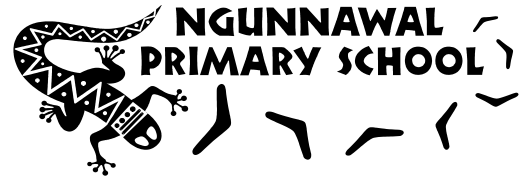




Preschool End of Week Term Overview Term 4 2019



REMINDER

NPS is an **allergy** friendly school. Please do not bring products that contain **nuts or eggs** to school.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to preschool for Term 4. It's hard to believe that this is our last term with these amazing children.

We have started the term off running, with Kindergarten orientations and Bush Preschool.

For our first Kindergarten orientation, the Kindy children came to the preschool. Together the children shared play experiences in the classroom, as well as outside. It was a valuable time for our groups to meet children they will see next year and to spend time with some of the current teachers. Our next orientations are in week 5 and week 7. These orientation visits are an opportunity for the children to become more familiar with the kindergarten environment and are an extension on some of the other transition experiences we have had this year including library visits and school assemblies. These experiences are done during school time and are for the children only, this is not a transition time that parents are invited to.

Bush preschool began in week 2. The children enjoyed playing outside for an extended period, in a natural bush area they were not familiar with. There were incredible learning opportunities and the feedback from the children was very positive. Our next session is Friday of week 4. We ask families to ensure that your child is wearing long pants and closed in sensible walking shoes, that a spare change of clothes is in school bags and that you arrive promptly at 9.00am.

There are a lot of special events at school this term. Please take note of the important dates, which can now be found in the school newsletter.

The Preschool Team

Reminders and other information

- The weather has been warming up, meaning that we will be going outside earlier in the day, before it gets too hot. Please remember that your child needs sunscreen applied before preschool each day. We do require a drink bottle of water sent in each day for your child. We will refill the drink bottle during the day as required.
- Please remember that school starts at 9 am each day. In preparation for kindergarten it is important for your child to be at school at 9 am. If your child is late it is a legal requirement for you to sign your child in. After 9.15am all children need to be signed in via the school front office, as rolls have been marked by this time.
- Preschool ends at 3 pm. Teachers have professional commitments that commence at 3:10. If you are running late please phone the preschool on 6142 1517, or the front office on 6142 1500 to let us know.
- Our library day is Thursdays. Please encourage your child to bring their book each week to be swapped over. Library bags are to be placed on the hooks behind their preschool bags when they arrive at preschool in the morning.
- Please remember to check your child's library bag every Thursday for any notes that are sent home.

Learning Focus

Our Unit of Inquiry this term is Sustainability

- We have been investigating how much rubbish we currently produce and are looking at better ways to manage our waste at Preschool. This may include sending all lunchbox waste home again, investigating how we can reduce the waste that we produce and looking at ways to reuse or recycle. Later in the term we will focus on other sustainability measures such as managing water usage, saving electricity and other ways that we can help the Ngannaw people to look after the land.
- We are encouraging all students to bring fresh, healthy rubbish free lunches to school in support of our sustainability unit. This is a school wide initiative but relates very closely with what we have been learning at school.

Another focus for this term is independence skills. We are encouraging the children to have a go at doing more things for themselves.

- Educators are working hard to encourage children to take responsibility for their own school bag and aim for children to place their own lunch box on the trolley each day and to be able to pack their lunch box and water bottle into their school bag at the end of the last eating time. Children are encouraged to open containers and packets in their lunches independently, although help is provided if necessary. Please support your children to become school ready by encouraging them to carry their own bags to and from school.
- As the weather is heating up, children often enjoy taking their shoes and socks off while playing. Please ensure your child has their name inside their shoes and on their socks, and that they can put their own shoes on independently, including tying laces.

Our classroom information

- This term we are continuing our inquiry into Arts and the way we express ourselves. We will be investigating different forms of art, dancing and singing. We will be investigating different artists and a variety of ways these artists express themselves, as well as ways we can express ourselves. As the children have an additional interest we will also do mini units of inquiry. Please make sure to let us know if your child does have a special interest as we will try and incorporate these into our class.
- Please remember that we eat twice a day – morning tea which is when we eat our fruit and a small snack, and lunch. Please ensure that your child has enough food for all eating times. Morning tea fruit can be better managed by children if the fruit is cut up and ready to eat. Please also remember to send in a drink bottle each day filled only with water and make sure it has your child's name on it.
- As the weather is warming up we will be altering our outdoor play times and heading out earlier in the morning. This is in attempt to avoid the sun and heat. We will commence water play activities later in the term so please ensure that you pack a spare set of clothes in your child's school bag in case they get wet.
- The children are eager to create some Christmas based craft items and activities, however if for any reason you would prefer they do not do these activities please pop in and let your child's educator know.