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TERM I WEEK 6 THURSDAY 10TH MARCH 2022

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

FLINDERS VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL





PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS Monday 28th March Tuesday 29th March

> SCHOOL PHOTO DAY RESCHEDULED TERM 2



"Children are not things to be moulded, but people to be unfolded" Jess Lair

From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents,

Over the past few weeks we have seen our attendance numbers decrease dramatically with the increasing numbers of positive cases of COVID19. We were also advised early this week by the department, under the recommendation of SA health, to close a class for three days due to several students and a staff member contracting COVID-19. By doing this the aim was to reduce further risk and manage the level of transmission amongst students and staff. It is understandably a worrying time for many families but the good news is that most of the children who have tested positive for COVID have experienced mild to very little symptoms at all. We truly appreciate the support of families in helping us to monitor the changing situation.

If children are well and are not required to isolate it is important they attend school as teachers are delivering their normal lessons and we do not want children to fall behind in their learning. We also know that by being at school students are able to see and play with their friends. The school ensures safety measures are in place and masks are available for children's use if this helps alleviate concerns for families. If you require any help to support your child's return to school please contact the school and speak with a Leadership member. We are here to help and work through this together.

Governing Council

Our Governing Council met yesterday afternoon with members joining online via Zoom or on site in a socially distanced manner. At this meeting a Student Free Day for Monday 2nd May (First day of Term 2, after the holidays). This day will be for staff to finally get to work with Literacy consultant, Stephen Graham, after being cancelled on 5 separate occasions!

A date has been set for the AGM, Tuesday 29th March. If you are keen to become involved in the school, and would like to be nominated for Governing Council, please contact the front office to express your interest and also ensure you attend our AGM. All families are welcome to attend and a crèche will be available for children.

Updating parent contact details and emergency contacts

Some of you may have changed your phone number or address over the holiday break. It is really important that we have your current contact information. This is particularly necessary if we need to make contact with you quickly. Please check the student information sheet sent home and update any information that is incorrect before returning to the school. Thank you!

Anna Nayda 😊



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- 1. Go to <u>www.spriggyschools.com.au</u> register and download the app.
- 2. Add a profile for each of your children, making sure you select FLINDERS VIEW and your child's class.
- 3. Start placing lunch orders © You can place orders in advance!

Play Group

We are pleased that we are able to begin play groups sessions once again!

Starting this Friday for families from 10-12am. However, until further restrictions are lifted, play group will be held outdoors with a cap of 20 families. This makes it very important that you call the front office (8642 5866) to book in. You must book by no later than Thursday afternoon for each session.

Adults in attendance must wear a mask at all times, sanitise and physically distance.

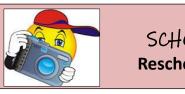




sports day: Re-Scheduled to early Term 2



COMMENCING TOMORROW 11th March Call the office to book in!



SCHOOL PHOTOS Rescheduled for Term 2



Preschool Gardening Project

The preschool team have been successful in obtaining funding through *Parents in Education funding* to establish a gardening project in the preschool.

The gardening project will include setting up and establishing a dedicated vegetable garden, monitoring and care of the garden and using the produce grown in a cooking program, all with parent support.

Numeracy information sessions for parents will be held once a term to complement the learning from the garden project and information with dates and times will be published in future newsletters.

It is anticipated the preschool team will also run some small excursions or have guest speakers come to the preschool to support families and children's learning from the project.





Dramatic play in the preschool

Across the first part of this term there has been an abundance of dramatic play happening in the preschool. As the children make new friendships, children are exploring their ideas and relationships through both small world play and role play.

*Dramatic play plays a vital role in a child's cognitive, social and emotional development.

*Dramatic play gives a child the opportunity to express their emotions, feelings, needs and wants in a fun, safe way.

*Children are able to expand on their language. literacy and communication skills as they usually combine speech. words, actions and dialogue in their play.

*Dramatic play is a great social type of play, encouraging cooperation, turn taking, role play, communication, empathy and respect for one another. *Dramatic play is also a great way to resolve conflicts. Children are able to see situations from another's point of view and 'act out' the proper or right response.

*Dramatic play allows children to use their imagination and creativity in a non threatening way.



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