

Pre School Newsletter



Welcome....

.... to the fourth newsletter of a super fun and action packed 2017.

Educators away

From Wednesday 4th to Monday 10th October, Miss Sharon and Miss Mikaylah will be away. They are off to Bathurst for Miss Mik's first ever Bathurst experience. While they are away, your child's educators will be Miss Kylie, Miss Kirstin and Miss Bianca. 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 19th October. 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 by Tuesday 10th October.. 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 enforced by the Australian Government 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 a legal requirement.



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 and leave their child at preschool prior to 8am. Our licence permits us to have children on the premises and in our care from 8am to 4pm. Please also be mindful of what time you arrive to collect your child; allowing yourself time to discuss your child's day with educators, have a look through our Floor Book, collect their belongings and be leaving by 4pm as our Educators all have commitments after work and appreciate being able to get to them on time.

House Keeping.....



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

IMPORTANT DATES

- 2/10/2017 - Centre Closed for Public Holiday
- 10/10/2017 - All money and notes due for Oakvale excursion
- 19/10/2017 - Oakvale excursion
- 23/10/2017 - Henny Penny chickens arrive for 2 weeks
- 21/11/2017 - Incursion - Dog Safety
- 13/12/2017 - Graduation
- 16/12/2017 - Christmas Picnic
- 22/12/2017 - last day of preschool for 2017
- 22/1/2018 - Preschool resumes for 2018

WARMER WEATHER

With the warmer weather on its way we will be changing our daily routine so that the children go outside first thing in the morning rather than later during the day. To help us make sure that all children are protected from the sun we ask that families make sure that their child comes to preschool with a hat that fits and stays on their head, clothing that covers their shoulders and neck, and sunscreen applied so that it has sufficient time to be absorbed into the skin prior to heading outdoors. Please be advised that these are requirements as per our 'Sun safe' policy.

This can be found either on our website at www.medowiegumnuts.com.au or on our policy folder located on our sign in table.

With the warmer weather, also comes a lot of water play and the children often need to change their wet clothing. Please make sure your child has a change of clothes in their bag.

PRESCHOOL GATES

When entering and leaving our preschool, please check that the gate is latched closed and doesn't bounce open. Please also help us look after our gates by making sure that older children do not climb onto the gates or fences to open them. This does break the gate and the hinges thus making it difficult for the gates to automatically close once you have been through them.

Please also be aware that children and families are required to use our side gate only. The front car park and the front gate are for Staff, Maintenance and Emergency access only. The reason being that children are not easily seen to a car that may be entering or leaving our car park.



