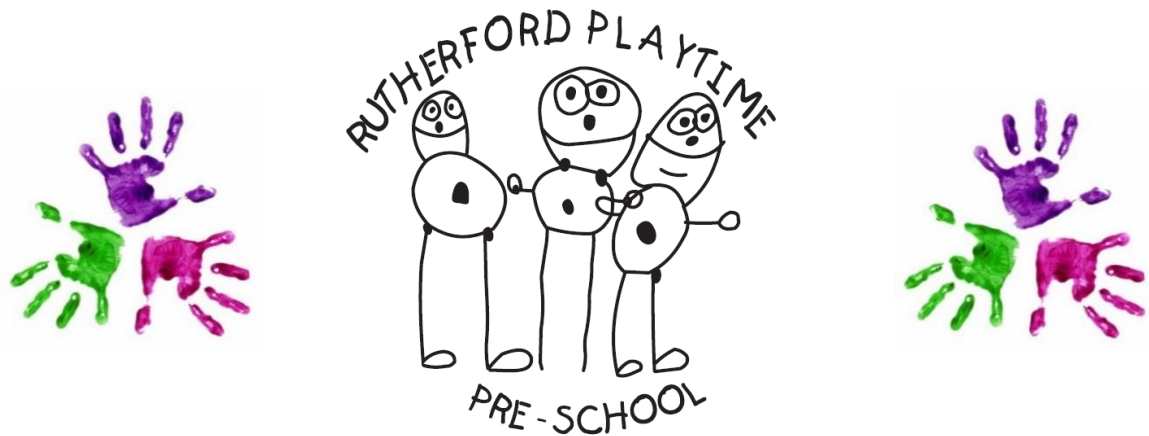


Rutherford Playtime Preschool



Term 4 Newsletter 2020

(October, November, December)

Term 4 is here! What a fantastic year we have had.

As the year draws to a close, all the educators at Playtime preschool would like to say a huge thank you to all our wonderful families for an amazing year.

Thank you for trusting us with your loved ones, it's been our greatest pleasure. We wish you all a safe and happy Chrissy. ☺ xx



Facebook Page.

Like us on Facebook for photos, discounts and the latest news as well as upcoming events.



<https://www.facebook.com/rutherfordplaytimepreschool>

****2021****

Children off to kindergarten next year – Your child can still be enrolled through January.

2021 re-enrolment – All enrolments will continue as is, unless you'd like to change your days or end care and then 2 weeks' notice needs to be given.

2021 daily fees – Fees need to stay 2 weeks in advance to avoid late charges.

Preschool Room - \$105 per day

Toddler room \$110 per day

Tweenies Room - \$120 per day

Nursery room \$120 per day

Bed Sheets – We are asking that families please provide your own cot sheets, bed sheets and own blankets from January.

Christmas/ New Year's holiday open hours –

Our centre will be closed from

Thursday 24th December – **Open** 7am – 12pm

Fridays 25th December – **Closed**

Re-opening Monday 4th January at 7am



Good for Kids Healthy snack ideas –

Looking for a healthy, kid-friendly snack idea?



Chocolate Crackle Rocky Road

INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups Kellogg's Rice Bubbles
- 200g mini marshmallows
- 190g raspberry lollies
- 200g Nestle Smarties
- 250g milk chocolate

METHOD

Mix all dry ingredients together in a large bowl. Melt chocolate and pour over dry ingredients, mix until all combined. Spoon into patty pans and refrigerate until set.

HOT TIP!!

Unsure what to do with all your child's amazing art work...?
Is your fridge already covered?

Use it as Christmas wrapping ☺



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Christmas
Brekky. Santa
pancakes ☺

Family and Community



Christmas at the common!

18 December 2020 6.00 pm - 10.00 pm

Enjoy an evening of festive fun at **Morpeth** Common for Christmas at the Common on Friday 18 December 2020.

Tickets will include popcorn, a sausage sizzle supplied by a local community group, music entertainment and a special visit from **Santa from 6.00pm.**

Bring your own picnic rug, chairs and snacks, then choose from two dedicated screening areas featuring Christmas movies 'The Santa Clause' and 'Elf' kicking off at 8.00pm to get you into the holiday spirit.

What's on in Maitland! -To find out what else is on in your area go to: <https://www.mymaitland.com.au/whats-on/>

*****Reminders to pack every day**

- Changes of clothes: undies, shorts, shirts, jumper.
- Drink bottle
- Cot/bed sheet and blanket

Staff Information



One Minute with Miss Jamie!

Miss Jamie has been with us for a few months now. She is our bright and bubbly trainee in the Preschool Room. Miss Jamie will be working towards her Certificate III in children services.

“Baa Baa Black sheep” is her favourite song to sing with the Preschool children.

Miss Jamie has a brother and a sister and is also a part time fire fighter!! When she's not at work you'll find her out rock climbing or going to the gym. She also loves taking her doggo Zoe on mountain walks😊. Her favourite colour is Purple/blue and her favourite food is egg sandwiches. 😊
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We welcome Miss
Paige to our team as
a casual educator.

- Miss Sophie and Miss Emma will both finish with us at the end of the year.

Sophie has completed her Diploma traineeship and Miss Emma is off to spend more time with her family 😊

Policy Update

We have recently updated all our policy for the end of the year.

Please see in our family corner in the kitchen, have a coffee or a tea and have a read through.

Message from our Preschool Room.



In the preschool room we have been very busy continuing to explore and develop our school readiness in preparation for “Big school” in the coming New Year.

The Pre-schoolers have perfected writing their names and have shown a recent interest in writing familiar words. Many of our Pre-schoolers have been visiting their big schools and have been very excited to share their experiences during group time discussions.

During November the preschool room was very lucky to have two incursions. We had a visit from Margo from Pacific Smiles, who taught us about how and why we look after our teeth. The children had the opportunity to dress up as Dentists complete with gloves and masks to practice with puppets and teeth brushing tools.

Our second incursion was from a special visit from Asher’s nan Deidre who helped us celebrate NAIDOC week by bringing Indigenous artefacts such as spears, snake skins, boomerangs for us to explore and learn about our indigenous culture.

November and December has been a time to explore all things Christmas! The children have engaged in various Christmas craft creating baubles, Christmas stars and trees and ginger bread men. During group times the children have enjoyed sharing their favourite Christmas traditions and memories. We also spent time practicing our favourite school songs to share with our families for Christmas/Graduation.

What a wonderful year the preschool room has had. Miss Emma and Miss Jamie wish our big Pre-schoolers all the best for their journey to big school. We will miss you all. Merry Christmas to all our families and a happy new year.

Miss Emma and Miss Jamie 😊

Preschool Room





Preschool
Photos 😊

Message from our Toddler Room.



What a fantastic time we have been having in the toddler room; playing, exploring and learning!

This term in our Toddler room we have been exploring gross and fine motor skills. Developing better gross motor skills and a strong sense of wellbeing with movements like jumping, hopping, skipping and running. We've incorporated a lot of outdoor games into our daily program like tips, duck duck goose and leap frog.

Our Toddler friends have been doing arts and craft, sticker peeling craft and drawing to help better develop their fine motor skills.

During NAIDOC week we explored indigenous culture by introducing dream time stories and learning about the colours of the aboriginal flag. We researched the didgeridoo and all about bush tucker.

Our Toddler friends have also been exploring all things Dinosaurs. From digging for fossils, to dinosaur foot print paintings.

Transitions – as some Toddler's will be moving to our Preschool room come January. They have been starting the transition process by having small visits to the preschool room during our rest period or in the afternoons.

Thank you all for an amazing year. If you have any questions about your child's development please come and speak to us 😊

Miss Maddie and Miss Sophie.

Toddler Room Photos 😊



Toddler Room Photos



Message from our Tweenie Room.



I would just like to thank all the amazing and wonderful Tweenie children and their families for such a great year. I have loved every moment watching them grow and develop so much over the last 12 Months!

It's been an absolute pleasure being apart of their learning journey and I will cherish all the beautiful memories we have shared together in the Tweenie Room for the Year of 2020!

During the month of October with our Tweenie children we explored the wonderful learning topic of **MUSIC AND MOVEMENT!**

Throughout this focused learning topic the children got the opportunity to explore a wide variety of different musical instruments for them to have a go at exploring and playing. They extended their own interest with the group by creating and making their own sounds and music as they played along to the different instruments. We offered the children lots of different musical genres to play their instruments along to as well as to dance and move their bodies together apart of the large group experiences.

As children grow in their appreciation of the beauty of music and dance, they acquire a gift that will bring them great pleasure. Music brings another dimension of beauty into our lives. Music and movement benefit a child's development in many ways.

- Participating in a group
- Social skills
- Express emotions
- Enhance self-concept by sharing music and dance of each other's culture
- Refine listening skills, noticing changes in tempo or pitch
- Awareness of movement and body positions
- Creativity and imagination
- Learn new words and concepts
- Explore cause and effect
- Develop large motor skills
- Improve balance coordination
- Improve small motor skills, finger play and musical instrument

Getting into the Christmas Festivities 🎅🎄

Since the beginning of the month of November all our Tweenie children happily got into the festive spirit with Miss Vicky and all our friends. As a large group we helped each other set up and decorate our beautiful Christmas tree which was a very fun and exciting experience for us all to take part in and help decorate our room as well. We also have been very busy doing lots of festive Christmas craft and art experiences for the children to use their imagination and express their creativity.

We have also made a batch of super special REINDEER FOOD MUMS and DADS!
It will go home next week!

Reindeer Food – made from oats, sprinkles, and glitter this magical reindeer food can be sprinkled on the lawn for the reindeer to eat on Christmas Eve.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the families and children for such a lovely year!

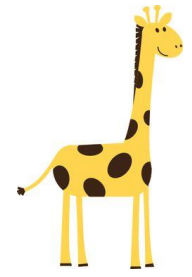
I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Miss Vicky X



Tweenie Room Photos ☺

Message from our Nursery Room.



Congratulations nursery families, we have finally made it to the end of 2020. What a memorable and challenging year it has been. Thank you all so much for your support and understanding through these difficult times, and thank you for helping us foster of fun and friendly learning environment.

The last three months in the nursery have been nothing short of educational as we finished the year off with some engaging experiences.

October was a musical month. The children were provided with many opportunities doing counter different musical instruments including the guiro, castanets and xylophones.

We read “Alpacas with maracas” and extended all of this experience by creating our own maracas using rice.

The children who introduced to the basic musical components; beat, rhythm, pitch and tempo, Which were explored with their teachers assistance throughout morning group times.

November brought us NAIDOC week, which had been postponed from earlier in the year. Throughout this week, the children were able to begin some basic understanding of indigenous cultures. We began by learning and acknowledgment of country rhyme, which we added to our morning group time, embedding it into our daily routine. The children were keen learners and picked it up easily.

We followed this up by introducing the children to some dreamtime stories and enjoying some associated activities.

We learned about “how the echidna got his spikes” and we use some clay and sticks to create our own echidnas using natural materials.

We read about “the rainbow serpent” and created our own rainbow serpents using paper plates and paints.

And we watched a YouTube clip of the “Tiddalick the frog” and then created our own mini-world flood complete with sand, trees and animals to pour water over.

The nursery children also had opportunities to participate in group activities at our outdoor yarnning circle. These included listening to some traditional aboriginal music, using clapping sticks, streamers for dancing, reading stories and contributing handprints to the wall mural.

December has brought us to our Christmas party, thank you to those who are able to attend, enjoy some carols, face painting and the barbecue.

What an absolutely incredible year of learning. So many individual milestones achieved and many more on their way. We are more active, more mobile, more vocal and more engaged with people and our surroundings.

We have come so far and yet still have such a long way to go...

We hope you have all enjoyed looking through your child support folio at the year that works. We wish you all the best this Christmas and hope you stay safe and happy through the new year. Looking forward to seeing you all in January. Especially those two-year-olds graduating to a new room.

Love Miss Tam and Miss Sam

Nursery Room Photos ☺





Nursery
Photos 😊