



Alstonville
Community
Preschool

Together we can

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

April 2021

Thankyou to all of the families that were
able to make it to our

FAMILY WELCOME GET TOGETHER last term.

It was such a great opportunity to meet and play
together, that we will try and organise another one
later in the year.



It looks like our **ANNUAL OPEN DAY** will
be able to go ahead this year, and is
planned for

Sunday morning June 20th
from 9.00-11.30am

This is a wonderful morning when we open our
preschool to the local community to showcase
what we do here each week.

Bring along your friends and family to enjoy a
coffee, buy a cake or some produce, whilst
enjoying all of the other activities on offer.
The children will also sing a few of their favourite
songs in a special performance (meet the
teachers in Lilli Pilli room at 9.30 am) for a 9.45
am sing.

All families will be asked to bake or contribute
something for the cake/produce stall, and cake
boxes/trays will be provided two weeks before.

COVID SAFE PRESCHOOL

All families are still required to
sign a Covid Health declaration on
arrival each day.

The preschools' Covid Safe Plan
has been reviewed and is
available in the foyer if you are
interested.

Children who are unwell will be
sent home as is our usual practice
according to our Infectious
Diseases policy and Sick children
policy.

We have recently purchased
quite a few beautiful new
picture books with funds from a
grant we received last year.
Are there any parents or family
members who could offer to
cover them with Contact before
we put them into full use?

Contact supplied. ☺

Message from the Management Committee

Thank you to those parents who have nominated so far to be on the preschools
Management Committee in 2021.

The new date for our Annual General Meeting

is Thursday 29th April @ 7.00pm

All preschool families welcome to attend, with a short supper after the AGM.

I'm sure many of you will have heard by now from the children that Beth is expecting her first child in June this year, and will be going on maternity leave later this term. We wish her all the best. Hannah F will be replacing her on Mondays and Tuesdays and Janet on Thursdays and Fridays.



MOTHERS DAY breakfasts

Mum's or someone special in your child's life ie grandma, aunt or friend are invited for a simple breakfast to celebrate our Mums, at preschool on Tuesday 11th May and Thursday 13th May anytime between 8.30 – 9.30am. Gumnuts group will hold their Mother's Day 'brunch' on Wednesday 12th May from 9.30-10.30am over in the park at Bushworld!

Stay for a few minutes or longer depending on your schedule. Please RSVP at the sign in desks during the week before!



OUR STREET LIBRARY is finally ready for use having now been beautifully decorated by the children.

You are welcome to take, borrow or donate children's books back to this library as often as you like.

It is under the front portico to the left hand side of the door, and will also be open to the community during preschool hours.

Family Information Snippets

We hope you are finding these little snippets of information useful so far this year?

They are regularly posted on the closed ACP Family page, and are now attached to this newsletter and available in the foyer for our families who don't use Facebook.



Alstonville Community Preschool was rated as Exceeding the National Quality Standard in late 2016. We have just been notified that we will be assessed again during this term.

We are excited to showcase our preschool to the Department of Education once again, and share the wonderful service we offer for children here.

There is a copy of the National Quality Standards for early childhood in the foyer if you are interested in learning more about the expectations for quality in Australian early childhood services.

Special Thankyous

- ❖ Tirryn's family for making us taking time to close in part of the deck to make a special place for our Seasons Calendar
- ❖ Hannah's husband for our new market stall. This is for anyone to donate excess produce, as well as the children adding things from our veggie garden when available, and is free for all families to use.
- ❖ Winnie's mum for helping us make our Frog hotel to provide a safe place for our preschool green tree frogs!
- ❖ Thierry from Kwik Kerb and his team for some amazing playground work this year and especially in our new mudpatch. The children cannot wait to get started in here!

Did you know we have a Reconciliation Action Plan for the preschool, that guides our everyday practice here.

Things we have achieved or are working on now are:

- Preschool Acknowledgement area in foyer- our collaborative acknowledgement and seasonal area, celebration Bundjalung Country.
- Children and educators are using the Bundjalung Seasons calendar regularly as well as creating our own calendar based on things we are noticing in the environment, such as the large amount of rain and the abundance of Lilli Pilli berries. The Gumnut group have made the calendar for all of us to use and enjoy, and it now has a permanent home on the deck.
- Educators have been increasing their use of a language app in everyday experiences with children to increase our combined knowledge of Bundjalung language – NSW AECG Languages - <https://www.aecg.nsw.edu.au/download-aecg-languages-app/>
- We have purchased more Indigenous resources and educators are using them to embed indigenous perspectives throughout weekly learning experiences.

USE OF INSULATED LUNCH BAGS

Just a reminder to please not put insulated lunch bags into the fridge on the deck.

These bags take up a lot of space, and make it difficult for the fridge to keep all food at the correct temperature during the day.

We would prefer food to be removed from these bags each morning and placed in the fridge.

Thankyou.

SUPERVISION OF SIBLINGS IN PRESCHOOL

Educators have requested that families take close care and supervision of both younger and older siblings in the playground on arrival and pick up each day.

Educators take great care to set up the environments each day, or to have cleaned and packed away these play spaces in the afternoons and would appreciate it if siblings could be kept close to parents to avoid these tasks having to be redone.

From Week 2 the Playground Closed signs will be back in use to reinforce this.

Thankyou.

Policies of the week

Each week we will focus on a different preschool policy available in the foyer for your information. All policies are in a folder in the foyer and some on our website. We would welcome your feedback and comments.

This week is the Adventurous Play policy

During May we will be focussing on:

Supervision
Administration of Medication
Sick Children