

The Kind Koalas

Term 1 Information Letter

Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 4! We have absolutely loved getting to know your children and we hope you and your children have enjoyed the first few weeks of preschool as much as we have.

This letter is to give you some information about what is happening day-to-day in the preschool, and to let you know about a few special events that are happening later in term.



Routines and Expectations

Our **daily routine** is designed to give students an opportunity to explore both indoor and outdoor learning experiences, as well as some whole group activities. A detailed daily routine is displayed on the blue noticeboard in the classroom. Our learning program is also displayed in the classroom – please feel free to have a look and write down any feedback (or you can have a chat with Miss Jarvis 😊).

We are establishing expectations for staying safe and happy at preschool and having lots of discussion about what this means, and what it looks like. You may have noticed our **class agreement** displayed in the classroom – ‘*When we are at preschool we will try our best to look after ourselves, look after each other, and look after our things.*’

Integrated Inquiry

Our Integrated Inquiry this term is focused on exploring the concept of identity through the topic ‘**All About Me**’. Students will be learning about themselves, their families and their culture through a range of activities and experiences. At the moment we are focusing on getting to know each other and how we all belong in our new Harrison Preschool environment. We are learning our names, our likes and dislikes and making displays about our birthdays and growth.

In a few weeks we will begin exploring the five senses and how they help us to understand the world around us. Later in the term we will be looking at our families and learning about our home cultures and languages. We are hoping to organise something special to celebrate the amazing diversity in our class that will coincide with Harmony Day.

Later in the term we will be participating in an incursion related to our Integrated Inquiry focus. The performance is designed for pre-schoolers and encourages children to learn about and develop key social and emotional skills, including resilience, empathy and sharing.

Notes with more information about both these events will be coming home soon.

Curriculum

Please refer to the attached sheet for information about the curriculum we follow at Harrison Preschool.



General Information

Drop Off and Pick Up

Preschool hours are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Preschool students **cannot** be dropped off in the preschool playground – an adult is required to wait with them. An adult is also required to collect preschool students from the classroom at the end of each day. If you are collecting your child early for any reason you will need to a ‘sign out’ slip from the front office.

Notes

Notes about special events, including excursions/incursions and assembly performances, will be placed in your child’s locker. Please check your child’s locker every day that you come to preschool and take any notes or artworks home. We also put **daily notices** on the board outside the classroom each day. Please read it carefully so you do not miss any information.

Labelling

Please remember to label all your child’s belongings, including food containers and drink bottles and especially shoes, socks and hats.

Sun Smart

If you have not already done so, please remember to hand in your \$3 contribution to use the preschool sunscreen. Alternatively you can send your child with their own (labelled) sunscreen. Please support us in keeping your child sun-safe by applying sunscreen at home or when you arrive at preschool each morning.

Food at Preschool

- Harrison School is an **allergy friendly** school – please do not send your child to school with any nuts or nut products, including peanut butter, Nutella, hazelnut chocolates, etc.
- We encourage healthy habits at preschool. Please support us in this by supplying your child with a piece of fruit or vegetables to eat at morning tea. Please don’t send fruit that needs cutting up (e.g. whole oranges). Refer to the posters in displayed outside the classroom for more healthy lunchbox ideas. 😊
- **Lunch orders** are available to order either online or through the canteen. Please let us know on the day if your child has a lunch order. Your child will still require fruit and a snack for morning tea.

Communication

If you have any questions, concerns or feedback at any time, please don’t hesitate to speak with us before or after school or to email Miss Jarvis on Sophie.Jarvis@ed.act.edu.au
You are also welcome to call the school on 6142 2200.

We look forward to an **amazing** year of fun and learning with
‘The Kind Koalas’!

Kind Regards,
Sophie Jarvis, Anne Thomas, Jan Kilsby.