



Flying Fox Mobile Pre-School

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Preschool Photographs

Photos are due to be returned to preschool by the end of April. They will be a great treat for

Change in temperature

Please remember to bring a jumper in your child's bag for when the weather gets cooler.

Wingham Preschool and Flying Fox Preschool Flood Support

Don't forget your donation for families who have been impacted by floods.

Flying Fox Preschool is asking families to make monetary donation to allow the service to support families in need in the local Wingham community. This project will help children see themselves as having the capacity to help others in need. We will be talking to the children about this project and asking them how they can help other

Room Change Coopernook Venue....

We are very excited that we have had a room change at our Coopernook venue. We have moved to the library building in the old school residence at the front of the school. This building provides us with more space and a toilet facility within the building. This change will allow us greater flexibility with setting up our environment

Welcome to our new Flying Fox families!

We are excited to have some new families join at our various venues. We still have some positions vacant at some of our venues so please spread the word if you know anyone wanting quality preschool education and care.



Term 2 starts—Tuesday 20th April

Term 2 ends—Friday 25th June

Congratulations to our newly elected Board of Directors for Wingham Preschool & The Flying Fox Mobile Preschool.

We are pleased to announce the names of the Board of Directors/Management Committee for 2021.

The Board of Directors is made up of the following people:

Erin Saunders -Chairperson

Kate Green -Secretary

Crystal Humphreys - Treasurer One

Taryn Grech - Treasurer Two

Dannielle Wiseman

Toyah Craig

Joanne Neaves

We thank you for joining the Board of Directors at Wingham Preschool Kindergarten, who in partnership with Educators, will form the 2021 management team. Our board will continue to ensure that the preschool meets Education and Care Services National Law and Regulations, Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate Licensing requirements, The Early Years Learning Framework and meets the children's, parents and community's needs.

Wingham Preschool is required to have a Board of Directors to meet the legal requirements of operating a company and the regulatory requirements to be funded by the Department of Education. The people listed above that make up the preschool's Board of Directors allow the continued operation of both the preschool and the mobile preschool.

We would like to thank the 2020 Board of Directors for all their work, time and energy over the past year. We thank Lee Oberg who over 2 years has taken the role as a board member.

The Board of Directors will be working towards the development of the multipurpose project next door. This project includes building a:

- third preschool classroom,
- mobile preschool storage facility and office
- multipurpose room where playgroup will be held, parent education and meetings can be held and a space for specialists to use.

We thank all the board members for their support and commitment throughout 2020 particularly through navigating a difficult year with COVID 19. We appreciate your contribution towards the operation of our high quality Early Education Centre. We look forward to the continued provision of a supportive, not for profit, community based education service.

Veg Explorers

Starting at the end of term 1 and continuing into term 2, we have been discussing healthy eating with the children. Through exploration of healthy foods, games and discussions we aim to educate children on the importance of eating healthy foods.

Exploring Vegetables with the Five Senses

DID YOU KNOW:

Only about 1 in 20 children eat enough vegetables! This year we are taking time to become “Veg Explorer’s” and use our 5 senses to discover everything we can about vegetables! The children are using their eyes to notice colours and patterns of vegetables; using their ears to hear the sounds of our gardens and the sounds they can make by tapping or crunching different vegetables, they are using touch to explore different textures and also using different vegetables to create craft, they are using their noses to smell herbs and strong smelling veggies like tomatoes, and they are getting used to tasting new vegetables through taste testing experiences and cooking. We’d love you to support us by becoming a Veg Exploring family. Here’s a few ideas we think you might enjoy trying at home.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Start Simple: think about creating opportunities every day to allow your child to experience vegetables as part of their daily routine. This may be as simple as asking them to wash the vegies in preparation for dinner. We know the more children handle vegetables, the more likely they are to eat them!
- Get Growing: start a vegetable garden (or herb pot). It may be as easy as planting seeds from vegetables you already have like tomatoes or pumpkin. Or you could take your child to the local nursery, and together select some seedlings. Plant and tend to your garden regularly and talk to your child about the importance of sunlight and water to help their garden grow.
- Market Adventures: explore local markets with your family. These may include farmer’s markets, the green grocer or supermarket.
- Eat the Rainbow: Eating the rainbow can be so much fun. Some ideas may include rainbow dinners, rainbow lunchboxes or even a rainbow snack platter! Perhaps eating a different colour of the rainbow each day of the week may be an easier option.
- Make eating vegies fun: try playing the Tasting Game (see over page). When tested, this simple game

Sharing Culture Incursion at Tinonee



Gwenda shared stories, dances and Aboriginal items with us during a very interactive and hands on performance. Children were excited to learn Aboriginal words, participate in some traditional Aboriginal dances and explore the hunting weapons which Gwenda brought along. This was a great insight to the

