

NEWSLETTER

GOONELLABAH PRESCHOOL

We would like to acknowledge that our preschool sits on the beautiful Bundjalung land, and for thousands of years has been cared for by the Widjabul-Wyabul people and would like to thank the Elders past, present and emerging. We will do our best to honour the privilege of sharing this space by encouraging a continuing connection and awareness of the shared responsibility we all have with this land, including staff and children. Thank you.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Janette Essery



Jingiwallah, The children are all happy to be at preschool and are really enjoying this beautiful weather. It's wonderful to see the children engaged in play and learning with their educators and friends.

We are now taking re-enrolments and new enrolments for 2024. If you have already let us know what days you require for your child in 2024, thank you. If you haven't, please advise us as soon as possible, to ensure your child receives a place. If you know anyone with preschool aged children (2 to 5 years) please encourage them to call and make a date and time for an enrolment interview and a tour of our beautiful preschool.

Parents and Children are also most welcome to come along to our free playgroup on Mondays with Judy, from 10am to 12 midday.

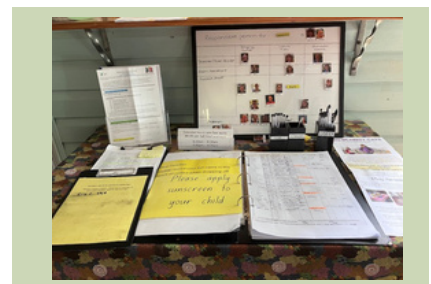
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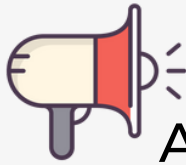
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COMMUNICATION

It is now a requirement that everyone also print their **first and last names** when signing out.

An important reminder to sign your child *in* and *out* on the Black folder located in the breezeway. It is also the roll we use when accounting for children in the event of emergencies. We practice Emergency Drills every term with all groups of children.





ANAPHYLAXIS and ALLERGIES ALERT -ALL FAMILIES PLEASE NOTE

We would like to thank everyone for their support towards children with ANAPHYLAXIS and ALLERGIES and ask parents to continue NOT sending these foods on the following days:

NUTS/SESAME SEEDS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

EGGS

Tuesday, Thursday

PEACHES

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

FISH AND SHELLFISH (tuna is ok)

Thursday, Friday



PRESCHOOL CALENDAR

- Weekly on Tuesdays -Uncle Elliott Knight Aboriginal Culture Educator from the Bundjalung Culture and Language Nest will be teaching Bundjalung language to each class.

SEPTEMBER

- Regional Library Visits to preschool for Storytime- Book Week. On Tuesday 5th September and Thursday 7th September. Please sign the consent on the reception table.
- Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th September: Sundaze Studio Preschool Photography will be coming to take individual and class photos. Please order online and sign the photography consent on the reception table.

TERM 3 HOLIDAYS

- Start Monday 25th September until Friday 6th October.

TERM 4

- Starts Monday 9th October and ends Friday 15th December

HOUSE KEEPING

- Sunscreen is provided on the sign in desk for families to apply each morning and staff will reapply in the afternoon. The Cancer Council recommends children and adults wear sunscreen outdoors when the UV Index is of 3 or above.
- Child Absence: Please drop us a courtesy call if your child will be away for the day and the reason for your child's absence.
- Preschool Provides lovely cool filtered water to drink at preschool. Each child has been provided with their own labelled cup at a table near their room. Staff encourage children throughout the day to have a drink and stay hydrated.
- Library borrowing is available in each room. Please see a team member if you would like your child to access the preschool library. This is a great opportunity to encourage a life-long love of reading. There will no longer be a fee for lost books
- The lost property box is located at the front of the building near the gate or under the sign in table. Please remember to label all clothing, sheets, shoes, lunchboxes and other items and to check the box regularly. Children often have the same bags, shoes and clothing so it's a good idea to label all items.
- Family Support - We would also like families to know we are here to support you in anyway we can. If you are finding yourself in a time of struggle, please reach out. We understand the rising costs of fuel and food can add emotional and financial strain, and we are always here to help our families through difficult times.
- Lunches- please don't hesitate to let an educator know if you are short of suitable food items for your child's lunch box. We keep a small supply of food items for such emergencies.
- Accident, Incident and Injury Forms; these forms have been updated. Parents are asked to complete their details, sign and date the form in the middle of the back page, for our records. The shaded space at the bottom of the page is for educators to complete. Thank you for your assistance, the prompt completion of these forms is a regulatory requirement.
- Please do NOT send drink bottles to preschool. The children have cold filtered water to drink and their own cups are provided.



ENROLMENT DETAILS FOR YOUR CHILD

Please remember it is important to inform the preschool office team of any changes in:

- Your families; Income status, pension or healthcare cards, Medicare cards, your child's immunisation history
- Changes in your phone numbers, email address, home address – have you moved house?
- Custody changes
- Authorised people to collect your child, their names, address and phone numbers
- Health or medical conditions, new Medical Action Plan (these should be reviewed every 12 months) allergies or medications
- Any new Medical, specialist, therapist or NDIS reports.



**Congratulations and Welcome to
Jess Rogers as the Teacher in the Binging Turtle room.**



New Casual Educators

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new casual educators joining our team



Meg - Casual Teacher



Darci - Casual Support Educator

Daljeet - Casual Educator



Blossom- Casual Teacher



Ellie - Casual Educator

Please make them feel welcome to our lovely preschool.

GOONELLABAH PRESCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR FAMILIES VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

Goonellabah Preschool is an open, welcoming, safe environment for our preschool children, their families and visitors to our service. We promote open respectful communication and behaviour within our preschool community.

The code of conduct details rules of acceptable behaviours for all adults attending our preschool, or participating in preschool functions and activities that may be held off premises. The rules and guidelines apply here at preschool, outside our gates in our pick up and drop off zones and at any preschool event or excursion held off premises.

All parents are requested to read this Code of Conduct and adhere to the conditions within. The Code of Conduct For Families, Visitors and Volunteers is detailed on page 43 of the Goonellabah Preschool Family Handbook and is on display on the reception table at preschool. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Car Parking - Please use the car parking on the preschool side of either road outside preschool.

INVITATION TO OUR FAMILIES

We would love to invite families to come into preschool for visits. If you would like to come and spend time doing art, cooking, group time, gardening or another experience, please let us know. Grandparents are welcome and encouraged to come and visit also. Children love to share what they learn with their special people.

