



Adelaide Miethke Preschool

Newsletter - JULY 2021

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Dear families,

As Term 2 comes to a close and we reach mid-way through the year we are farewelling those children who are starting school in Term 3. We have really enjoyed having these children learning with us this year and wish them all the best as they start school. Goodbye to Aylah, Lylah, Lachlan, Ava B, Casey, Ivy, Lucy W and Ollie K. We are also farewelling Charlie H who is moving to a kinder closer to his new home.



We are also saying farewell to Leesa as her teaching contract with us comes to an end. For the last 12 months Leesa has been working part-time behind Jess who has been on maternity leave. But in some good news Leesa will be staying on to work in a preschool support role with group 1. She will not be working full days but I'm sure you'll see her around. This is great news for our team and our children.

Jess is returning from maternity leave after the birth of her daughter Tilly. Jess worked at AMK for 7 years prior to starting her family and she is an excellent teacher who has strong connections in the community. Jess visited in week 10 and is looking forward to getting to know the group 1 children and I'm sure you'll enjoy getting to know her too.



Thank you!

We'd like to say a VERY, VERY big thankyou to Aron Collins, Eli's dad (Group 1) for repairing and repainting our boat. Thanks to these repairs the boat will continue to be a favourite pace for the children to play for many years to come!

Enrolment at School

If you have been on a waiting list for school please let us know when you have made a final decision on where your child will be attending in 2022.

In Term 3 Woodville Primary has a school tours on 3 August and 14 September at 9:30am. A tour is a great way to get more information, meet staff and look collect enrolment forms.



Additional Friday Sessions - Group 2

Group 2 will have their extra sessions in Term 3. Due to some commitment changes the dates will be slightly different than previously communicated

Dates for the extra sessions will now be -

July 30, August 6 & 13 (week 2 - 4)

August 27, September 3 & 10 (week 6 - 8)

Sessions times 8:30am - 3:30pm as usual.

Leesa & Mandy will be teaching all of the Friday sessions.

Fees Term 3

Invoices will be sent out via newsletter pockets in week 1. Some families do have fees outstanding from Term 2 and we'd really appreciate it if these could be attended to as well.

We do very minimal fundraising at AMK and we include the costs of all excursions, bus transport and visiting presenters in our fees. Entrance and bus costs are very expensive and without payment of kindy fees we will not be able to continue to plan excursions.



In term 3 both groups will be involved in weekly dance lessons with an instructor from 'Dancify' for 5 weeks beginning in week 1. At our last performance we hope to be able to invite parents to a dance show-case & morning tea. We will provide more details in the coming weeks.

In term 4 we have an excursion planned to the Adelaide Botanic Gardens and Little Sprouts Kitchen Garden and a performer for our final kindy day celebrations.

RAA Street Smart Program

Last week both groups were involved in a workshop with a staff member from RAA's Street Smart Program. This is their new Road Safety program for preschools. It was great to have the staff trial this program with us. It focuses on road safety and fits within our own child protection curriculum. Each child was given a story book to take home by the program.



Late pick-ups

All families are asked to ensure children are picked up **between 3:20pm and 3:30pm**. We have had families regularly arriving well after 3:30pm and this impacts the time we have to plan for the following day before our official finish time of 3:45pm. Our staff are very dedicated and are often here later but there are times that they have their own family commitments that they need to attend to and need to be able to leave on time.

Covid-19 restrictions

Over the holidays I will be monitoring the Covid-19 situation closely. It may be that we need to place some additional restrictions in place to improve social distancing. This could include initiating drop offs and pick ups from the gate to reduce the number of people coming on site. We have regular updates from DfE and I will provide further information as needed.

Parents are asked to ensure they use the **Covid check-in** and **hand sanitiser** provided each time they come on site.

Children will be directed to wash their hands upon arrival as part of their morning/arrival routine. Put simply this is, unpack bag, place it in locker, take lunch box inside, wash hands then off to play.

Governing Council

Our next GC meeting is Tuesday, 3 August, 2021

Focus Stories

We plan for 2 focus stories in each planning block so we can explore the story, illustrations & concepts more deeply and a variety of learning activities are planned. This term one of our stories as been 'We're going on a bear hunt'. We have explored the concepts of character and setting. The children have had lots of opportunities to represent their understanding of this story including through dramatic play and play with puppets. Below is a shared illustration by Group 2 children that is on display.



National Autism Helpline.

Autism Connect is now available in every state and territory in Australia, providing evidence-based advice and information on autism. This free autism helpline supports autistic people, their families and carers, health professionals, researchers, teachers, employers and the broader community.

You can contact Autism Connect directly or search information online. The Autism Connect [self-search directory](#) provides a list of autism resources, as well as groups and services available in your local area.

Autism Connect advisors are available by phone, email, or live webchat from 8am to 7pm, Monday to Friday.

Phone: [1300 308 699](tel:1300308699)

Email: info@autismconnect.org.au

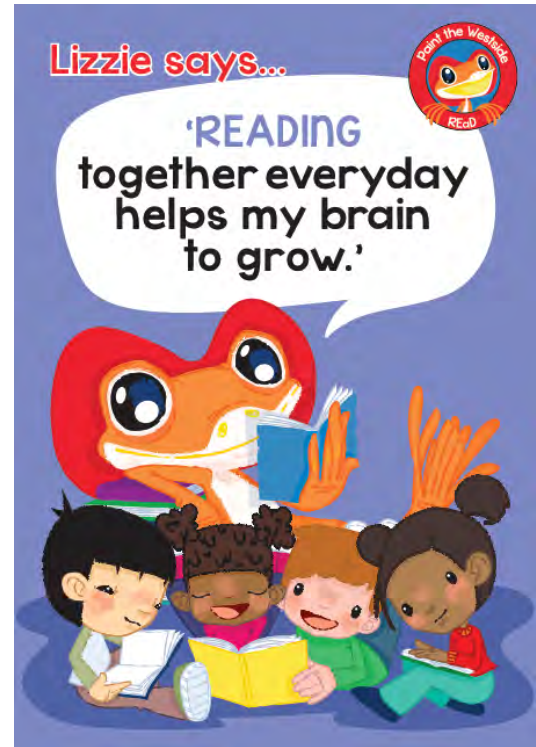
Website and search: amaze.org.au/autismconnect

Term 3 - Dates to remember

Mon 19 July	Term 3 begins
Thurs 29 July	Suzanne & Monica at Unley PS - Music Mentor Prog
Tues 3 August	Governing Council —7pm
Fri 8 August	Suzanne at Inner West Partnership Leaders Mtg
Wed 18 August	Dancify Show Case and morning tea Group 2
Mon 23 August	Dancify Show Case and morning tea Group 1
Tues 24 August	Paul Newman (Education Director) Site visit
Tues 14 Sept	CAYHS Screening
Wed 15 Sept	CAYHS Screening
Fri 24 Sept	Term 3 ends

Paint the Westside REaD

Our PTWR message for July is 'Reading together everyday helps our brain to grow'. Borrowing from kindly each week enables your child to choose a book that interests them to read with you at home. Reading the same book over a number of days helps your child get to know the story, rhyme or rhythm better.



Enrolments for 2022

We are now accepting registrations for children who will begin preschool next year.

That is children who turn 4 before 1 May.

Offers will commence early Term 3 so please encourage family and friends to make sure their children are registered.

Keeping everyone healthy at preschool

This term we have had unprecedented levels of staff illness. We understand that when working closely with young children we are likely to pick up the odd cold or cough. However, we need families to help keep everyone well by keeping children who are sick at home. You are reminded that we will call families if children appear unwell and families will be expected to collect their children promptly.

There are a few non-negotiables about children's health that everyone should follow:

- **Children MUST be kept at home for 24 hours following any vomiting episodes.**
- **Children who have a temperature, cough, runny nose, sore stomach, sneezing or complain they feel unwell MUST stay home.**
- **Children SHOULD not attend preschool if they are given Panadol or Nurofen in the morning because they are feeling unwell. These medications can mask pain and fever.**

Families should also consider Covid-19 safety precautions and seek medical advice if their children are unwell.