

# Vale Park Preschool Newsletter

Term 1, week 6

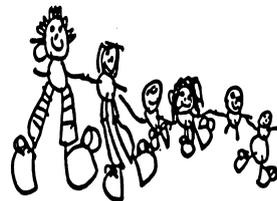
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## Diary Dates

### Saturday 11th March

Kent Town Bunnings BBQ

### Monday 13th March

Adelaide Cup Holiday

### Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th

#### March

Preschool Photo Days

### Tuesday 21st March

Harmony Day  
and Teddy Bears Picnic

### Tuesday 21st March

Governing Council Meeting

### Wednesday 22nd

And

### Monday 27th March

Paper Making (KESAB)

### Wednesday 29th March

Pupil Free Day

### Monday 10th April

Child, Youth Health Checks

### Monday 3rd and

### Wednesday 5th April

Parent/teacher conversations

### Thursday 13th April

Last day term 1

## From the Director

Dear preschool families,

We have just passed the middle point of term 1, we are officially half way through the term.

We have had a great start to the year, with most children now settled, following their new routine, making new friends and engaging in collaborative learning.

We have had a visit from the Fire Services and Delta Dog Safety to extend the children's understanding of safety and to provide new learning about how they can keep themselves safe. Fauna Rescue brought in 2 Koalas to complement the Inquiry : How do we care for each other and our environment? The Monday/Tuesday group of children will celebrate Harmony Day with a Teddy Bears Picnic at Vale Park Primary School with some reception classes. Later in the term KESAB will provide sessions on Paper Making to extend and enrich the children's understanding of recycling and caring for their environment.

Next week Bruce, the photographer will be at Preschool on Tuesday and Thursday.

Our first fundraiser for the year will be held on Saturday at Kent Town Bunnings. I would like to thank all the parents who volunteered to help cook and serve sausages and also to prepare for this event. If you are wondering what to have for lunch please visit us, we would like to sell you a sausage. The profits from this event will be used to buy new STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths) equipment for the children to use.

A copy of the 2016 Annual Report will be placed on the sign-in table for families to view. Please keep it in this area and if you would like your own copy, speak with an educator.

The Quality Improvement Plan (2017) has been placed on the Parent Whiteboard for your feedback. Comments can be placed in the yellow box, written on the board or given to an educator.

We are looking forward to a great year of learning together and value family involvement.

## FEES

We have only a few outstanding fees.

If you haven't paid your fees please pay promptly. If you are having difficulty paying, please speak with Sharron.

**Would you like to help us celebrate Holi the Festival of Colours and Easter**

Celebrations are an important element of our preschool program. They provide an opportunity for children to broaden their understanding of the world and to learn about other cultures and traditions.

Celebrating important cultural events relevant to the children and families attending our preschool contributes to a feeling of belonging and a sense of community.

If you would like to be involved or know of someone who can help us celebrate these festivals in our preschool, please contact us or speak with a staff member.

**Responding to abuse and neglect induction session for volunteers**

One of the DECD requirements for families who are involved in the preschool includes participating in a Responding to Abuse and Neglect course. It is important that volunteers who work in environments with children and young people are aware of the contribution they can make to helping keep children and young people safe.

There is now an online option for volunteers:

<https://rantrainingvolunteers.e3learning.com.au/>

If you are thinking about volunteering on excursions, Governing Council and helping at the preschool it is important you attend and receive a certificate.

This certificate is valid for 3 years and is transferable to the schooling sector.

**Harmony Day and Teddy Bears Picnic**

Harmony Day is on Tuesday 21st of March and Vale Park Primary School has invited the children attending on Tuesday to a Teddy Bears Picnic. The children will take their lunch and a soft toy (from home and named clearly) to the school at 12.30 to have a picnic with some of the reception children.

**Parking and Safety when bringing and taking your child to preschool**

We want all children and families to be safe when they come to preschool and when they leave.

The parking around the Preschool is limited and many families have to park their car and walk some distance to get to the Preschool.

There are also a number of parking restrictions around the Preschool and School to ensure the safety of all children. It is important that all families strictly follow these restrictions because they help the flow of traffic and ensure the safety of everyone.

**Preschool Photos**

**Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th March**

Photographer, Bruce Hobby will be taking individual and group photos next week.

Bruce allows families to buy as many photo's as they want, in colour or black and white.

Bruce will arrive about 9am and the group photo will be taken in the morning. If you do not want your child's photo to be taken please speak to an educator.

**Student Support Service**

Children and young people who need extra help are often referred to the Student Support Services team by their teacher.

Student Support Services include social workers, behaviour support coaches, psychologists, special educators, speech pathologists and provide support to children and teachers in state schools and preschools. If your child's teacher feels that your child or their class as a whole is having difficulties they may engage with the Student Support Services team regarding these difficulties. Your teacher will discuss this with you and obtain your consent before making a formal request for support is made for your child.

For more information, speak with your preschool or school or visit [www.decd.sa.gov.au](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au)

**Pupil Free Day**

On Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> March the Preschool will be holding its first Pupil Free Day for the year.

Educators will be involved in an Early Years Partnership Day where they will be:

Involved in 'Moderation' of professional learning

Critically reflecting on their own learning through critiquing videos of their practise and the practice of their peers

Developing their understanding of how questioning facilitates the construction of deeper engagement and higher learning outcomes for children.

Educators will be involved in professional learning and therefore no children will be able to attend preschool on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

**Parent/teacher conversations**

Families are invited to come in for a conversation about children's wellbeing and involvement in the curriculum now that the first term is coming to an end. During this conversation we can also make future plans/goals for the children. Conversations (10 mins) will be held on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of April from 12:30pm. Please see the note placed in your pocket and book a time on the booking sheet located on the communication board in the children's bag area.