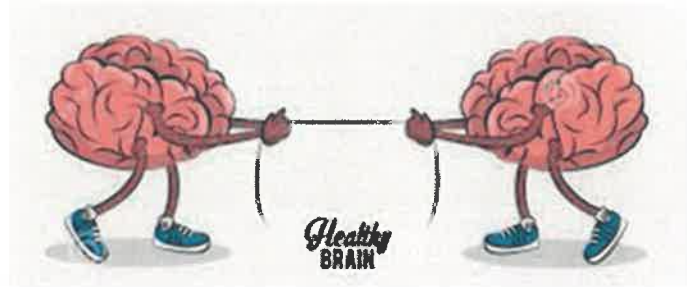
On identification/notification of an emergency we exit the center through the safest, closest exit.

Assemble at the bird bath near the front gate to ensure everyone is accounted for then walk to the front of the school hall.



TERM 4 SPOTLIGHT

THE BRAIN



Did you know?

Your child's brain is like a sponge it absorbs & takes in everything it experiences.

These experiences shape the way that it forms.

Experiences that promote safety & understanding equals strong brain pathways.

These pathways allow your child to more easily access the middle part of their brain the amygdala which is the emotional centre & allows them to regulate around feelings & new situations.



This is why at Preschool we do lots of play as 'play is the brains favourite food'. It gives time to explore everything around you to investigate and develop lots of skills and try out ideas.

Things we do at Preschool to support and promote a healthy brain are:

- lots of unhurried time to explore and investigate
- time outdoors to run, swing, spin, climb & bounce
- going to the creek exploring in nature
- talking and discussing our emotions and feelings
- developing strong bonds and connections and relationships with each other

So when you see us 'playing' please know we are also ensuring healthy and strong brains that will set your child up in the best way to navigate life particularly formal schooling once they reach that age.

*Written by
Michelle for the Koala Room*



OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday - Closed
 Tuesday - 9.00am-3.30pm
 Wednesday - 9.00am-3.30pm
 Thursday - 9.00am-3.30pm
 Friday - Closed

If the office is unattended please see staff to leave a message or send an email to Robyn
 admin@jesmondcommunitypreschool.com.au

** END OF YEAR REMINDERS **

No withdrawals will be accepted after **Week 4**, as per our policy so if you are planning on leaving early you need to fill in a withdrawal form **by Friday 8 November 2019**

Families leaving this year will have their bonds refunded back to their statements to cover the last 2 weeks of the year in Week 6. All bond adjustments for returning families will be done in Week 6 also.

All fees until Thur 29 Dec have to be paid **Week 7, by Friday 29 November** to allow our account to be finalised.
You will receive a final statement Week 6

ANNUAL FEES

The annual enrolment fee and association levy will be charged to families returning next year in January 2020

*** FEES ***

If you are unable to pay your fees for any reason please discuss with Robyn immediately
 Statements will be emailed to families each week on a Tuesday

Payments:

Card: Eftpos in office

Direct Deposit:

Greater Bank

Account Name: Jesmond Community
 Preschool Association

BSB: 637 - 000

Account Number: 722 312 198

Reference: Child's first name

EVENTS

Mark your Calendar



CURIOUS CUBS EXPERIMENT WITH FUN!

Wednesday 20 November

9.30 till 12.15

TERM 4 INCURSION: LIGHT, COLOUR & RAINBOWS

Curious Cubs is back!!!!
 Come and make bubbling rainbows, investigate refraction and understand pigment and light colour mixing.



Tuesday 3 December

5.00 till 7.00pm

ANNUAL DISCO

Our Annual Disco and

Graduation Ceremony for our friends going to big school 2020
 SO MUCH FUN!! EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Drinks, Chocolates, Lollies and Chips for sale
 (profits to preschool fundraising)

LUCKY DOOR TICKET with every purchase!!

Great prizes – including:



- Hunter Valley Zoo Family Pass
- Maitland Goal Tickets
- Newcastle Supa Putt Vouchers
- Moonshadow Dolphin Discovery Cruise Family Ticket
- Hunter Wetlands Centre – Family entry with Canoe Hire
- Revolution Jumping Centre Passes



SPECIAL VISITOR!



**Monday 16 until
 Thursday 19 December
 PARTY WEEK**

During this week
 children can dress up,
 decorate their lunch

boxes and bring in their OWN party food and
 celebrate the great year they had with us

FUNDRAISING COMING SOON

Christmas Scrunchies 2 for \$5
Jesmond Community Preschool
Class of 2019 T-Shirts \$10 each



URGENT

This matter requires
**IMMEDIATE
ATTENTION**

PARKING AND ENTRY TO PRESCHOOL

Parents must drive safely when entering and exiting school campus
Ensure you drive on the right side of the road at all times!!!!

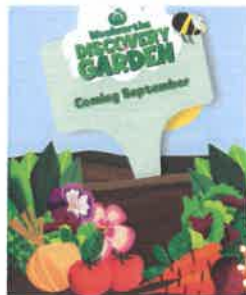
**** PARENTS CAN NOT PARK IN
SCHOOL DROP OFF ZONE NEAR HALL
OR STAFF CAR PARK ****

HAT & SUNSCREEN

Please apply sunscreen to children before they arrive at preschool and ensure they have a wide brim hat

**** SUMMER IS HERE ****

**** WE NEED TO BE SUNSMART ****



WOOLWORTHS DISCOVERY GARDEN SEEDLINGS

Please donate your seedlings to our garden

Help Our Garden Grow!

Please feel free to help yourself to the lettuce and as soon as we have more produce we will be sharing this too! Watch this space!



Our fundraising efforts have seen us raise just over \$3,000

We are so grateful to our staff, friends, family and community for all their support and efforts to raise these funds through the Cadbury Chocolates, Plate Art, Scrunchies and the Bunnings BBQ.

We are over the moon with the amount we have raised and are so pleased that our children will benefit so much!!



BORROW A BOOK FROM OUR PRESCHOOL LIBRARY!

Help your child to build stronger relationship with others and also to gain a deeper love for stories, read them for 5 minutes a day!

Feel free to start bringing in your child's library bag and let them choose a book to take home, because who doesn't love borrowing books!!!



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS FOR SALE Use code below for the Preschool to benefit from sales – great discount book!!

*SPECIAL Entertainment is turning 25 but the gifts are for you! Right now, when buy an Entertainment Membership you will receive a bonus \$10 Caltex StarCash eGift Card! Hurry, offer ends soon!

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/341116>

Jesmond Community Pre-School

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JESMOND COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING??

FRESHLY PAINTED, NEW LOCKERS, SANDPIT/PLAYGROUND UPGRADE!!!

Thanks to our wonderful staff, the community for their support and our fundraising efforts our preschool is looking amazing! We have more work to do but we are so proud and so should you of the work we have been able to get done this year!



Before



After



Grill'd Kotara 'Local Matters' Token Collection Winners!!!!

***** THANK YOU *****

You seem to be the crowd favourite!

We've counted up all the tokens for the month of October and our guests decided that they wanted Jesmond Community Preschool to receive the biggest donation of \$300. Congratulations!

We hope that the \$300 can come in handy for your group and that being a part of the Local Matters program has helped you drum up some extra awareness and support in your local community.



BIG NEWS * BIG NEWS * BIG NEWS



Pack your child a **HEALTHY LUNCH BOX**

Choose a variety of foods from each food group



Fruit



Vegetables



Dairy



Wholegrains



**Lean meat
& alternatives**



A Healthy Lunch Box



**MAKE WATER
YOUR DRINK**



**PACK ICE BRICKS
TO KEEP FOOD
COOL**



**USE A THERMOS
TO KEEP FOOD
WARM**



Health

PLEASE SUPPORT THE BUSINESS THAT HAVE SUPPORTED US!



CHOP Butchery
Bateau Bay



hunterwetlandscentre



CONSERVE **DISCOVER** EDUCATE



REVOLUTION

TRAMPOLINE SPORTS PARK