

# WEST BATHURST PRESCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020

### FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear families

What a great term it has been. This term feels like a new beginning as all children are now back at preschool and we have all settled into the preschool routine. The children have enjoyed many events this term, such as Science Week, Magic shows, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day, Preschool photos, National Child Protection Week and to cap it off, a Teddy Bear's Picnic at the end of this week.

We miss having families sharing in our fun events, but we have enjoyed sharing photos on Facebook and in newsletters.

Next term will look the same as this term regarding Covid-19 and fees. Preschool will be free to all families and Covid-safe practices will continue.

Thank you to all families that completed the SurveyMonkey enrolment and orientation survey. We have had lots of responses and we have gained some great insights to children and family needs. We are currently investigating many ways of presenting preschool information for new children, and we will keep you posted.

I am always interested to hear family feedback, so please don't hesitate to contact me by email with any questions or feedback:

[director@westbathurstpreschool.nsw.edu.au](mailto:director@westbathurstpreschool.nsw.edu.au)

Have a happy and safe school holiday break.

Regards

Vanessa Miller

Director

## COMMITTEE CORNER

General Meeting

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 @

5.30pm

Meetings are held at preschool- 7 Warke

Parade Bathurst

Everyone is welcome.

Childcare provided.

All families are encouraged to attend.

## HATS AND SUNSCREEN

As summer approaches, it is important to make sure you send a hat for your child each day that they are at preschool.



Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child on arrival at preschool and tick the box next to their name on the sign in sheet to say that you have done so. Educators

will reapply sunscreen again, later in the day.

If you supply your own sunscreen for your child to preschool, could you please check the expiry date of the sunscreen and make sure that we have adequate supplies (clearly named with your child's name) and hand to your child's teacher.

## NEW COMMITTEE FOR 2020

Please meet Simon Coomans. Simon has volunteered at EarlyStart for over 10 years and it is wonderful to have him involved on the management committee. Please enjoy.

### Simon Coomans- General Member



My name is Simon Coomans. Now retired from the workforce, I have a background in education, having spent a career in various education settings. I have been a committee member for the past 12 months or so. My main interest at the Preschool is the Early Start Program, for which I have been a volunteer since 2011. As a volunteer

I have enjoyed spending time with students, singing and dancing with them.

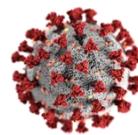


An easy way to stay up to date is to 'Like' the preschool's

Facebook page. We regularly post reminders, important dates and other preschool events.



## Covid-19 Update



Preschool will  
a central drop off  
Hand sanitiser  
the front door

continue to have  
and pick up zone.  
is available at  
and we ask all

parents/guardians and children to use it before entering preschool. Only one family is allowed inside at a time, please sign your child in and an educator will then take them to their classroom. If it is raining, please feel free to have several families wait in the outside fenced area, maintaining a social distance of 1.5 metres, of course.

The children will continue to eat their own fruit at morning tea. Please continue to send a piece of fruit or vegetable (cut up if your child cannot manage a whole piece) for them to enjoy.

Please remember to keep your child at home if they are unwell with any cold or flu like symptoms. In addition to children, please do not come to preschool to drop off or pick up if you yourself are unwell and current recommendations from NSW Health ask that you get a Coronavirus test if you have any flu/cold like symptoms.

Thank you to everyone for your understanding and cooperation with these guidelines. Let's all stay safe!

## Blender for preschool

Preschool is after a food blender. The main purpose is to make fruit smoothies with the children. If you have an unused blender that you would like to donate to preschool, it would be greatly appreciated.



## Hand sanitiser



We have noticed that many children are suffering dry hands or even eczema on their hands. We have spoken to several families on this topic. Preschool has not changed our hand wash or other products. We are assuming that longer and more frequent handwashing as well as the use of hand sanitiser when you are out and about are having an impact on children's skin. Please feel free to send to preschool a hand wash that suits your child. Remember to label it with your child's name.

## School holiday ideas for families

Several families have asked for ideas on things to do with their children during the school holidays. Please find following a list of fun and free ideas:

 Visit a park- there are lots parks in Bathurst and many are in quiet residential areas. Go for a walk and check out your neighbourhood to see if there is a park nearby.

 Visit the Bathurst Regional Art Gallery (BRAG)- the art gallery has great exhibitions. Each art piece has ideas for discussion with children. You don't have to know anything about art, just head on in and enjoy.

 Have a scavenger hunt- make a list of items that your children must find. Items could include things such as 'a traffic sign that has yellow on it', 'a green toy car', 'a red leaf that has fallen from a tree' or 'a person wearing a

purple dress'. You could base your scavenger hunt list around items in and around your home or take a trip into town and look for the items.

 Have a picnic for lunch- pack your lunch into a bag and head down to Peace Park or the river. There are many shady places to relax and enjoy a picnic lunch.

 Visit the Bathurst Library- if you aren't a member, you can join up for free. Your child will be so excited to see the many books that they can borrow. The library has many free online events for children such as Storytime. A great way to explore reading and books.

## 2020 DATES TO REMEMBER



**Term 3 ends-** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**Term 4 begins-** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Committee Meeting-** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 @ 5.30pm

**Book Week dress up day-** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

**Term 4 ends (last day for the children)-** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020