Alstonville Community Preschool

Together we can

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

June 2021

There has been quite a bit of sickness around lately.

- Please be on the lookout for coughs, colds and fever, and keep your child at home if necessary.

  Children who are unwell will be sent home as is our usual practice according to our Infectious Diseases policy and Sick children policy (available in the foyer)

- Head lice are also around again – please check your child, and treat as necessary before returning to preschool.

We are doing Picture plates again this year

(you may even have one at home that you made as a child!)

Cost - $30

Pick up your drawing paper and information from the office by 11th June. Payment is required at this time. Community orders accepted as well if you have friends or family who would like one.

OPEN DAY – Things for you to know

This will be a fun filled morning with preschool families and the local community, as we showcase our preschool.

- 9.45am -Preschool children will be singing some of their favourite songs;

CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL

All families will receive a cake box or tray from next week, to fill with delicious cakes, slices, excess produce etc. If you can be available for half an hour on the morning to man the stall that would be appreciated too. Let us know

SILENT AUCTION

The children from each room group are working on an amazing artwork each which will be auctioned on the day.

AFTERNOON TEA

After much discussion and reflection, educators have agreed that from next week we will no longer offer afternoon tea at the end of the preschool day. Children will come together at 3.30pm for quiet activities before home time.

Beth's last day at preschool will be Friday June 11th, as she leaves us to have her first baby. The children are planning some fun activities for her last week at preschool. We wish Beth all the very best in her new role …….

Thanks to the families who have been collecting plastic lids for us for the **Lids4 Kids project.** Just a reminder that these need to be washed before coming into preschool, and that we can only recycle lids labelled with a Number 2 or Number 4!

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.***

DID YOU KNOW ……

We would love your input into our Quality Improvement Planning. A scrapbook outlining our plans for this year is in the foyer. Take the time to have a quick look and let us know what you think, or add things we could think about!

ASSESSMENT and RATING visit

Our preschool will be going through Assessment and Rating from this Friday and the following Tuesday 8th June

This is a nationwide quality assurance process that all early childhood services go through every few years to determine how well they are meeting the National Quality Standards for early education and care. In late 2016 we were rated as Exceeding the National Quality Standard.

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

- Florence and Levi's mums for covering all of our new children's picture books. Quite a job!
- **Mudpatch and creekbed works**
  The children are loving this new area of our playground.
  A big thanks to:
  - Mick and his team from Richmond Sand and Gravel,
  - Jamie for his time for the earthmoving and loan of safety fencing;
  - Jane and Leigh from Think Water.
  - Thierry from Kwik kerb Alstonville.

  These local businesses reduced their costs and donated their time to support our community based preschool.

Sharing cultural experiences

At Alstonville Community Preschool we have a genuine interest in providing an environment that helps children to be successful in our increasingly diverse world, giving children and educators an opportunity to strengthen their connection to the world around them and their sense of belonging, to the preschool and to the broader community.

We would like to extend an open invitation to families or friends in the community to come into the preschool and share any celebrations, special days or traditions that are important to them. If you or someone you know has something they would like to share, please see the Room Leaders or Narelle to arrange a time.

You may have noticed in the room posts on the ACP family Facebook page that we have been having fortnightly incursions recently with Brad from Fitness Kidz and Emma from the Northern Rivers Conservatorium of Music.

Both of these have been funded through the DEC Quality Learning Environments grant for two terms of lessons, and both are proving to be thoroughly enjoyed by the children and really adding so much to our educational program.

Northern Rivers CONSERVATORIUM
Your place in music

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 Sick Children policy

During June we will be focussing on:

Sick Children
Administration of Medication
Guiding Children's Behaviour
Interactions with Children.