

Pre School Newsletter



Welcome....

.... to the third newsletter of a super fun and action packed 2016.

New Website

We are excited to announce that our new preschool website is now

complete and up and running. If you haven't yet had the chance to see it yet, take a few minutes to check it out at www.medowiegumnuts.com.au. This is also now a 'mobile friendly' website meaning that it can now be viewed on your phone and/or iPad as well as your computer.

As well as all of the required information regarding our awesome centre, our website now has a 'Parents Resources' where we have added things such as a 'Kindergarten Readiness Checklist', an 'Online Estimator' to calculate approximate preschool fees, and Department of Human Services Fact Sheets relating to childcare and benefits. We are also planning on adding a 'Lunchbox Suggestions' and general information relating to child health and development. If there is anything else you feel would be useful to have in this area, please don't hesitate to see Sharon.

Our website also now has an 'Upcoming Events' calendar where we add important events etc that will be occurring at Medowie Gumnut Preschool. Also on our website is a 'New and Bog' section. Miss Sharon is still learning the art of Blogging, but is hoping that you are enjoying this section of our website. Again, if there is something that you would like us to include here, please feel free to chat to Sharon.

Another exciting part of our website is that our photo gallery will always be updated and changed, so keep an eye out for photos of your child here. A point to note here is that your child's photo will only appear on our website if you have provided us with written permission for this to happen.

If you would like to write a testimonial about what you like about our awesome centre and educators, we would like to add it to our website as well.



Preschool Photos

This year, our preschool photo will be taken by the lovely Kim from Chirp Photography. Photo week will be 12th to 16th September. Photo envelopes and notes will go into your child's note pocket as the week gets closer.

Educational Leaders Half Yearly Report

To view this go to Miss Sharon's Blog post at www.medowiegumnut.com.au

Hours of Operation

Please note that our hours of operation are 8am to 4pm. We currently have several families who consistently arrive

Educators away

During the week of 8th to 12th August, Miss Sharon and Miss Mikaylah will be away. They are off to the snow for a week of skiing. While they are away, your child's educators will be Miss Jess, Miss Kylie, Miss Kirstin and Miss Annie. If you are needing to contact Sharon for any reason throughout the week, you can still do this by either calling on 0438828467 or email at medowiegumnut@bigpond.com



Oakvale Excursion

We will be taking the children on an excursion to Oakvale on Thursday 8th September. We did this same excursion with the children last year and had the BEST day!!! If you would like your child to attend this excursion, and haven't yet returned permission slip and money, please do so ASAP. If you don't have said permission slip, please see Sharon or Mikaylah for one.

Urgent!!!!

Please make sure that Sharon has a printed up to date 'Immunisation History' on file for your child; as the 'NO JAB, NO PLAY' rule has been in force since 1st January this year and we must have current immunisation records for each child who attends our service. You can access a copy of your child's Immunisation History at www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/online . If you are

unable to print the record, please email them to medowiegumnut@bigpond.com and Sharon will happily print them for you. Also, we still require a copy of many children's birth certificates - this is also now a legal requirement.

House Keeping.....

Unwell Children at Preschool

With Winter well and truly here our little ones tend to get sick with coughs, sore throats, runny noses, headaches and generally feeling unwell. If your child does become unwell, please be considerate of the other children, their family and our staff when deciding whether or not to send them to preschool for the day. Giving them a dose of panadol or cough and cold medicine and hoping for the best isn't the best option as your child would benefit more from a day at home where they can rest and get better.

LUNCH BOXES

Medowie Gumnut Preschool prides itself in having a 'healthy eating' policy where by we educate the children, and encourage them to eat healthy while in our care. This policy is also a requirement of the Education and Care Services National Regulations where we are required to monitor the nutritional value of every child's lunchbox contents while they are in our care. We currently have some children who bring cordial and juice in their drink bottles, biscuits and other foods that are high in sugar, salt and fat. We have also had children arrive with food that has chocolate on it. Please note that we are not allowed to have the children eat these foods while in our care. For information regarding this please refer to our 'Nutrition, Food and Beverage' policy and procedures. You can find this policy either in our library area at preschool or on our website www.medowiegumnuts.com.au



