



Term 1 April: 2024 Newsletter

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Walawaani and Geebung (Djiringanj language for hello and welcome which is the first language of Tathra)

Handy hints to remember.

- ✓ BROAD BRIMMED hat to play all year round: **SUN SAFE**
Toggle on the brim and or quick release strap recommended for safe climbing.
- ✓ **EAT A RAINBOW EVERYDAY**
- ✓ **Nut Free Wednesday/Thursday and Friday**
- ✓ Aim for plastic free.
- ✓ A few changes of spare clothing.
- ✓ Toys, jewellery, and special items best left at home.

OUR STAFF 2024

Emily is off on maternity leave at the end of June. We wish her buckets of love for this very special time. Michelle will be working the Monday Tuesday and we are advertising for an educator 9-4 Wed/Thurs and Friday with applications closing on the 12th of May.

Jane Courtney: Director/Teacher: Teacher 2- day group.

Admin: Wednesday/Thursday/Friday

Kym Hawthorne: Teacher: Wed/Thurs/Fri: 3-day group.

Annette Turner: Educator: 2-day group

Mayumi Murphy: Educator: 2-day group.

Emily Monck: Educator 5 days

Michelle Bye: Educator: 3-day group.

Meg: HSLN Educator 3-day group

Chris Fantham: Administration : Tuesday and Wednesday.

2024 TERM DATES

Term 1: 30 Jan to 12 April

Last day of term Friday 12th April

Term 2: 29 April -5th July

Week 7: Parent Workshop: date to be advised.

29th May: Wed: 5.15-6.15 Committee Meeting

26th June: Wed: 5.15-6.15 Committee Meeting

Term 3: 2024: 22 July-27Setemeber

28th Aug: Wed: 5.15-6.15 Committee Meeting

25th Sept Wed: 5.15-6.15 Committee Meeting

Term 4: 14 Oct-19 Dec

30 Oct: Wed: 5.15-6.15 Committee Meeting

27th Nov: Wed: 5.15-6.15 Committee Meeting

17 Dec: Tue Last day 2-day group

19 Dec: Thur: Last day 3-day group

20 Dec: Staff Clean-up Day



OUR COMMUNITY

Family welcome picnic It was wonderful to get together for our family picnic. We adapted to the stormy weather conditions to enjoy the hilarious magical magic of the Great Zamboni. It is always great to catchup with children's extended families and older siblings. The diversity of family is a beautiful thing.



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Sharing your child's learning. USBs went out at the end of Term 1. You will find the Children's Diary on the verandah at the end each day. We encourage you to read through the diary, ask questions and make suggestions. It is always great to hear about the things that interest your child and family, which can be incorporated into our day. We will also email regular updates from the Children's Diary to keep you informed with what is happening in the educational program.

Belonging has been the focus for Term 1. We aim for all children to feel safe, secure and supported as they settle into their preschool group. For some children they are learning what it means to belong to a group for the first time. For others they are adapting to changes in their group dynamics and forging new relationships. *"A sense of belonging is essential if children are to be successful learners. By fostering belonging we also foster wellbeing and learning"*. (DEEWR p7).

We use visual images and intentional teaching to help children become familiar with the rhythm of our day. Learning experiences are provided to support children to develop new relationships and learn to interact positively with others while feeling supported in our nurturing preschool environment.



Parent teacher meetings It was wonderful to catch up with parents during our Term 1 Parent/Teacher Meetings. We appreciate the opportunity to gain a more knowledge about each child and find out what is important for your family and develop child's educational goals. *"Learning outcomes are most likely to be achieved when early childhood educators work in partnership with families"* (DEEWR, 2009: p12).

Cultural Program

Aunty Ellen Mundy and Emma Stewart visited the preschool to share the “ Land Animal Cultural Program” . We now have Djiringanj words we can use as part of our everyday language at preschool. We have updated our acknowledgement to include the Djiringanj language “ *We are Tathra preschool, would like to say thankyou to the Djiringanj people for letting us share your country. We promise to look after it . The animals, the water, and the people too. Walawaani Boogan (hello earth) , Walawaani Mirreewa (hello sky) , Walawaani Niagarn (hello me) and Walawaani Moodgee (hello friends).* As part of the program Ellen and Emma have provided our preschool with resources and knowledge which support the use of Djiringanj language . They will be back later in the year to share the “ Sea Animals Cultural program”. We feel very grateful that they were able to include us in their busy schedule as these resources and sharing of knowledge will benefit our whole preschool community.



PARENTING RESOURCES

[Parent Library](#) You are welcome to borrow from our parent library. Check out the bookshelf in the ‘hook room’. We are happy to help you borrow a book that suits your needs.

[Parenting Workshop Term 2](#) : In Term 2, Tamara Keogh Senior Occupational Therapist at Royal far West will run a parent workshop focusing on tools for regulation.

[Parenting resources](#) Here are some useful links to help you on your parenting journey. “The Parental as Anything” podcasts are 5-10 minutes long which can be just the right size for busy parents.

[Parental As Anything, with Maggie Dent on Apple Podcasts](#)

[The Imperfects: Lael Stone - Take Care of Yourself on Apple Podcasts](#)

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/preschoolers>

Parent Committee: A big thankyou to those who have joined our 2024 management committee.



2024 Management Committee

President: Mel Galvin

Vice President: Peta James

Secretary: Kate Ferguson

Treasurer: Kate Ferguson

General Members: Erika Watson, Kristen Boland, Tess Roberts

2024 projects:

- To work with Aboriginal elders to embed the Djiringanj language dictionary into the educational program. Ellen Mundy and Emma Stewart to share 'Land Animal Cultural Program' and 'Sea Animals Cultural program' .
- To use and promote *gender-inclusive language*.
- To complete design for DA approved *bathroom extension and upgrade* (Working party : Jane Courtney, Annette Turer/Imogen Fry and Kristen Boland).
- To *replace climbing tree* for future generations of children
- To replace front and back entry gates to the preschool (quoting in progress).
- To improve *drainage* around the preschool.
- To continue *advocacy for increased educator wages*.
- To include a *Reconciliation Action Plan page* on the preschool website.
- To promote Tathra preschool *compost living classroom program* as a sustainable solution for managing organic waste. Write an article in partnership with Tathra Primary school to promote our partnership and goals to divert organic waste from landfill.
- To *update Tathra Preschool Policies and Risk Assessments* (Jane Courtney and Kym Hathorne working party).



Tathra Preschool Website <http://tathrapreschool.com.au>

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