



# Preschool Overview

## Term 4



To our lovely preschool families,

Welcome to term four!

This term we will be focusing on *Becoming*. Due to some explorations around hospital, being vets and working with animals, and caring for things, we are inspired to take an excursion to the Canberra Zoo. We will be exploring literature around the student interest in animals as well as to continue to work with letters and sounds, especially the letters in our names and other words that start with the same sound. We will be exploring number sequences with counting down to events and the end of our preschool year. We are also playing with number combinations to five.

There will also be some tadpoles visiting us for a few weeks. We are hopeful that we will get to see them change into frogs! Another exciting event are our transition visits to kindergarten classrooms. We will meet some of the current teachers and explore what it is like to be in kindergarten by spending time with them. We will be building on our sense of belonging and relationships with opportunities for students to interact in small group games and activities in these different settings. We will finally be able to explore our local area by going on neighbourhood walks. We will call it, 'Walking on Country,' during these walks we will be having conversations about how we connect to each other and the land. Last term we started using yarning circles, which we will continue to use to evolve our communication skills and confidence. This will support the formation of our personal identities influenced by environment and culture. Our preschool garden will also direct some of our explorations around sustainability from what we grow and how it can be used.

We would love to have any connections to families-jobs-community as we explore the people that we could become in the future. Keep your eyes peeled for more information and your thoughts ticking over.

As the weather warms up, the possibility of increased water play and other outdoor activities will increase. Please ensure there are labelled spare clothes in bags, and its timely for a reminder about hats and wearing sunscreen upon entry.

Over the years we have built a partnership with Cranleigh school, and the Lions will have some students visiting as part of their inclusion program. These will happen progressively over the weeks on Wednesdays.

There are lots of additional events that will be taking place this term, such as cross country, book week, transitions etc., so keep your eye out for school calendar and updates in the school newsletter for more information.

### **Specialist Programs**

#### **Performing Arts with Melissa Mongan**

This term we will continue to explore dance as we collaboratively create a sequenced dance to an upbeat 'Baby Shark' rendition. Students are using what they have learnt about different body movements to suggest various levels, body parts and actions. As the term progresses, we will begin to explore music, taking a closer look at rhythm and patterns and explore how to make some ourselves.



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### **Physical Education with Syed**

This term we will continue to develop our sporting skills. Through active team play, students will explore catching and throwing skills. In the latter part of the term, we will be focusing on introducing basic cricket skills such as two-handed striking, fielding, and teamwork to play modified games of cricket.

### **Japanese with Daniel Manestar**

This term we will continue to explore the language and culture through songs and art. We will be learning to answer simple questions using a small number of responses. We will explore the clothes and activities associated with some key festivals and learn some simple games that children enjoy playing in Japan.

Towards the end of each year we also seek your feedback about the preschool setting in relation to the National Quality Framework as we value your input into future directions as we develop our Quality Improvement Plan for 2021. More information on this will be sent home in the coming weeks.

The Dolphins will also be presenting an assembly in week nine, so keep your eyes peeled for a link to watch the live broadcast. There will also be video posts onto Seesaw in case you miss the live version.

We look forward to an exciting last term of preschool in 2020!

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