



Morgan Preschool Newsletter

October 2023

Welcome

I would like to welcome Kim Lean to Morgan Preschool. Kim joins us this term, and brings with her a passion for education and supporting children to achieve their best. I have known Kim for over 10 years, as she lives in Waikerie and has worked at local education sites for the past 18 years. Kim recently graduated from Swinburne University with a Bachelor of Early Childhood and has spent majority of this year working as a Temporary Relief Teacher in our local area at preschools and schools. I believe that Kim fits and shares our preschool philosophy and is certainly approachable and keen to work with families to support children's learning and develop their strengths and curiosity. If you would like to meet with Kim to discuss your child's progress or share any information, please make a time to meet.

Keeping Informed

Check out our Preschool whiteboard to keep updated over the term of what is happening each week. Seesaw will be used to notify of any late changes to our calendar or new events. Please note that the main form of communication will be face to face, newsletters, Preschool display board and then Seesaw. The digital platform will be used to share some learning that occurs through out the week, however Kim and Rie look forward to being able to visually show through the preschool environment the children's interests, strengths and wonderings. Please feel free to regularly check the Preschool Learning Journey display book and add any comments to the Feedback Page about conversations you have had with your child about their preschool day. We would really love if your child can bring in a photo or 2 from home to add to our Family Display Wall.

Excursions/Events in Term 4

The Term 4 planner is attached with this newsletter and important dates are also at the bottom of the newsletter.

Please note you are more than welcome to bring your children to our Jam Band Music Performance at the Sporting Complex on Friday 3rd November. You will need to provide supervision though as this is not a preschool day. The show commences at 9.30am.

Kim and Rie will also be accompanying the school to Prince Alfred College, Scott's Creek Campus on Monday 20th November. We would appreciate if you could drop off and pick your child up on this day at the campus. The cost will be \$5.00 and lunch will be provided. Please return your consent form. Kim and Rie will have duty of care for the children on the day and they will be providing the program, preschool children will not be involved in the water-based activities. The program commences at Scott's Creek at 10.00am and pick up will be at 3.00pm. You are welcome to come to Preschool and we can all travel out together or alternatively we will meet you there. Please let Kim know your intentions prior to the day.



Term 4 Transition

Transition to school will formally take place in week 7 and 8. However the process of preparing children for their first year of formal schooling involves supporting children's social, emotional, cognitive and physical development, as well as their sense of belonging and identity. Transition to school can start well before children enter school and continue until they feel comfortable and confident in their new environment. Our preschool children often visit the school playground at lunchtimes, have library visits



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and are already presenting at our school assemblies, all this helps to reduce anxiety they may feel about the change ahead. Call in and speak to Carol or Kim if you have any questions or concerns. Letters and information will be sent home soon with the details of the school visits such as dates and times.

Statements of Learning

At the end of Term 4, we will provide a statement of learning on your child's progress throughout the year. The statement also provides valuable information to your child's transition teacher and supports continuity for your child as they transition to school. The statement will be sent home prior to the end of the term for you to add your comment to support the transition process. Final publishing will then occur and they will be sent home in Week 9.

Preschool Quality Improvement Plan Update

We have really noticed children are enjoying many different types of interactions and exploring new ideas and understandings. There has certainly been a shared interest over the year with nature and bugs. All the children share their interests at the making table and have created many marvellous creations from bug catchers to musical shakers. Educators will continue to encourage problem solving skills and incorporate strategies for sustained shared thinking through back and forth conversations with open ended questioning. Please feel free to contribute any ideas, thoughts or conversations you have with your child at home into our Preschool Learning Journey book.



What's happening in Term 4

31ST Oct – Assembly 9.00am & Grand Friends Day

3rd Nov – Jam Band Music Performance

14th Nov – Morgan Post Office Visit

15th Nov – School Fete Day

20th Nov – School Camp Visit, Scott's Creek

29th Nov – Stig Performance – Morgan Day Activity Centre

12th Dec – End of Year Concert – Complex

13th Dec – Santa's Cave Visit with Families and Picnic Waikerie Water Park