

NEWSLETTER

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A Message from

Michelle



Hi everyone,

Welcome back to Preschool and I hope you have had a great break. Please feel free to send or email any photos to us about your child's experiences or family events over the holiday period.

I am looking forward to the term ahead as we move forward with our educator plans to support your child in their learning. Our team has had many discussions about ensuring the learning that occurs for your child at preschool is meaningful and working with your child's strengths and abilities. In the last term we all got to know your child through observation, listening and making connections with your family. Your child's Focus Teacher is planning for further learning with your child, with an emphasis on building their capabilities, supporting and extending their learning. You will be given this planning information in the next couple of weeks. Please feel free to chat to your child's teacher about your child's information and learning. We welcome your feedback.

We have adjusted our preschool routines to allow the children more time to connect and play by having our first group-time a little earlier. This will provide an opportunity for children to find out about the great experiences in our preschool that day and also share their ideas. We are trying out a progressive morning tea throughout the morning to allow children to recognise their own body's messages and to also provide large blocks of time for engagement in learning. So far this is working well. We would ask that parents pop an ice pack in for their child's morning tea also as these may be out on the tables a little longer than before.

We will be completing a renovation of our children's bathroom over the July school holidays, using a "Quality Environments" grant we were awarded late last year. This will be a great opportunity to create a fresh and revived bathroom space.

Educators have recently completed some Language Support training based on the Hanen Program. This training focused on the letters OWL - Observe, Wait and Listen. This training really emphasised the importance of us getting down face-to-face with the children and allowing time for them to respond. The foundation of this program is the importance of language learning in our daily interactions with children allowing us to

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support them as they play and explore. Please see the attached information to see how you can "Follow Your Child's Lead" and support their language development at home, as well as some information on Speech Development for Preschool Children. Please feel free to chat to educators if you have any questions or concerns about your child's language development.

Thanks to the wonderful Parent Committee for our Easter Raffle at the end of Term 2. There are many opportunities coming up to support the preschool through our fundraising. We have attached the Miss Melon's Fruit and Vege Fundraiser and we will also have some fun items at our Disco in June.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments about our preschool. We value our strong family connections and welcome your ideas.

Warm thanks, Michelle Ryan



Entertainment Books

Do you want to save some money? Did you know that the Entertainment Book can not only save you money on dinners and takeaways, but also everyday expenses like groceries (Woolworths and Hello Fresh), meat, fruit/veges, wines and clothes?

The Entertainment Book will save you money and also raise money for the Preschool. Please see the office if you need more information or click on the link below to purchase.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/341x69>



TUESDAY, 21/5/19 at 2pm "Big Bag" Show - Tuesday children only \$10 per child	WEDNESDAY, 26/6/19 at 7pm Management Committee Meeting At the Preschool
MONDAY, 10/6/19 Public Holiday – Preschool closed No fees charged	FRIDAY, 5/7/19 Last day of Preschool for Term Two!
FRIDAY, 21/6/19 at 5:30pm Disco at the Church More details to follow	TUESDAY, 23/7/19 Parent's Committee Meeting 7pm at Caves Beach Coastal Bar & Bungalows
MONDAY, 24/6/19 - FRIDAY, 28/6/19 Photo Week	

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Swansea Fire Brigade Visit

Thanks to our local Swansea Fire Brigade for coming to visit us on Thursday, 2 May, 2019 (and one of our Dads too!). The children were able to have a look in the fire engine and have a try with the hose spraying water. Most importantly the Firefighters talked about being safe and calling 000 if there is a fire. We also looked at the special clothes and equipment the firefighters wear to keep safe.

This wonderful opportunity extends our recent fire drill practices and helps children learn about safety. We love making these connections with our local community and look forward to their next visit.



Message from the Office

Welcome back for Term 2 and a big thank you to all those families that have remembered to recommence their direct transfer for the payment of Preschool Fees. Sometimes this can be easily overlooked and fees can quickly become in arrears!

Also, just reminding parents/caretakers that when your children are sick, it would be appreciated if you could telephone the Preschool at your earliest convenience to let us know (49713258). Sometimes email messages may not be accessed until later in the morning and then we are unable to offer your spot to another family who may be wishing to pick up at extra day.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Please drop your stickers in the bin provided at Woolworths Swansea or the bin outside the office at Preschool.



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Miss Melon's Fundraiser

Please return by Friday, 17 May, 2019

Miss Melons / Caves Beach Preschool fundraiser

We are lucky to have Miss Melons join us for our term 2 fundraiser. \$5 from each box will be donated to our school! Please have your order and correct money in by Friday the 17th of May. We will have the boxes delivered Monday the 20th of May for pick up from the preschool.

NAME	
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WHICH BOX? AND QUANTITY?	

\$25 Box



Perfect for small households with approx. 15-20 different produce items including potatoes, pumpkin, sweet potato, brown/red onions, lettuce, cucumber, zucchini, carrots, corn, red/green apples, pears, bananas, oranges, mandarins, beans or broccoli and tomatoes.

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\$35 Box



Perfect for households with small children and includes up to 20 different produce items including potatoes, pumpkin, sweet potato, lettuce, cucumber, zucchini, beetroot, carrots, corn, red/brown onions, watermelon, celery, broccoli, red/green apples, pears, bananas, oranges, mandarins, beans or broccoli, capsicum and tomatoes.

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\$45 Box



Perfect for house holds with older children and includes up to 25 different produce items including potatoes, sweet potato, pumpkin, lettuce, cucumber, zucchini, carrots, corn, red/brown onions, pineapple or rockmelon, watermelon, celery, broccoli, red/green apples, pears, bananas, oranges, mandarins, beans, capsicum and tomatoes, strawberries.

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\$55 Box



Perfect for households with teenagers or big fruit and veg eaters and includes up to 25 different produce items.

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\$65 Box



Contains a mixed selection of fresh fruit, veg and salad! This is great for lovers of fresh produce and includes up to 27 different produce items.

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Please pop an ice/cool pack in your child's morning tea to keep it fresh for our new morning tea routine

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Share About Our Preschool

Please let others know that we are taking waiting list forms for 2020. We take children from three years of age. Your positive word-of-mouth is our best advertising and we thank all those of you who have already referred families to us. If you know someone who would like to pop in for a visit get them to give us a call.

Supporting Your Child's Language Learning: The Hanen Program



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The Sound of Speech: preschool and school aged children

The ages and stages of children's speech development



Learning to speak is a crucial part of a child's development and progress made in the preschool and early school years is crucial to mastering the rules of language.

Even though children vary in their development of speech and language, there are certain 'milestones' that can be identified as a rough guide to normal development. Typically, these skills must be reached at certain ages before more complex skills can be learned. These milestones help speech pathologists determine whether a child may need extra help to learn to speak or use language.

Preschool children: 3 to 5 years

Preschool children start to use much longer sentences, yet their speech should still be understood by unfamiliar people (outside of the family) about 75% of the time. By 5 years of age, anyone (including unfamiliar listeners) should be able to understand the child's speech in conversation 95-100% of the time.



What can most children do?

- By 4 years, children can say most sounds correctly (e.g., m, n, h, w, p, b, t, d, k, g, ng, f, y, s, z, ch, j, sh, l). They can use many consonant clusters, which are combinations of two or more sounds (e.g., tw, sp, gl). Children may use clusters at the start (e.g., blue) or end of words (e.g., hand). Also, children will say most vowel sounds in words correctly (e.g., ay, oh, ee).
- Between 4-5 years, preschool children start to develop skills that will be important for learning to read and write (called "pre-literacy skills"). They become aware that spoken words can rhyme (e.g., cat – bat), and can be broken into syllables/beats (e.g., am-bu-lance).

What do many children still find difficult?

- Some sounds are later to develop and children may still have difficulty with them at this age. For instance, preschool children commonly have difficulty with "r" (e.g., saying "wed" for red), "v" (e.g., saying "berry" for very), and "th" (e.g., saying "fank you" for thank you).
- Some children are still developing the ability to use consonant clusters (e.g., scribble and strawberry), or to say all the sounds correctly in longer words (e.g., caterpillar and spaghetti). Some children may still produce "s" as "th" (e.g., a lisp).

What can parents do to help?

If parents are concerned about their child's speech development, they are advised to have their child's hearing checked by an audiologist as hearing is important in learning how to say sounds correctly. Also, parents can visit a speech pathologist if concerned about their child's speech development. In particular, a visit to the speech pathologist is recommended if children cannot be understood, if they are frustrated with attempts to communicate, if their speech appears very effortful, if they are using very few words, or if they are not using sounds at the start of words (e.g., saying "ish" for fish).

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