



Flying Fox Mobile Pre-School

February Newsletter

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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 and Flying Fox Mobile Preschool.

Donna has a Bachelor of Teaching - Early Childhood Education and she works Monday to Friday. Donna has 30 years experience in Preschool settings, with 21 years at Wingham Preschool.

Megan Bisley is the Administration Assistant and her days of work are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Megan has 23 years in the role of administration, with 13 years at Wingham Preschool.

Kylie Saville teaches on Monday to Friday on the Flying Fox Mobile Preschool. Kylie has a Bachelor of Teaching - Early Childhood Education. She has been teaching for 18 years, 5 years at Wingham Preschool.

Sarah McEwan teaches Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Flying Fox Mobile Preschool Sarah has a Diploma in Children's Services and has been teaching for 2 years, with 1 year at Wingham Preschool.

Melinda Mitchell teaches on Friday on the Mobile Preschool. Melinda has a Diploma in Children's Services and has been teaching for 19 years, with most of her time at Wingham Preschool.

Rebecca Berry teaches on Monday on the Flying Fox Mobile Preschool. Bec has a Diploma in children's services and has been teaching for 6 years, with 3 years at Wingham Preschool.

Educator and Family Partnerships

We value positive parent and educator relationships and partnerships. The educators and I, 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 Wingham 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.

Arrival and Departure times are a valuable time to share information, but are also a busy time. Educators are greeting and talking to family members, bus drivers and 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 educators 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.

Reminders...

- Please remember to update any information on your child's details when things change—phone numbers, addresses and emergency contacts are most important to keep up to date. We also require up to date immunisation registers once children have received their 4 yr old immunisation, this can be send via text or email or brought in.
- Please pack spare clothes and a hat

Term 1 ends— Thursday 6th April
Term 2 starts— Wednesday 26th April

Preschool Fees

The State Government is covering the cost of children's fees for two days each week in 2023 **if you have completed the fee relief declaration form and submitted it to Wingham Preschool.** 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. This account includes the one off membership fee. 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 wish to begin payments now, you will receive a receipt after the administration assistant, Megan, has processed the payment (i.e. after Tuesday or Friday).

For term one 2023, if you are paying for a third day, your first fee payment will need to be made by the 24th February 2023. All fee accounts will need to be finalized by the 17th March 2023. 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 10th 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.

Gwenda Stanley Cultural Performance 27th Feb—2nd March

Drawing on her lived experiences and deep understanding of her Gomerioi culture and history, Gwenda Stanley's performance is engaging and educational for pre-primary to middle high school students. Through song, dance, story, language and the demonstration of traditional tools and artefacts, Gwenda invites students to learn and engage with her living culture.

From demonstrating the tools used to hunt, gather and prepare meals, to performing traditional dances, to teaching words and songs in her traditional language, Gwenda enthusiastically shares her culture with students as well as giving a rare authentic insight into her life as a contemporary First Nations woman.

Providing a unique female perspective, Gwenda's performance is a rich and valuable educational experience.



Nut Aware Preschool

Flying Fox 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. Please see related policies via the QR code link in the entry area of the Preschool.



Upcoming Events:

Music Lessons
with Mrs
Mander

Monday and
Tuesday
Term 1 and 2



Spotty Bear—Wednesday 1st March

Spotty Bear is a most unusual bear. He is covered in spots of every colour, and he's NOT happy! With words, music and song.

Lionel tells the story of the bear who leaves home to try and lose his spots. He travels to faraway places where they do things differently – the Land of Ice & Snow, the Land of the Sad Princesses, Upside-down Land.... and he starts to think that maybe being different is what makes us all special.

Singing, dancing and games for all, dressing up, counting, spelling and making up great songs together join Lionel and Spotty Bear on their fun-filled adventures!



Rockpool Adventures Wednesday 29th March

Our rockpool show features amazing creatures from our beaches and oceans. Children will learn interesting facts about the sea and it's creatures. All children will have the opportunity to see and even touch our amazing creatures, as well as fun activities.

