

# Gulgong Pre-School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2, and a big warm welcome to our new families who have recently joined us.

We have spent the beginning of this term reflecting on the importance of our Mothers and all the special women we have in our lives. We have used this time to recognise our Mothers' important contributions to their families and communities, and the sacrifices they make.

Through many beautiful discussions, we have considered how we can celebrate our own Mums and acknowledge them for all they do for us.

We hope all the special Mums, Step Mums, Foster Mums, Grandmas, Aunts and other Maternal figures in our Pre-School community had a beautiful Mothers Day and feel loved, valued and appreciated on their special day, as they should everyday in Motherhood!



Happy Pre-Schooling,

Sam Seis & Rachel Peninton

Directors

YOU ARE  
EXTRAORDINARY



## Becoming

Children's identities, knowledge, understandings, dispositions, capabilities, skills and relationships change during childhood. They are shaped by different events and circumstances. Becoming reflects this process of rapid and significant change that occurs in the early years as children learn and grow. It emphasises the collaboration of educators, families and children to support and enhance children's connections and capabilities, and for children to actively participate as citizens.

*Early Years Learning Framework V2.0*



# Yindyamarra

'Respect, be gentle, polite, honour, do slowly'

We Acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are located, the people of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that Acknowledgement to Elders past and present and all Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples.

## Connecting to Country

We are continuing to explore Wiradjuri language through our Acknowledgement of Country, which we share each day.

Through our own connection to country, we have been learning about our local native fauna, their Wiradjuri names and how they interact within their natural habitats.

During these connections, our Pre-Schoolers are developing a sense of empathy as we consider how we can care for our animals. Embedding this awareness encourages us to be socially responsible and model respect, care and appreciation for the natural environment.

*"I am a really big tall bird with wings and feathers, but I can't fly.*

*Who am I?*

*I'm a **Dinawan** (Emu)!"*



## Our Sustainable Future

We would like to thank Rachel from **Gulgong Garlic** for her generous donation of garlic cloves and for helping us to plant our very own garlic crop at Pre-School. Our garlic is already growing well, and we look forward to harvesting it later in the year.

We are pleased to have put some of our recycled yoghurt tubs to good use, repurposing them as plant pots to raise snow pea seedlings, before transplanting them into the Pre-School garden. You can see them alongside the entry ramp.

Our worm farm is providing plenty of liquid fertiliser, and the children are fast becoming experts on how to apply this to the garden.

Thank you again for continuing to put your old stationary items into our drop-box for recycling. We are already sending off our second package! We continue to accept pens, markers, highlighters, mechanical pencils and empty correction fluid/tape.



Belinda Buckle,  
Sustainability Leader

## Quality Improvement

Thank you to everyone who completed a Family Feedback Form for Quality Area 2- Children's Health and Safety. We appreciate your views and take areas for improvement seriously.

We were pleased to receive 100% positive feedback in this area.

To ensure we maintain high standards in this area we have undertaken staff training at our recent staff meeting and have updated our training in the **Child Safe Standards** during our pupil free day at the beginning of Term 2.

Refresher courses in Child Protection are scheduled to be completed every 12 months and continuous reviews of our environment and programs is undertaken by staff.



Rachel Peninton,  
Educational Leader

## Lest We Forget

Thank you to our families for joining us at this year's ANZAC Day service, where we were honoured to lay a wreath in remembrance on behalf of our Pre-School community.



## Pre-School Uniform

Our Pre-Schoolers are looking wonderful in their bright new uniforms! We have a display of our stock in the foyer, showcasing the range of colours and sizes. We still have some sizes and colours left, so please see Sam or Rachel in the office if you'd like to make a purchase. We will make another bulk order when our remaining stock starts to get low.

T-Shirts \$20.00 & Hats \$25.00



## Cooler Weather

With the weather quickly cooling down, could you please ensure your child has a jumper and a spare change of warmer clothes packed in their bag. Thank you.



## Pre-School Committee Meeting

Our Pre-School **Committee** meets monthly.

The date for our next meeting is at **6:30pm, Thursday 23rd of May**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Covid-19

Please be advised that several people in our Pre-School community tested positive for COVID this week.

Please keep an eye out for symptoms and keep your child home if they are presenting symptoms or are otherwise unwell. We appreciate your help in limiting the spread of infection. Thank you

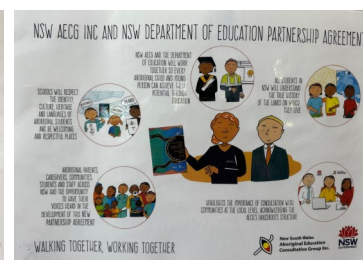
Pre-School are an active member of the **Aboriginal Education Consultive Group** which meet termly to discuss First Nation People's perspectives on education within our local area. The AECG welcomes any new members or visitors to come along to meetings.

The next AECG meeting will be held at **4pm, Wed 26th of June** at Gulgong Highschool.

## Scarecrow Stroll

Stay tuned to see our magnificent contribution to the June long weekend Scarecrow Stroll!

We are working very hard to create our unique scarecrow!



## Upcoming Events

Week 3 - Short walks to the Memorial Hall for our local Eisteddfod to watch various Dance Performances

Tuesday & Thursday 14th & 16th May—Mr. Bamboozle incursion

Wednesday 22nd May—Simultaneous Story Time 12pm "The Bowerbird Blues"

Thursday 23rd May—Committee Meeting

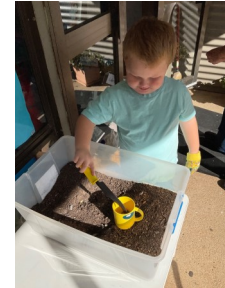
Sunday 26th May—National Sorry Day

Week 5— 27th May—3rd June—Reconciliation Week

Tuesday & Thursday 4th & 6th June—Reptile Show incursion

# What's been happening in our classrooms?

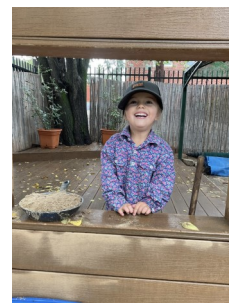
All classrooms have been busy preparing lots of special things and ways to spoil their Mums. Through many valuable discussions, our Pre-Schoolers have hand-crafted lots of special keepsakes in the lead up to Mothers Day.



This term we have implemented a rotational roster for the care and maintenance of our sustainable practices. Each week classes are allocated to be responsible for our garden, our worm farm or our recycling systems. This is a great opportunity for our children to experience and contribute to holistic environmental sustainability. They are investigating food production, exploring life cycles and learning about the interconnected nature of our ecosystems.



We were very excited to continue our tradition this year of welcoming Mr. Bamboozle, and visiting the dance Eisteddfod at the Memorial Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Pre-Schoolers to experience performance art and support our community.



## Term Dates 2024

Term One	Tuesday 30th January—Friday 12th April
Term Two	Monday 29th April—Friday 5th July
Term Three	Monday 22nd July—Friday 27th September
Term Four	Monday 14th October—Friday 20th December