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Hi families and friends,

Wow!! We are half way through the last term of the year!! Time just flies when you're having fun, or when you're just scooting around! 😊

The children have begun preparations for Christmas, with the older children, who are off to school next year, having completed their transition programs - Jump into Joeys and Kickstart Kindy.

Preschool photos have arrived and are being given out this week. They look fantastic!

We have had hearing screening again this term by Marathon Health with their audiologist, StEPS vision screening are calling in this week to catch up on a couple of children who are off to school next year, and next week we have the Speech pathologist from NSW Community Health. We are so lucky to have these services come to our preschool making sure the children have the best start early on in their education.

2019 Enrolment forms were sent home a couple of weeks ago and are **due back this Friday**. This is so that we can allocate days to our current families before opening enrolments to the wider community. Can you please return your child's enrolment form as soon as possible to secure a place.

As the weather starts to warm up, we have a couple of things we ask of our families: please pack a set of spare clothes as we begin to have fun with water outdoors, particularly in the last 2 weeks of term; please ensure that your child's shirts or dresses have sleeves so that shoulders aren't exposed to sun while outdoors. This is to comply with our sun safety policy and the fact that we are a Sunsafes preschool registered with the Cancer Council. Your support in these matters is appreciated.

Educators have also been commenting that there are many children bringing toys from home. We ask your cooperation in keeping these at home as sometimes they are lost or broken, or cause some issues amongst the children in regards to sharing and claiming who has the best, prettiest etc toy. Unless it is a comforter for your child during rest time, we ask that toys be left at home. We are looking at having a news time in which the children can bring in something of interest, store it in a basket and having a specific time of the day for a "show and tell" type time. We will let you know when that happens.

Fees are due by **3 December**. Thank you to those who have paid these already. We have also been talking to those families paying through Centrepay as their accounts become paid. We were very lucky this term to have the levies waived and 65% of the fees also thanks to drought funding received.

In the next couple of weeks, we will be conducting a parent survey required by one of our funding bodies. These remain anonymous and are not compulsory, however completing them helps us meet our reporting obligations.

The End of Year presentation will be held on **Wednesday 5 December at 6.30pm**. There will be a book and portfolio presentation to the children, a small performance and a BBQ tea for all families at no cost. We are in the process of hopefully organising a visit from the big fella in red and white 😊

We have a **Monster end of year raffle**, which is on display at the preschool. We are also waiting on delivery of some beautiful Aboriginal Christmas decorations as 2nd prize. **Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5**. Prizes will be drawn on 13th December. We hope to purchase some acoustic carpet wall tiles for the preschool with the money raised. Please see staff if you wish to purchase tickets.

It has been a busy year, both at preschool and for myself personally, and I would like to thank all our families for supporting our great little preschool which we are so lucky to have in our community.

On behalf of all staff and the committee, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year. Have a fantastic holiday and safe travels if you are going away. We look forward to seeing you all in 2019, and to those families who are leaving us to continue on to big school or beyond, thank you for sharing with us your child's journey.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please see myself, Bernadette or one of our great educators.

Cheers,
Narelle Elias
Director