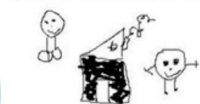


# Wallaroo Preschool Centre

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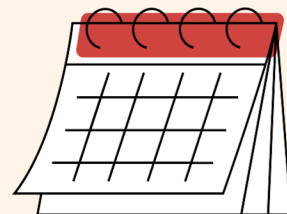
Term One 2024

WE LIVE ON NHARANGGA LAND. WE PLAY AND LEARN ON NHARANGGA LAND.  
WE THANK THE NHARANGGA PEOPLE FOR SHARING THEIR LAND WITH US.



## Diary Dates

PLEASE SAVE THESE  
IMPORTANT  
UPCOMING DATES IN  
YOUR DIARIES



<b>Week 4:</b> <b>Wednesday 21st</b> <b>February</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting</b> 6pm at Preschool. All welcome.
<b>Week 7:</b> <b>Monday 11th March</b>	<b>Public Holiday</b> <b>Preschool will be closed</b>
<b>Week 7:</b> <b>Tuesday 12th</b> <b>March</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day</b> <b>Preschool will be closed</b>
<b>Week 10:</b> <b>Monday 1st April</b>	<b>Public Holiday:</b> <b>Easter Monday</b> <b>Preschool will be closed</b>
<b>Week 11:</b> <b>Thursday 11th April</b>	<b>End of Term 1</b> Preschool end of day 2:45pm as per usual

Nha Marni to all our new families and welcome back to our returning families.

It has been a wonderful start to the year as we focus on developing new relationships and reconnecting with our continuing preschool children.

We are so excited be on this journey as we play, explore, grow and learn together.

Our 'Parent Room' is always available if you would like a quiet place to sit, a private space to speak with an educator or if you are looking for some handy brochures and information sheets.



Please check your communication trays (on top of the water bottle shelf) and read our front whiteboard each day to stay up to date with events and important messages.

## Find us on

Please also check our private

'Wallaroo Preschool Families 2024' Facebook group often for reminders and information.

It may be helpful to check you have your notifications turned 'on' so you don't miss any new posts.

If you have any questions or would just like a chat please approach one of our educators, we would be more than happy to support you.  
Belinda, Ashleigh, Lou, Bronny, Claire & Georgina.



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# Meet Our Educators

These are the familiar faces you will see at kindy each week. We are all looking forward to getting to know you and your child as we develop our relationship with you throughout the year. Please feel free to introduce yourself and have a chat ♥

There will be times when an educator may be away. Wherever possible we will always try to use a familiar educator for relief to provide continuity and familiarity for children and families.

We have also been so fortunate to have our wonderful relief teacher Kelly at preschool on many days this term.



Belinda Petherick  
Preschool Director



Ashleigh Higgins  
Preschool Director



Lou Faulkner  
Preschool Teacher



Bronny Treacy  
Early Childhood Worker



Claire Hall  
Early Childhood Worker



Georgina Weissmann  
Early Childhood Worker

**ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING  
WEDNESDAY  
21ST FEBRUARY  
6PM**

Get ready to party with us at our Annual General Meeting! Save the date: Wednesday, February 21st at 6pm. Join the fun as we elect our next Governing Council squad for 2024. The Governing Council is where the fun parents and caregivers hang out, making magic happen for our center. Fancy a seat at the table? Chat with Belinda or Ashleigh for all the juicy details!

## Preschool Fee Payments

You will have received an invoice in your communication tray with information regarding Preschool fee payments for 2024. It is an expectation that all fees are paid as soon as possible and we will continue to follow up overdue accounts into the future.

At the end of your child's preschool time, as a 'thank you' for completing full fee payment, each family will receive a USB with all of your children's photos from throughout their learning at kindy, along with a copy of our end of year farewell slideshow.

If you need to discuss payment options please speak with Belinda or Ashleigh as soon as possible.

## How do I pay my fees?



EFTPOS or cash at



Preschool  
or

Online Transfer

BSB: 105-020

Account number:

102023540

or

Centrelink CentrePay

Customer Reference

Number: 555113639K





# PRESCHOOL SESSION TIMES

8:45am  
to  
2:45pm

Our door will open at 8:45am each morning. Prior to this our educators are busy setting up for the day and sharing important information. We ask that if you arrive before this time you support your child to apply sunscreen and be mindful to socially distance from other families where possible. Please remember to sign your child in each day and record if there will be someone different (i.e. grandparents, OSHC) collecting your child.



At approximately 9am children will gather for our morning 'Wondering Time'. This may be a good opportunity for you to say farewell to your child if you are both feeling happy and comfortable by then. Our educators are always available to support you and your child as you say goodbye.

In the afternoon children will gather all together for a story or song at approximately 2:30pm. If you arrive early please be respectful as this is still an important learning moment in your child's day at preschool. You are welcome to quietly join us on the mat to listen and engage with our end of day group. You may notice some children will have packed their own bags and other children are still learning to do this independently. It is a good idea to check before leaving your child has all their belongings (water bottle, food containers, clothing and hat).



Between 2:30pm + 2:45pm we will individually farewell each child, once we can see their special person who is picking them up. You need to ensure you have arrived to collect your child by no later than 2:45pm each day. We understand occasionally things come up which may cause you to be running late as a once off. If this happens please give us a call or a text so we can reassure your child you are on your way to collect them.

If there is a reason you need to leave earlier on a certain occasion please let an educator know so we can say goodbye to your child as you arrive.

We know your child will be so excited to see you at the end of the day, if they do run to greet you before being farewelled from the group, please support them to come back to the mat and sit with them while we say goodbye. This will support your child to understand our end of day routine whilst also allowing them to be with you!

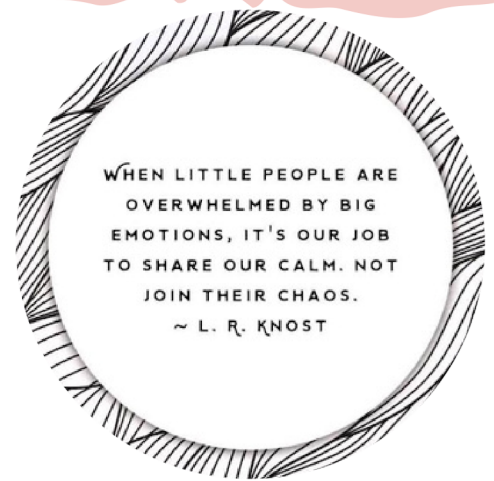


Part of our intentional teaching with the children each day incorporates learning about our feelings and emotions. This forms part of our 'Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum' which is integrated into our preschool curriculum.

Our educators support children to recognise how their body is feeling and how they express and learn to manage their emotions in different situations. Children are increasing their vocabulary to name their emotions such as sad, angry, frustrated, joyful or tired. Children are learning that all emotions are okay and sometimes we just need a little support to manage them.

### You may notice our educators:

- Naming and acknowledging children's emotions.
- Using a quiet and calm voice.
- Getting down to children's level.
- Offering physical reassurance.
- Respecting and allowing the need for personal space by staying nearby.



What strategies have you noticed that help you support your child with their emotions?

We will continue to share further information about our Child Protection Curriculum throughout the year with you.



At our preschool we refer to children's drawing and writing as 'mark making'. We value and provide opportunities for children to authentically engage with this in a variety of ways throughout each day.

### This may look like children:

- Using a stick to make marks in the sand.
- Exploring with mixing and creating varying shades of paints to use within their artwork.
- Using their three, four and five year old writing to name their artworks.
- Being authors and illustrators of their own books.
- Writing a menu in our mud kitchen.





# Beach Kindy

A detailed information note and consent form has been sent home via family communication trays. Please ensure you return the consent form to preschool by no later than Thursday 22nd February (week 4).

We are so excited to commence Beach Kindy this term. We will soon be providing further information about this for you, including our Beach Kindy Risk Benefit Assessment.

Beach kindy is a wonderful opportunity for children to build life long dispositions such as curiosity, resilience, problem solving, wondering and more.

This term our beach kindy will begin from weeks 5 and 6. We will be going to the beach in small groups to establish awareness of routines and expectations at the beach.

Please note we do not go swimming at the beach. We provide children with aqua shoes to wear and if required we will also offer the children waterproof 'onesies'.



## Preschool Quality Improvement Plan

Our PQIP helps our preschool to document the strengths of our centre and to identify areas for continual improvement we can work towards.

Our improvement goal for 2024 is focussed on children increasing their ability to use rhythm and rhyme to support their foundational literacy skills.

We are excited to share further information about this with you throughout the year.

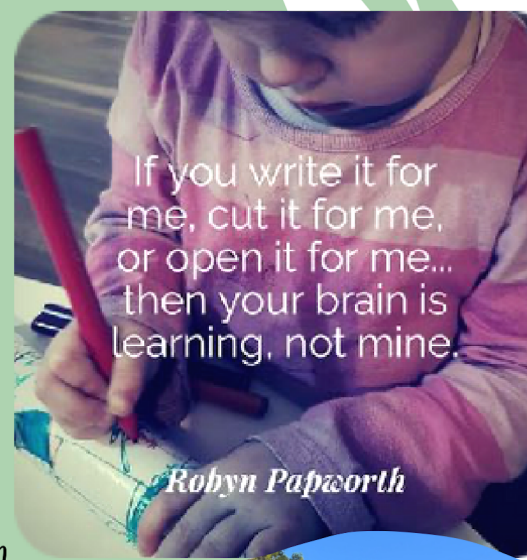




Independence and self help skills are vital components of children's development.

You can support your child develop these by encouraging them to:

- Dress themselves (including socks and shoes).
- Make choices that affect them: e.g. "Do you want a banana or grapes today?"
- Involve them with packing their own bag at home with everything they need for kindy (hat, change of clothes, water bottle, morning food & lunch). On arrival at kindy children can be supported to unpack their bag and put it in a locker. While children are still becoming familiar with our routine they may need some verbal prompts, however please let them try and do it by themselves. This also supports children to recognise and find their own belongings throughout the day.
- Think about how to solve a problem themselves. "What could you do to fix it?"



## LAUNDRY LEGENDS

Each week one lucky preschool family gets to be the laundry hero and do one load of washing for us.

It's an easy-peasy job that involves washing towels, hats and maybe a few hi-vis vests when we've been out and about in the community.

When it's your week to shine, just grab the laundry bag on your child's last day of the week (either Wednesday or Thursday). Then, work your magic and return the clean, dry, and neatly folded laundry on your child's next attendance day. If your week doesn't work for you, no worries! Just give us a shout and we'll find a swap for you.

Thanks for being part of our laundry team!



### A little reminder:

We know many children (and their siblings) love to climb on the blue handrail out the front of kindy. Unfortunately this is not a space that has been designed for climbing on and is unsafe should they fall onto the concrete. Please discourage your children from climbing and swinging on this rail as they enter and leave preschool each day.

**FOR THE DURATION OF THE 2024 YEAR WALLAROO PRESCHOOL IS NUT FREE DUE TO A CHILD ENROLLED WITH ANAPHYLAXIS TO NUTS. PLEASE DO NOT SEND NUT PRODUCTS TO PRESCHOOL.**

**myDrakes.**

**Drakes**

**- Community Dollars**



As a fundraiser for our centre we are a participant in the 'Drakes Community Dollars' program.

Download the 'myDrakes' app to your phone and under 'Settings' search and select 'Wallaroo Preschool Centre' as your 'Community Dollars' organisation.

Then simply open the app and scan your barcode each and every time you shop at Drakes to help raise funds for our preschool.

Alternatively we have barcoded tags for yourself and/or other family and community members, please take as many as you need. The more people who shop and scan, the more our preschool benefits.

### Sign in sheet: Notes column

If someone other than yourself is picking up your child (grandparent, childcare, friend etc.) please write this in the 'notes' column in the morning. They will also need to be listed on your child's enrolment form. Please let them know our educators may ask for photo ID if we haven't met them before. This is a precaution to ensure your child's safety.

A reminder to also check the 'notes' column at the end of the day as sometimes this will say 'see staff' if we need to speak with you.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in a FAMILY PHOTO for our display, we hope these are a great source of comfort and connection to home for children on their first days at preschool and throughout the year. We encourage you to send in a family photo if you haven't done so yet.







**Learning Together**  
**PLAY GROUP**  
FROM BIRTH TO SCHOOL

9am - 10:30am  
Every Monday morning

**FREE**  
Wallaroo Primary School  
Hughes Street Wallaroo  
Library - enter off  
playground  
Ph 88 232 190  
for queries

Healthy snack provided

Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

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Building Our Future

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Karen Lee Dance Academy

Sports vouchers accepted

Friday  
16th Feb 2024

**Messy Church**

Time:  
3:15 pm - 5:30pm

A fun time  
for  
Families  
to share  
together

- Creative activities for all the family
- Meal provided
- All families Welcome
- Donation towards costs appreciated

Kadina  
Uniting Church Hall

For more information  
Ph 0428 218 255  
Jane Gersch

**PLAYGROUP** Wallaroo Preschool

AT WALLAROO PRESCHOOL CENTRE 11 ELIZABETH STREET, WALLAROO

Children birth to preschool age all welcome.  
Friday mornings during term time.  
Arrive anytime between 9:30am and 11:30am.  
First visit free. \$2 per child, \$1 per additional siblings.

If your child will attend Wallaroo Preschool Centre in the future this is a wonderful opportunity to come along for a play and become familiar with our centre.

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP FOR UPDATED INFORMATION. SEARCH: 'WALLAROO PLAYGROUP'