



Flying Fox  
Mobile Pre-School

## October Newsletter 2021

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### **We thank Parents and Families for assisting Flying Fox Preschool to meet NSW Health/Department of Education COVID-19 Safety Requirements.**

The Board of Directors and Educators thank you for following COVID requirements. It has been a challenging time for everyone and Wingham Preschool/ Flying Fox Preschool leaders have been proactive in keeping up with the constant changes in requirements to keep everyone as safe as possible.

The current practices followed by all Early Childhood Services includes:

To limit the risk of COVID-19 transmission during drop offs and pick-up Flying Fox Preschool will continue to follow the following procedures by:

- Asking parents to social distance during drop-off and pick-up times.
- Requesting that parents/carers drop-off and pick up their child/ren at the preschool entrance/exit without entering the indoor/outdoor areas of the service premises where possible. Educators will collect children from the service entrance/exit.
- Requesting all parents/carers to wear face masks and check-in using the NSW QR code during drop-off/pick-up periods (even if this occurs at the service entrance/exit).

It is important parents, families, educators and all members in our local community remain diligent with COVID-19 safety requirements as currently there is a number of cases in our local region.

#### **Reminders:**

**Please remember to pack your child's hat for preschool.**

As the weather is getting warmer we will be including more water activities during outdoor time, so we ask you to **please pack spare clothes in case of a water accident.**

**Enclosed shoes are the best option for children to wear to preschool** this is to ensure safety while climbing and running. Some of our venues also have grass containing bindi and clover which is attracting the bees. Please ensure your child is wearing enclosed shoes preferably joggers each day.

#### **End of Year Performances**

Unfortunately due to the current COVID restrictions and cases within our local area we will not be able to hold an end of year performance in which families can attend. Instead we will be creating a performance video for everyone to take home. This will be given out at the end of term along with children's portfolios Children may start discussing our songs and story at home as we begin practicing this.

#### **2022 Enrolments**

We are now taking enrolments for 2022. Children are able to access 2 FREE days of preschool again in 2022. Please let your friends and family know if they have a child aged 3-5 that they would like to enrol in Flying Fox.

STEPS before school eyesight screening will take place on Monday 8th November starting at 9.30am. Please bring your child's form back before the day. Children who do not attend Cooperook venue but wish to get the screening done that day can talk to educators and collect a form.

**Term 4 ends—Wednesday 15th December**  
**Term 1 2022 starts—Tuesday 1st February**

## Why Read Aloud to Your child?

There is an easy way to improve your child's chances at school. It will entertain and delight them, it will strengthen the bonds between you and your child, and it is virtually free. Sound too good to be true? Actually, it isn't.

The magical method: taking time to read aloud to your child.

In an era of high-stakes testing, education reforms and revolutions, research has repeatedly proved that one simple parenting technique is among the most effective. Children who are read aloud to by parents, get a head start in language and literacy skills and go to school better prepared. "Reading aloud to young children, particularly in an engaging manner, promotes emerging literacy and language development and supports the relationship between child and parent." In other words, reading that bedtime story may not only entertain and soothe your child, it may also develop their vocabulary, improve their ability to learn to read, and - perhaps most important - foster a lifelong love of books and reading.

Developing that passion for reading is crucial, according to Jim Trelease, author of, "The Read-Aloud Handbook." "Every time we read to a child, we're sending a 'pleasure' message to the child's brain," he writes. "You could even call it commercial, conditioning the child to associate books and print with pleasure."

This reading "commercial" is critical when competition for a child's attention is so fierce. Between television, movies, the internet, video games and myriad after-school activities, the pleasures of sitting down with a book are often overlooked. "Students who read the most, read the best, achieve the most, and stay in school the longest. Conversely, those who don't read much, cannot get better at it." Reading aloud is, according to the landmark 1985 report "Becoming a Nation of Readers," the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading."

## Healthy Harold Virtual Show

Harold visited us at Lansdowne Flying Fox via a zoom call. Children were delighted to see Harold and be able to talk and be a part of the show through zoom. We learnt about keeping our bodies healthy by eating healthy foods, exercising, resting, and ensuring proper hygiene is practiced.



## Venue Photos

