



# WEST BATHURST PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**February 2016**

Dear families

What a flying start to the year!! The children have settled in really well and are enjoying their new friends and preschool experiences.

We have many events planned for the year and we hope that your child enjoys the performances, excursions and other fun experiences.

Thank you to all families for your generous donation of toilet paper and tissues. This generosity helps the preschool financially and all staff appreciate the support from families.



Preschool aims to support all families in their child raising endeavours. We have a diverse range of resources available to borrow. The family library is located in the main foyer

of preschool. The bookshelf contains many books and resources that support issues ranging from fussy eaters to divorce to tantrums. Please feel free to look at and borrow any of these books. Please let a staff member know which books you are borrowing.

Vanessa Miller

Director

## STAFF CAR PARK

A friendly reminder to all families that the car park in front



of the preschool building is **for staff parking or disabled parking only**. Please do not park in this car park as it is dangerous when the preschool bus is leaving and returning.

The Community House carpark is not to be used for parking. Council has requested that the carpark is reserved for use by Community House patrons only.

**The church car park is the designated preschool parking area for families.**

## NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARDS

The preschool is currently reviewing Quality Area 1: Educational program and practice and Quality Area 7: Leadership and service management.

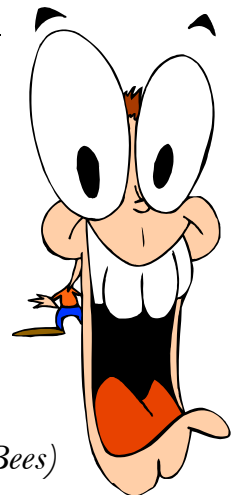
All feedback is welcome from families and can be emailed to [westbxpreschool@bigpond.com](mailto:westbxpreschool@bigpond.com)

Please visit [www.acecqa.gov.au/families](http://www.acecqa.gov.au/families) for further information.

## Quotable Quote

“Bad things happen so that good things happen and that’s the way the world works”.

*Rohan (Buzzy Bees)*



## IMMUNISATION

The preschool requires your child's immunisation statement from the Immunisation Register.

If you haven't already done so, please bring in your child's statement as soon as possible.

## PRESCHOOL RECEIPTS

Thank you to all families that have paid their Term 1 preschool fees or made arrangements with Sueann to make regular payments.

***If you have not attended to your fees, Term 1 fees are now overdue.***

When you receive fee payment receipts, please keep these in a safe place. At the end of each term they can be taken to Centrelink and payment can be claimed for eligible families.

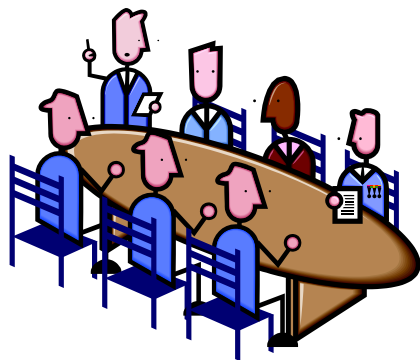
Preschool will now be charging a \$2 reprint fee /receipt for any that need to be reprinted, so:

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR RECEIPTS IN A SAFE SPOT.**

## COMMITTEE CORNER

**Next Meeting  
Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 8  
March 2016  
at 7pm at 7  
Wark Parade  
Bathurst**



Everyone is welcome and we encourage you to be part of our committee. Preschool needs you!!

New and returning families are encouraged to attend.

## PRESCHOOL GATE



Most afternoons there is preschool staff member assisting with the gate and

ensuring that no child leaves preschool without an adult. At other times during the day, the gate is unmanned.

Please be careful when exiting that no child (other than your own) exit out the gate at the same time.

## SUNSAFE

Families are reminded to bring a hat for your child every time they come to preschool. It is important for the children to be safe from the sun and hats provide part of that protection.

Clothing that has narrow straps or the shoulders exposed are not Sunsafe. Please send your child to preschool in clothing that covers their shoulders and tops of their arms.

## LUNCHBOXES, DRINK BOTTLES AND HOMEBAKED ITEMS

Mealtimes are a wonderful opportunity for your child to be sharing and learning about healthy eating. At preschool we do encourage a healthy lunchbox.

Lunchbox ideas are available in the parent library, please feel free to

peruse. Please remember, ***preschool is egg and nut free.***



It is wonderful to see that many families are including home baked items in their child's

lunchbox. If you home cook, please remember to include a list of ingredients or a note stating that the products do not contain egg or nuts. Please also note that almond meal is a nut based product and is not allowed at preschool.

Your child's drink bottle should contain water only. Preschool staff encourage lots of drinking throughout the day and we'd also encourage you to remind your child to have frequent drinks of water. Children will often empty their drink bottles and they are refilled during the day. If it appears that your child hasn't drunk much, perhaps check with them as to whether they refilled during the day.

## SPARE CLOTHES AND LABELLING BELONGINGS

At this time of the year, many of our experiences involve water. Please remember to send spare sets of clothes in your child's bag so that they are always on hand in case a change is needed.

**Remember** to please label all spare clothes and all items that your child is wearing as well as hats, drink bottles and lunchboxes. Children are still developing many of their self-help skills and items are often left out of bags, outside etc. if these items have names on them, we can get them back to you.



## DONATIONS OF PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED

We need your spare plastic shopping bags!! All donations are very welcome. Please give to any staff member.

## WASHING THANK YOU

One of the jobs we ask of families is to take our preschool washing home to wash. The washing is left in a basket on the verandah near the double doors with a sign asking for help. If any family is

able to take a basket it will be greatly appreciated. There is no time frame on when we need washing back, the next time you are at preschool or the following week is fine.

Thank you to those that have taken washing this year. Your time and efforts are appreciated.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Committee Meeting AGM-** Tuesday 8 March 2016 at 7pm

**Preschool Photos-** Tuesday 15 March and Wednesday 16 March 2016

**Easter public holidays (preschool closed)-** Friday 25 March 2016 and Monday 28 March 2016

**Term 1 ends-** Friday 8 April 2016

**Term 2 begins-** Tuesday 26 April 2016

**Frank Colzato Family Photo Fundraiser-** Saturday 30 April 2016- details to follow