Planning/ Program/ Current Learning Inquiries:
The current program and other information relating to the learning that is happening at the preschool is displayed on the wall above the sign in sheet at the preschool entrance. Other information and documentation relating to current learning may be displayed in the large books (floor books) on the shelves in front of the parent pockets and photographs may be displayed on the TV in the entrance area. We also aim to regularly add information about the current program and learning to the preschool Facebook page and in the form of notes, newsletters and other information via the parent pockets but if you would like copies of plans and programs emailing to you then please speak with a member of the staff team.
The first program of the new year is focusing on supporting children to settle in to the preschool—to form positive relationships, feel secure and experience a sense of belonging, to learn the preschool routines and expectations and how to get the best from the various learning opportunities provided ie how to organise self to paint, what to do/ possibilities when using the playdough, how to use the computer mouse, where to find resources… We are also keen to get to know you—the most important people in your child’s life!! What do you want for your child this year? What would you like the preschool to be like for you and your child? Would you like to be more involved? Do you have any ideas, knowledge, expertise or talents that you can share? We look forward to working in partnership with you to make the year the best it can possibly be for you and your child.

Diary Dates
11th March STUDENT FREE DAY (all preschools and schools in the local area are to participate in training)
15th March Living Eggs (egg hatching) arrives
25th March Good Friday
28th March Easter Monday
4th April Child Health (4yr old) checks
15th April Last day of Term One
2nd May Term two begins

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News Letter
February 2016
Welcome to Para Hills West Preschool
The Preschool children have made a very positive start to their preschool year. They have had a happy, enthusiastic and purposeful start and have been busy getting to know one another, learning routines, making new friends, learning about what happens at preschool, sharing, caring, learning a range of skills, developing independence and having lots of fun.

Learning at the preschool is through play, inquiries, first hand experience (doing), exploring and wondering, creating, talking, cooperating, sharing ideas and playful (fun) activities.
The program that the preschool implements is aligned to the Early Years Learning Framework for Australia (EYLF) and is based on children’s interests and ideas so that the learning is relevant, interesting and fun for the children. We would love to learn more about your child’s interests, ideas and learning at home so please feel free to share your observations with the staff so that we can build on those interests at the preschool and best work in partnership with you to ensure that all of the children thrive, learn, develop and have a very positive and successful preschool year.
‘Para Hills West Preschool’

Don’t forget that to ‘Like’ our Facebook page in order to keep up to date with what is happening at the preschool, to ask questions and for links to other useful sites and information.

Move to Learn 2016

Following the introduction in 2015 the preschool will again be implementing the ‘Move to Learn’ program. The movement program aims to promote improvements in student’s ability and capacity to learn by helping children to integrate and refine the reflexes they develop as newborn babies. The program supports the development of children’s attention, concentration, fine and gross motor control, coordination, body awareness, can reduce anxiety and even claims to support toilet training, reduce motion sickness and other issues that often affect young children.

A questionnaire will be sent out to families over the next few weeks that the staff will use to evaluate if and how the program makes a difference to the children.

During Term One the children will be ‘rolling’ as part of this program. We are looking for the children to be able to roll in a controlled way, in a straight line, with straight and neat arms and legs.

More information about the program will follow but you might also like to look at the ‘Thrive education and wellness’ page on Facebook.

Signing in and out/ session times

Please remember to sign your child in when you bring your child and sign out when you take them.

8.45-11.45 morning session

12.30-3.00pm afternoon session

Seizure Management and Education

We have a child at the preschool who has epilepsy. He may have seizures at the preschool and require care, medication and possible emergency hospital treatment.

We will be talking to the children about epilepsy, seizures and practicing procedures and emergency processes to ensure that all children feel safe and are not scared should the child have a seizure at the preschool. We appreciate your support and understanding on this matter. If you have any questions or would like more information then please talk to the staff or visit: http://www.epilepsycentre.org.au

Preschool Fees

Please don’t worry that you have not yet paid your fees – we are currently confirming booking patterns and aim to put invoices for the term in the parent pockets in a couple of weeks time.

We appreciate your prompt payment on receipt of the invoice as the fees help sustain and support the quality services that the preschool provides.

The payment of fees makes a real difference to the preschool. DECD pay the salaries for one full time teacher, one director and some hours for other staff, some maintenance and utility costs but do not fund the additional staffing or the wonderful learning opportunities that the preschool children enjoy, such as visits and the chicks (arriving in week 8).

2016 Preschool Governing Council Membership

Would you like to know more, represent families and the community and have a greater say in your child’s preschool education and families needs at the preschool and know more about education in the Para Hills West area? If so, you may be interested in joining the preschool Governing Council for 2016. The Council are mostly parents of children at or having been at the preschool who meet a couple of times each term to discuss and share ideas, make decisions and support the preschool to be the best it can be for the children and families. More information will follow along with an invitation to the Annual General Meeting.

Please speak with Kerry if you would like to know more.

ALLERGY ALERT

We have a child who is severely allergic to NUTS

Please do not send NUTS, Nutella, peanut butter, cereal bars containing nuts or other nut products to the preschool.

We also appreciate your support with the following preschool processes in place to minimise risks of allergic reactions:

- Do not share food at the preschool
- Sit still when eating and pack away scraps
- Wash hands thoroughly using soap and water on entry to the preschool and before and after eating
- We can no longer use certain recycled containers and boxes for making

The child also has allergies to eggs, dairy produce, bananas and is intolerant of wheat so the above processes help to minimise risks from these foods.