

# Vale Park Preschool Newsletter

Term 1, week 2

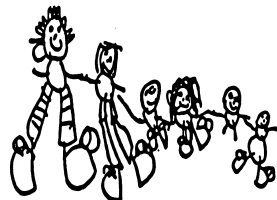
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## Diary Dates

### Tuesday 9th May

Governing Council Meeting  
7pm—8.30 All welcome  
Please enter through staff car park

### Monday 8th and Wednesday 10th

May  
9.10am

Caroline from BAE Systems  
Engineering presentation

Friday 7th July  
Last day of term 2

## FEES

Term 2 Preschool fees are due at  
the end of week 3,  
Friday 19th of May.  
Invoices were put in pockets during  
the last week of term 1.

## From the Director

Dear Preschool families and caregivers,  
Welcome to term 2, 2017!

We are very excited to be back at Preschool and hope you have had an enjoyable 2 week break.

During the holidays Danielle was married and we wish her and Chris all the best for their life together.

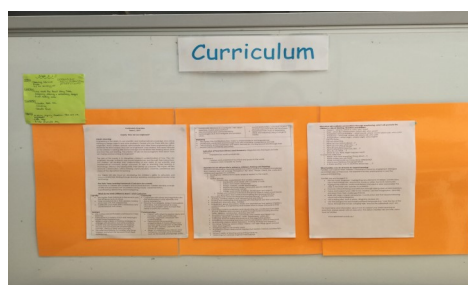
Bianca has joined the Vale Park Team and is working on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays.

The weather is starting to cool down and therefore the wearing of hats is optional during terms 2 and 3. Families can decide if they want their child to wear their hat. On warmer days when the sun's rays are stronger we will discuss the wearing of hats and encourage the children to get their hat out of their bag.

This term we will be learning through our inquiry 'How are we an engineer?' On Monday and Wednesday Caroline an engineer from BAE System will discuss and share how she is an engineer with the children. We would like families to share how they are engineers with the children. Do you design, plan and create objects?

Engineers are people who use maths, science and creative thinking to design objects and solve problems. To design is to make a plan to do or build something. Engineers design many things we use every-day.

On the curriculum noticeboard the term overview is displayed along with weekly experiences. These documents are one way of informing you about what your child is learning at preschool.



## STEM

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics are key areas of knowledge and understanding required for future careers. Many of our children will be employed in occupations that don't currently exist.

STEM in the Preschool environment focuses on extending children's understanding of their world through collaborative projects with a focus on creativity, innovation, communication, critical thinking, persistence, resilience and problem solving.

This term the Preschool environment has specifically been organised to facilitate STEM learning. There is a Lego making station, kinetic sand, a problem solving and collaborative ball run.

Currently we have 3 mice from the Nature Education Centre and children are caring for the fruit and vegetables they planted last term.

All children will be engaged in small group inquiry projects focused on STEM principles and will continue to be through out the year. For example the children may design, create and evaluate insect hotels, move Bee bots through coding, design walls for Humpty Dumpty and plan, design, create and evaluate objects using glue guns.

## Preschool Staff

Our Preschool team consists of both full time and part time staff.

Director: Sharron Octoman

Teachers: Danielle Duke  
Liliana Sabou

ECW: Christine Chambers  
Alisa Laden  
Bianca Yarasca  
Rasha Tabet  
Nazak Tehrani

Preschool Support: Alisa Laden, Sue Lloyd

Bilingual Support:  
Aysha Siddika  
Judy Lin  
Mandeep Kaur  
Vashali Nimkar

## Washing Roster

At the end of each week we have a small bag of washing that requires washing. All families are placed on a roster once during their time at Preschool. We understand that family life can be busy and if this roster does not suit, can you please speak with another parent on the list and swap with them, or speak to Alisa. The roster for term 2 is on the Parent noticeboard and is placed in the communication pockets.

Thank you to:

Hareem Shahzadi—week 2

Harry Hendry & Ebony Smith—week 3

Hartley Dawes & Ella Renfrey—week 4

Hazel Dearing & Emily Pederick—week 5

Hely Purohit & E.J. Rankin—week 6

Isabella & Evi Cook— week 7

Jayneel Panchal & Evie Mildwaters —week 8

Jeremy Crosley & Hayley Tsun—week 9

Layla Rasheed & Isaac Rees—week 10

## Outdoor Environment

We are currently developing a plan for the continued development of the outdoor environment. We are seeking your thoughts about how it could be improved. Please speak to Danielle or Sharron to share your thoughts and ideas.

## OUR MOUSE MAZE

How do we stop the mouse escaping?

Continuous problem solving and critical thinking in collaboration, with other children and communicating together.

