



The Jacarandas class gathering herbs to sell in their classroom. The money will be used to purchase seeds and seedlings for our Autumn crops.



Welcome!

Term 1 of 2016 is well under way. We are all getting to know each other well and children are beginning to settle into the daily routine of preschool. We have lots of exciting activities planned for this year and we are looking forward to sharing this journey with our families.

Storypark

This year we have introduced a new tool for sharing the children's daily activities with families and also allowing families to share stories and information with teachers. Thank you to the families who have already begun embracing this. The tool is called Storypark and each family will be sent an invitation to join so that you are able to view the stories related to your child. This website is a secure website and can only be accessed through a logon. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with your classroom educators or with Clare.

Feedback

At St John's Preschool we are always trying to improve our process and performance and would value any feedback that you have. In the foyer of the preschool a letterbox has been setup for any comments, alternatively please speak with any of the staff at St John's Preschool.

Facebook

For more regular updates please like our facebook page. We can be found by searching for St John's Preschool Ashfield

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Outside Playground

We are extremely thankful for receiving a community building partnership grant this year. This money will be used to complete most of the outdoor renovation which began last year. We will be adding artificial grass to our front playground, creating a dry creek bed with a water pump in the back yard and adding a number of wooden items created by Concord Men's Shed. Stay tuned for updates as they come.

Stingless Bee Hive

Over the holidays our vegetable garden has been thriving due to all the rain. One of the essential ingredients for a successful vegetable garden is the presence of bees in the garden. We have been given the great opportunity to host a stingless beehive. These bees will be native Australian Bees and the hive will be looked after by the people from <http://www.backyardbuzz.com.au>

Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)

All childcares and preschool nationally are required to base their programming on the Early Years Learning Framework. The Framework's vision is for all children to experience play-based learning that is engaging and builds success for life.

It is a guide for early childhood educators who work with children from birth to five years. They will use the Framework in partnership with families, children's first and most influential educators, to develop learning programs responsive to children's ideas, interests, strengths and abilities, and recognise that children learn through their play.

If you would like to learn more about either the EYLF or the NQF and how this is implemented at St John's Preschool please speak with your room leaders or Clare



Sue accepting our Community Building Partnership grant on behalf of the preschool.

Term 1 Calendar

- 7th March – After School Afternoon Tea
- 9th March – After School Afternoon Tea
- 15th March – Preschool AGM
- 16th March – Kaleidoscope Science Visit
- 2nd April – Preschool Working Bee
- 7th April – Parenting Seminar 3-5 year old development
- 8th April – Last Day of Term 1
- 26th April – Start of Term 2