Preschool Overview: Term 1, 2016

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The following overview has been designed so that families may gain insight into some of the key highlights and learning experiences that will be presented and explored within the preschool teaching and learning program over the coming term.

These learning opportunities have been selected to supplement our day to day program and provide students with opportunities to build connections as both individual and group learners.

By making links with *The Early Years Learning Framework of Australia (EYLF)*, we acknowledge the manner in which these learning experiences connect with our student’s world and support the establishment of belonging, being and becoming.

**Settling in to Preschool**

The children have settled into their first week of preschool with ease. They are keen to investigate our learning spaces both indoors and outdoors and are having fun making friends while doing so.

**Things to remember**

- Library is every Tuesday – please bring a library bag
- BLUEARTH is every Wednesday. Please ensure your child has comfortable shoes to enjoy physical activity.

**Hats**

Students are asked to keep their hats at school. This means their hat is always available for outdoor activities.

**Fruit preparation**

If you can spare 10 minutes in the morning to cut fruit for the children, we’d appreciate your help!

There is a roster on the notice board outside our room that you can add your name to.

**Save the dates**

ACT Seniors week is 12-20th March (Week7).
We are inviting Grandparents to come to the Co-op to enjoy investigations and some special shared reading time with their grandchild on the morning of Tuesday 15th March from 9-10am.

Preschool will be hosting assembly on Wednesday 6th April at 9.00am. We would love to join us.

Thank you to all of our families for helping us start the year so positively. You have been very supportive towards your child and the preschool staff. If you have any questions or would like more information on what we do in preschool, we are always happy to chat. For longer conversations, we do request that you organise an interview or meeting time.

*Play is very important for children. PLAY IS LEARNING.*
The following information details some of the programs we are participating in this term.

**Learning Experience:** This term we will be participating in BLUEARTH with coach Ross Dennis. This program provides fun and stimulating physical experiences that promote movement and the development of fundamental motor skills. This will take place on Wednesdays at 9.30 each week.

The outdoor environment and the learning possibilities it provides is an integral part of the preschool program.

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<td>I can be a part of a team.</td>
<td>I can have fun and enjoy the company of my friends through active play. I can learn about moving my body in different ways.</td>
<td>Being physically active helps you to enjoy your life and stay healthy.</td>
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**Learning Experiences:** This term we will be learning about O’Connor Cooperative School’s routines, the organisation of our learning space, meeting new people, playing, investigating, developing friendships and for some children, making a transition to an environment other than home.

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<td>Belonging is the basis for living a fulfilling life. Children feel they belong because of the relationships they have with their family, community, culture and place.</td>
<td>Being is about living here and now. Childhood is a special time in life and children need to just ‘be’- time to play, try new things and have fun.</td>
<td>Becoming is about the learning and development that young experience. Children start to form their sense of identity from an early age, which shapes the type of adult they will become.</td>
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**Learning Experience: Music Engagement Program (MEP) with Mariana.** On Thursdays the focus of our group time will be singing. This term the children will begin to build a repertoire of familiar songs. They will sing these in a range of ways (as a group, to a partner, independently) to encourage their music making and that of others. Singing will also be shared with the whole school during assembly. Preschool children and their families are invited to join Community Singing each Friday afternoon at 2.30pm in Redgum.

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<td>We can all make music. Everyone has something to contribute to music making.</td>
<td>We can share our song preferences and express why we like / dislike different songs.</td>
<td>We can take our music making further by connecting with others for shared musical experiences.</td>
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