

Dear Families,

This week we welcome Mrs. McIntosh into the preschool classroom. She will be with us for the rest of Term 1. Mrs. McIntosh has felt very welcomed by all the children and their families. She is looking forward to being part of your child's journey of growth and development in all areas of Preschool.

## Gross Motor Skills

In Preschool, we focus on gross motor skills. The children have been riding the bikes, which has been great for gross motor skills as well as turn taking.

They have also enjoyed jumping on the trampoline, throwing and catching balls, and using the stilts for balancing.

## Focus Area

In Preschool, we have been learning about insects, using magnifying glasses to identify different parts and discussing different insects they know.

We have set up a shop corner where the children can explore being shop keepers, customers and exchange in items.

We have set up designated areas in the classroom for these interests.

## Washing Hands and Toilets

Hygiene is a very important routine we implement on a regular basis. We have our washing hands song that helps remind the children to thoroughly wash their hands. Children are also being encouraged to wipe their own bottoms. Educators are on standby to show how to fold the paper, and to assist if needed. Having conversations and demonstrating this at home is a good way to practice and help your child develop this skill.

## Block Fun

Many of the children have been using our wooden blocks to build roads and ramps for cars.

We have learned about what makes the best ramp, sharing and taking turns.

## Student/family information forms

Please ensure that your child has returned the updated student/family information form we gave out last fortnight to the office or Preschool staff.

Thank you.

Please forward all financial enquiries to the main school office or call Ph: 8087-3522



