

# Vale Park Preschool Newsletter

Term 2, week 6

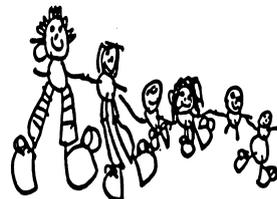
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## Diary Dates

### Tuesday 13th June

Governing Council Meeting  
7pm

### Wednesday 21st June

Child Youth Health Checks

### 26th, 27th, 28th & 29th June

### 3rd, 4th & 5th July

Cleaning Weeks

### Wednesday 5th July

Last Day of term 2

### Thursday 6th July

Pupil Free Day

### Monday 24th July

First Day of Term 3

## Preschool News

Dear Preschool Families,

The children have been very busy this term exploring the inquiry question

'How am I an engineer?' Before the term began many of the children hadn't heard of the word engineer before, but now when asked how they are being an engineer, they often say that they are engineers because they build things. It is our aim to develop their understanding and also to strengthen their disposition and habits for learning. In particular their noticing, thinking, designing, reflection, problem solving, measuring, and communication skills.

Small groups of children have been engaged with Bee Bots and Ozobots, and other children have been creating objects of interest using glue guns, building walls for Humpty Dumpty to balance on and creating insect hotels. All children will be involved in a small inquiry project this term exploring how they are engineers.

The children have also created or are about to start creating a book about themselves where the focus has been on further developing their oral language skills including listening to others and vocabulary development. The children have continued to develop their fine motor skills including representational drawing, pencil control and name writing.

During small group time all children have participated in a new program called Kindergarten Q which focuses on the development of rhyme, the concepts of print (character, title etc.) and oral retell (retelling the story) through familiar stories.



Problem solving  
Communication  
Reflection  
Resilience  
Persistence

## FEES

Thank you to all the families who have paid their fees promptly.

We still have a few fees outstanding.

Can they be promptly paid?

If you are having difficulty paying, please speak to Sharron.

### We Need Help– End of Term Cleaning

It's nearly that time again.

We will be sending out a note requesting family support to help with the end of term cleaning. We ask all families to help on two occasions each year. This term the cleaning will occur during the last 2 weeks of the term on Monday 26th June, Tuesday 27th June, Wednesday 28th June and Thursday 29th June (week 9). Cleaning can also happen on Monday 3rd July, Tuesday 4th July and Wednesday 5th July (week 10).

There are a variety of jobs that require about half an hour of your time. A list of these jobs can be found on the whiteboard. Please indicate what job and which day you will be coming in.

There are a few job that can be taken home.

**Thank you for your support**

### Bunning's BBQ

Please keep Saturday the 23rd of September free. We will be holding our last fundraiser for the year, a BBQ at the Kent Town Bunnings store. We will require helpers on the day to cook sausages, sell food and collect money.

### Unwell children

The winter months also coincide with an increase in coughs, colds and sickness.

It is important to keep your child at home if they are feeling unwell to reduce the risk of spreading germs.

At preschool we teach the children to cough into their elbow, to wipe their nose with a tissue and place it in a bin, and to wash their hands often.

When families reinforce these strategies at home we find children's general health and their friends health is better.

### School Dental Service

At the School Dental Service, dental care is FREE for all babies, children not yet at school and most children to age 17.



### **Keep kids smiling**

Dental care is FREE for all babies and pre-schoolers.  
Make an appointment with us.  
[www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental)

### Royal Adelaide Show

Our inquiry this term has focused on 'How am I an engineer?'

To celebrate the children's participation and learning from this inquiry we have decided to exhibit some of their work in the Junior Art, Craft and Design section of the Royal Adelaide Show.

We are seeking family support to take and retrieve the art work from the show. If you can help, please speak to an educator.

### Child Health Checks

Women's and Children's Health Network, through CAFHS offers free child health checks at key ages between birth and 5 years. As part of this service, CAFHS nurses visit preschools throughout SA to offer health checks to all children between 4 & 5 years of age.

The health check includes a discussion with you about your child's growth and development, immunisation status and they will also assess your child's distance vision, hearing, height and weight and oral health.

There are still a few appointment times left for Wednesday the 21st of June.

If your child has been identified as being eligible for the term 2 appointments or you would like an appointment please speak to an educator.

### Pupil Free Day

On Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> July the Preschool will be holding a Pupil Free Day.

Educators will be involved in professional learning:

- 'Moderation' of learning
- Critically reflecting on their own learning using our Quality Improvement Plan
- 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 Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> July.

The Pupil Free Day in term 3 will be held on Monday 14th August and is part of the Morialta Partnership Pupil Free Day (involves Vale Park Primary School).

### Late Collection of Children

Thank you to all the families who collect their children from preschool by 3.30pm.

Unfortunately a few children are being collected after 3.30pm. It is important that all children are collected by 3.30 each day. Educators need to prepare the environment for the next day and have meetings to attend which can be off site.