



Welcome

Welcome to Sorrento Preschool for 2018 - our first term has been a great success! The children have done a great job of adjusting to our daily routine, learning about their classmates and exploring their indoor and outdoor environments.

Reminders

- Please make sure that adults sign preschoolers in and out of the centre (not siblings under the age of 18) as the register is a legal document.
- Term 2 fees were invoiced on the 8th March and payment is due no later than **Thursday 29th March** (the last day of term).
- Hats are required to be worn for the duration of Term 1.
- Please ensure children do not climb on the doors or gate.
- Please keep the front door closed at all times.
- Check out our new website! Go to:
sorrentopreschool.kindergarten.vic.gov.au
- The preschool has a number of written policy documents and copies of these are kept in a folder in the foyer and can also be viewed on our website.

"Thank you to all the families and friends who have contributed in a variety of ways to help make our preschool so special for the children this term. We look forward to seeing you back in term 2!"



Fundraising

- **Saturday 19 May**
Rye to Portsea Walk (more details to come).
- **Term 2**
Picture Plates - all children will receive a picture plate template to complete at home and return to preschool.



4yo Update

The four year old programs are built on the foundation that children are capable, independent and driven learners. We support their separation from their parents and carers and build on their understanding of being part of a group, community and the world. We take the children out into their community and collaborate with them in their journeys of discovery.

Whilst we have reciprocal relationships with the 2 local schools that support the children in their transition to structured education, we celebrate the children being 4 – their unique emerging personalities, learning styles and interests.

The children have spent their first term learning routines, becoming familiar and comfortable with their educators and peers, developing their independence skills and sharing their interests and skills. A highlight has been the trip to the Briars Enviro Fest – the foundation of our sustainability program.

The children take part in weekly piano sessions, regular cooking experiences and a wealth of fine and large muscle work, creative arts and practical skill practice.

Whilst each group is unique and its programs are designed around their particular needs, the three teachers work together to a common aim, ensuring every child has a unique, expansive and wonderful learning journey at kinder.

- Nicki & Alison, Cath & Nat, Shaney, Rachael & Sam

Sustainability Sub Committee

Calling all interested parents!

We would like to form a Sustainability Sub Committee which would focus on recycling, veggie gardens, composting, healthy eating, exercise etc.

Ideally the sub-committee could provide articles and information to our preschool families, organise speakers to visit and/or other initiatives which would help our preschool to excel in this area. The members wouldn't have to attend committee meetings but could instead liaise directly with staff.

Please contact us if you could assist in any way!



Did You Know...

- We use Storypark to involve you in your child's learning. Storypark is a secure online communication tool used for documenting your child's learning.
- We are a nut-free centre. No nuts or nut products should be brought to preschool under any circumstances.
- Lunch boxes and drink bottles should be clearly labelled with your child's name.
- We promote healthy eating habits. Your child's snack and lunch should be nutritious, filling and quick to eat.
- We are a Sun Smart preschool. Please ensure your child has a hat and apply sunscreen before arriving.
- Our programs are designed using the Victorian Early Years Learning Development Framework and are based on the 5 key areas of Identity, Community, Wellbeing, Learning and Communication.
- All of our staff hold Early Childhood qualifications and undertake regular professional development.



3yo Update

The three year old program aims to support the children to separate from their parents and carers; become familiar with and confident in their preschool environment, become familiar with peers and being part of a group, and start to share resources, space and time with their peers. The session routine is predictable to assist the children's comfort in their program – they work inside, have snack, work outside, have lunch, a rest time, a story then it's home time. Most children are separating confidently from their families and are enthusiastically exploring their environment.

The children have been exploring different ways to learn about colours by matching, sorting and playing games to identify colours.

We have been focusing on providing many opportunities for the children to strengthen and develop their fine motor skills with activities such as playdough, threading, cutting, pasting, hammering and drawing.

The children are enjoying pretend play in the home corner, sea creatures, puzzles, fire engines, sensory play, the matchbox cars and garage and the fire station Duplo is very popular floor play.

The children are learning the 'Rainbow Song' and we have been learning some action songs such as 'Where is Thumbkin', 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes' and 'Open shut them'.

- Suzie, Rachael and Emilie

Coming Soon in Term 2

- **Term 2 starts Monday 16 April until Friday 29 June**
- **Responsible Pet Education (safety around dogs)**
Monday 30 April (Green).
Thursday 3 May (Red & Blue)
- **Ready Set Read (library visit)**
Monday 7 May (Green)
Tuesday 15 May (Red & Blue)
- **Dental Clinic Visit**
Thursday 24 May
- **Parent Teacher Interviews**
Date TBC
- **Preschool Photos**
Monday 18 June (Yellow)
Thursday 21 June (Red, Blue & Green)
Friday 22 June (Purple)

Contact Us

If you require any information regarding Sorrento Preschool or would like to provide us with feedback please contact us anytime:

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Community News

- **Net Set Go – Sorrento**
Wednesday nights 3.45pm – 4.30pm
5-year-olds are eligible to enrol
Please contact Emma Ring on Tel: 0450 429 605
- **Sorrento Auskick**
Friday nights commencing April 20th
4-year old's turning 5 this year can register.
Register at the AFL Nab Auskick website and select 'Sorrento'.
Please contact Emma Ring on Tel: 0450 429 605