




Flying Fox Mobile Pre-School

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The educators at Flying Fox Mobile Preschool welcome back children and families from 2021 and extend their welcome to the new children and families for 2022. We are looking forward to seeing happy, excited children entering our preschool for their first days this year. Everyone will be happy to see old friends and make new friends in 2022.

This is the first of many newsletters. They will contain:

- information about the preschool
- news of events and excursions
- follow up reports about these events
- educational information and ideas to extend your child's learning at home etc
- calendar of events planned for the term.

Please join our public facebook page searching Flying Fox Mobile Preschool. We also have a private page where we share more specific items with current families. This group is called Flying Fox Mobile Preschool Families.

We value positive parent and educator relationships and partnerships. The educators, aim to meet your child's needs, to follow their interests, to challenge them and to document their progress and development. We also aim to work with you to best meet the individual needs of your child. We aim to provide you with information about your child's day at Preschool, their progress and development, through daily conversations on arrival and departure. If you have any concerns or questions during your time at Flying Fox Mobile Preschool, please meet with staff to organise a time to discuss your ideas and concerns. Arrival and departure times are a great time for us to share news of your child's day, progress and achievements.

Please understand that this can be a very busy time. During arrival and departure times the teachers are greeting and talking to family members, supervising the children and assisting them when necessary. It may be easier for us to talk to you in the afternoon, after the other children and families have departed or you can organise another time when the teaching staff can discuss questions more conveniently and effectively. During these early days it may be stressful for you to separate from your child if they are upset. We understand how difficult this is for you and we suggest that you telephone the Preschool to ask how your child is progressing. It is easier for us, because we see your child settle and play happily with the other children, enjoying their time at Preschool. But for you, those tears remain a memory for the rest of the day. We will be honest about how your child is settling at preschool. Your child's happiness is our primary goal.

Be positive and tell your child they are going to have a fun and happy day. Your positive approach to departure is an important first step to a settle, happy and confident child.

Teachers Days of Work and Qualifications

The teaching team at Flying Fox Mobile Preschool have gained a broad range of experience in Early Childhood Education. We are fortunate to have an enthusiastic committed and professional educator team. Team work is highly valued and all educators are passionate about the importance of Early Childhood Education.

Donna Stirrup is the Nominated Supervisor/Manager for Wingham Preschool and Flying Fox Mobile Preschool. Donna has a Bachelor of Teaching - Early Childhood Education and she works Monday to Friday. Donna has 29 years experience in Preschool settings, with 20 years at Wingham Preschool.

Megan Bisley is the Administration Assistant and her days of work are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Megan has 22 years in the role of administration, with 12 years at Wingham Preschool.

Di Macpherson completes administration tasks on Wednesdays. Di has a Diploma of Teaching—Early Childhood and she has been working in EC services for over 25 years.

Kylie Saville teaches on Monday to Friday Kylie has a Bachelor of Teaching - Early Childhood Education. She has been teaching for 17 years, 4 years at Wingham Preschool.

Melinda Mitchell teaches on Tuesday . Melinda has a Diploma in Children's Services and has been teaching for 18 years, with most of her time at Wingham Preschool.

Prue Vaile teaches on Wednesday Prue has a Diploma in Children's Services and has been teaching for 17 years, with 12 years at Wingham Preschool.

Rebecca Berry teaches on Monday and Friday Bec has a Diploma in children's services and has been teaching for 5 years, with 2 years at Wingham Preschool.

Abbey McKay teaches Thursday and Friday. Abbey has a Certificate III in Children's Services, is studying for her Diploma in Children's Services and has been teaching for 2 years.

Term 1 ends—Friday 8th April
Term 2 starts—Wednesday 27th April

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.

Preschool Fees

The State Government is covering the cost of children's fees for two days each week in 2022. Everyone will be issued with two fee accounts each term, outlining the cost of fees, the cost covered by the government and any costs for a third day.

The first fee account will be issued in week one for the first five weeks of term. This fee account is due to be paid by the fourth week of term.

The second fee account will be issued in week six, for the remaining five or six weeks of term. This account is due by week eight of term.

If you have outlined on the fees agreement that you wish to pay each week or fortnight, you can begin payments now and you will receive a receipt after the administration assistant, Megan, has processed the payment (ie. after Tuesday or Friday).

For term one 2022, if you are paying for a third day, your first fee payment will need to be made by the 18th February 2022. All fee accounts will need to be finalized by the 18th March 2022. Please talk to Donna or Megan if you have any questions.

If you are applying for fee subsidy, the forms for application and a copy of your health care card, are due by Friday 11th February. If you have not been issued with a form, please ask a teacher for a subsidy form and return ASAP. If you do not apply for subsidy before the due date, we will assume you are not eligible for subsidy and you will be charged full fees for the term.

If parents wish to pay their fees by direct deposit, please note that the Preschool bank details are printed on the bottom of all invoices and statements for your information.

If parents wish to use 'Centrepay', then the preschool has applied for a number and forms are available from the office to use this payment method.



Allergy Aware Preschool

Flying Fox Mobile Preschool has strategies in place to eliminate high risks for children with anaphylaxis. Please support preschool policy and procedure by ensuring your child washes their hands on arrival each day. Educators supervise children at all times including meal times. All educators have current First Aid training including anaphylaxis and asthma training.

