

## Term 2 June: 2024 Newsletter

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Walawaani and Geebung . Hello and welcome to our term 3 newsletter. Djiringanj is the first language of Tathra

### Handy hints to remember.

- ✓ Please shut the gate on arrival and departure.
- ✓ BROAD BRIMMED hat or beanie to play.
- ✓ **EAT A RAINBOW EVERYDAY**
- ✓ **Nut Free Wednesday/Thursday and Friday**
- ✓ Aim for plastic free.
- ✓ A few changes of spare clothing.

### OUR STAFF 2024

Emily is now on maternity leave. We wish her and her family all good things for this special time . We welcome Amy to the 3-day group. Amy is an experienced educator who is also completing a degree in nutrition. We welcome Erika Watson to the 2-day group. Erika is embracing a career change to early childhood education. Michelle Bye will be working 5 days. So lucky us to have such a skilled and professional team.

**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

### 2024 TERM DATES

Term 2: 29 April -5<sup>th</sup> July

**7<sup>th</sup> June: Friday: Walk for Reconciliation**

**8.30am:** Tathra headland to Tathra School for morning tea and a ceremony with Djiringanj elders.

**12<sup>th</sup> June: Parent Workshop:** Children's

Regulation Practical Strategies for Home:

6.30pm Wednesday. Tathra Preschool. Tamara Keogh ( Senior Occupational Therapist : Royal Far West).

**26<sup>th</sup> June: Wednesday:** 5.15-6.15 Committee Meeting

**1<sup>st</sup> July: Sea animals Cultural Program**

Term 3: 2024: 22 July-27 September

**24/25/26 July : Sea animals Cultural Program scheduled from last term TBC)**

**31<sup>st</sup> July: Wed:** 5.15-6.15 Committee Meeting

**28<sup>th</sup> Aug: Wed:** 5.15-6.15 Committee Meeting

**25<sup>th</sup> Sept Wed:** 5.15-6.15 Committee Meeting

**14<sup>th</sup> October Working B: 9-11**

Term 4: 14 Oct-19 Dec

**30 Oct: Wed:** 5.15-6.15 Committee Meeting

**27<sup>th</sup> Nov: Wed:** 5.15-6.15 Committee Meeting

**17 Dec: Tue** Last day 2-day group

**19 Dec: Thur:** Last day 3-day group



**Mayumi Murphy:** Educator: 2-day group.

**Michelle Bye:** Educator 5 days

**Erika Watson:** Educator: 2 day Group

**Amy Lovell:** Educator: 3-day group.

**Meg:** HSLN Educator 3-day group

**Chris Fantham:** Administration: Tuesday and Wednesday.



Sally Inkster did an amazing job organising the pressie for Emily with funds collected from families and staff. Emily expressed gratitude for the gorgeous array of gifts; something for mum and something for bub; a lovely robe perfect for breast feeding; little beanie and socks; towel hoodie with little ears; stretchy baby wrap; bib and face washers and a big bunch of flowers.

## OUR COMMUNITY

**Reconciliation walk:** Great to see so many families at the Reconciliation Walk. It was a beautiful community day with children, families and Djiringanj elders.

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

**Sharing your child's learning:** End of term USBs document your child's interests and learning. A reminder of our preschool policy that *NO photos are shared on social media please.*

In response to parent feedback, we now email the weekly program, so you have more regular feedback about your child's day and the educational program . Great for families who are unable to do drop off and pickup.

**Cultural Program:** \_Aunty Ellen Mundy and Emma Stewart were here this term to share the Sea Animal Cultural Program with the 2-day group. They will be back next term to share this program with the 3-day group . Ellen and Emma provide our preschool with resources and knowledge which supports the use of Djiringanj language which benefits our whole preschool community.



We have also updated our acknowledgment with feedback from Savannahs' family, Ellen and Emma.

*"We are Tathra preschool. Know the Djiringanj people where the first people to care for this country. We promise to look after it. The animals, the water, and the people too. Hello Boogan (earth). Hello Mirreewa (sky). Hello Niiagarn (me). Hello Moodgee (friends).*



**Children develop strategies to support personal safety:** This term as we practiced our emergency procedures “Hold my hand” was a focus for practice. Children can read the signs at the front gate, so they know preschool.



**Growing Project:** Children set up the veggie garden beds by improving the soil with our compost from the tumblers and worm farm. Like every good scientist we hypothesise, observe, measure and document our findings. Children use rulers to measure and a graph to chart the growth. The tools of measurement and documentation provide children with hands on mathematical learning and science of growing our own veggies.



**Literacy:** This term we have had fun rhyming with lots of stories, rhymes and poems. Hearing and using rhyme, rhythm and repetition helps children develop early literacy skills.

**Maths is everywhere:** Playing games with dice and spinners; measuring plant growth and rainfall; counting to 10 and beyond; counting back from 10; creating sums, recognising and writing numerals and organising patients in the hospital with a numbering system are all part of our preschool day.



## **PARENTING RESOURCES**

**Parenting Workshop** Tamara Keogh (Senior Occupational Therapist Royal Far West ) provided tools and resources which support children’s ability to regulate. Resources from the night were emailed and hard copies have been available .

[Resilient Kids Toolkit - Royal Far West](#) has some great resources and tools for families and children to strengthen mental health and build resilience.

**Podcast for Families** Department of Education Early Learning team talk about children’s learning during play and everyday routines and how families can support learning at home.

[Episode 1 – Learning in the everyday](#)

**Parent Library** You are welcome to borrow books 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.



## 2024 QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:

- To work with Aboriginal elders to embed the Djiringanj language dictionary into the educational program. Ellen Mundy and Emma Stewart to share '*Land Animals 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). Hoping to have an interior plan by end of term 3.
- To *replace climbing tree* for future generations of children. We are thinking Ficus Hillier and welcome feedback. Choice of tree has a very narrow venn diagram ( strong lateral branches for climbing/fast growing/evergreen/shade canopy for summer/minimises mess created by fruit/berries which attract bats etc). We welcome ideas.
- To *replace perimeter fence*.
- To continue *advocacy for increased educator wages*.
- To include a *Reconciliation Action Plan page* on the preschool website.
- Compost living classroom program article in progress to promote our partnership with Tathra Primary school in our aim to divert organic waste from landfill and promote sustainable solutions for managing organic waste.
- To use the Department of Education newly released Self-Assessment and Quality Improvement Planning Portal in the lead up to assessment and rating accreditation.

## 2024 Achievements

- ✓ *Tathra Preschool Polices and Risk* Assessments updated and ready to upload to the website.
- ✓ *Improved drainage with underfloor fans installed* to reduce damp around the preschool

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

**2024 Management Committee: President:** Mel Galvin: **Vice President:** Peta James Secretary: Kate Ferguson **Treasurer:** Sarah Marshman **General Members:** Kristen Boland, Tess Roberts

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**(See you later: Djiringanj)**