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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 2! We are missing the children dearly, and wish we could be back in the classroom with them, facilitating and watching them in those magic moments of learning.

The Preschool team has been very busy over the last month. We have been attending online learning, using new online resources or finding new ways to use existing resources. This is not what you dreamed your child's preschool year would be like, but this will eventually pass and we will be back into packing lunches and school drop-off.

This term, we continue learning from home, which you will be supporting from the safety of your kitchens, living rooms and bedrooms. **Seesaw** will be Preschool's main platform for communication with parents, teaching and feedback.



Here is what it will look like:

Google Meets

- We will hold two live sessions each week using Google Meets. In this time, the teacher will read a story, sing a song with the children, and maybe suggest an activity you could do that day.
- Rachel will hold a Meet each **Monday at 9:30am**, and Hayley will hold a Meet each **Friday at 10:30am**. These sessions will be around 15 minutes. A link to join the meeting will be shared the morning of the Meet.
- Magpie and Kookaburra children will be invited to both Meets. You can choose to attend the one that suits your family timetable, or you may attend both. These Meets are optional.

Home Learning Activities

- Each fortnight, a matrix of home learning activities will be sent home via email and Seesaw. The activities over the term will include ideas for how you can support learning in Literacy, Numeracy, Unit of Inquiry, Creative Arts, Nature Play, STEM and Physical Activity.
- Most of the activities will be practical, 'hands on' tasks using concrete materials. There will be some online materials that can be used on devices if you have access to this.
- Please note, we understand how crucial flexibility is during this time, with many parents juggling working from home and supporting your child's learning. The activities we provide are suggestions only and can be completed at any time of the day.
- OPTIONAL: you may use Seesaw to upload photos or videos of your child's work and play for the teachers to see. Teachers will comment on Seesaw posts with positive compliments and feedback.



Most importantly, we understand that your lives are not normal right now. Your homes are not schools, and a set timetable may not work for your family, which is why we are providing a wide range of activities to choose from. Do what works for your family. Take a break. Do not stress. Everything will be OK. This is the preschool year, and the most important thing for your child to be doing is to be involved in **play** and **conversation**. Have fun and talk with your child, introduce new vocabulary, encourage your child to ask questions and to solve problems independently through the magic of play.

And of course, if you need support or have any questions, please contact your child's teacher through Seesaw or email.

Thank you all for being so supportive and positive. We will see you soon.

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