Welcome

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child and family to our preschool.

My name is Chris Higgins and I am the teacher at the preschool. On Wednesdays Alice Batson will also be joining our team. Emma Patching is the SLSO and together we are looking forward to working with you all. The children may call us by our first names or our last names.

This is the first issue of our newsletter. All families have received a hard copy this time, but in future newsletters will be emailed to those of you who have provided email addresses.

My email address is: christine.higgins@det.nsw.edu.au

What to bring:

The children will need to bring the following items:

- Brimmed hat
- Water bottle (we only drink water at preschool)
- Sensible play clothes and shoes (no thongs or clogs please)
- Change of clothes (in a plastic bag)
- Fresh fruit/veg for “Crunch and Sip” break
- Healthy lunch (full days)
- Healthy afternoon tea snack. (full days)

*To support our Healthy Eating Policy we ask that you refrain from sending chips, lollies, chocolates, sweet biscuits, bars and cakes

*Please remember to label all items

Fees

Our fees are $50 for the 2 ½ days. Fees may be paid at the school office on any school day. Please keep your fees up to date as failure to pay may jeopardise your child’s position. If you are experiencing difficulty please arrange to speak to the Principal.

If you are seeking fee relief you will need to provide current Health Care card details to the office as soon as possible so that adjustments may be made to the fee invoices.

Sign in/out

Please sign your child in upon arrival and out when you collect them. We appreciate you punctuality when picking up as we often have setting up meeting commitments to attend to.

Please inform us if someone different will be collecting your child. They should be listed as an authorised contact and they will need to provide identification. Thank you.

First day

Thank you for supporting our half day transition sessions. These sessions enable the children to settle more easily. Full sessions commence next week.
Our Philosophy

We will be reviewing our philosophy and would like to invite you to share your thoughts and ideas on the kinds of things that are important to you and your families in regards to what the preschool should be focussing on. Please email me your thoughts or write them down.

National Quality Framework

The National Quality Framework aims to raise quality and drive continuous improvement and consistency in education and care services through:

- a national legislative framework
- a National Quality Standard
- a national quality rating and assessment process
- a new national body called the Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority.

We will be providing information about the framework in following newsletter issues.

Information is also available at: www.aceqca.gov.au

Quality Improvement Plan

All services must prepare a Quality Improvement Plan that:

- includes an assessment of the quality of the practices of the service against the National Quality Standard and the National Regulations
- identifies areas of strength
- identifies any areas that the provider considers may require improvement
- includes a statement of philosophy of the service.

We will be asking for your input into the Quality Improvement plan, so stay tuned!

Communication

We will provide information in a number of ways.

Please check your child’s locker each day for notes, read messages in the sign on book or check your emails. If you have any questions please ask.

Birthdays

These children will all celebrate birthdays in February.

Oliver (15th) and Declan (20th)

We hope you have a fantastic day!

Notable February dates:

(Details will be supplied when needed)

10th - Chinese New Year
12th – Shrove Tuesday
20th - World Harmony day
21st - International Mother Language
22nd - National Boardies Day

Just a thought……

If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect.
If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and in those about them.
If children live with friendliness, they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.