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Leadership News

Enrolment for mid-year intake for Morphett Vale Preschool is now open.

The Department for Education has introduced a mid-year intake into preschool. This means that from 2023 there will be two intakes to preschool. One at the beginning of the school year and one starting in Term 3.

Children who turn 4 years old:

- before 1 May are eligible to start preschool at the beginning of the year.
- on 1 May to 31 October can commence preschool through the mid-year intake at the start of term 3 of that year.

All children will have access to 4 terms of reception. If your child begins preschool at the beginning of the school year, they will start reception at the beginning of the following year. If your child starts preschool in the mid-year intake, they will start reception in the middle of the following year and complete 6 terms of reception.

This change will allow parents to enrol students born in the middle of the year in preschool, at a time that is more appropriate to their age and stage of development. Resuming the mid-year intake, alongside the January intake, also aims to help reduce the large age gaps in early year classes and differences in students' development.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the front office. Register as soon as possible for both beginning and middle year intakes for 2023 preschool to secure a place for your child.





The Living Kaurna Centre Excursion

On Thursday, 11th of August, our class and Mrs Ratlamwala's class went on an excursion to the Kaurna Cultural Centre at Bedford Park. This supported our learning about First Australian's and their connection to country and landscapes. When we arrived, we were welcomed with a smoking ceremony and had some ochre placed on our foreheads as a sign of welcome.

We then split into class groups, our class looked at some heritage buildings constructed by the European farmers, before heading into the Warriparinga Wetlands to learn about the native plants and animals. We discovered some grasses that smelt like lemon when crushed and that some plants had medicinal properties.

We saw Kookaburras and Rainbow Lorikeets nesting, and learned that it takes at least 50 years for a gum tree to be large enough to develop hollows in the trunk that are suitable for birds to nest in. Once we had finished our tour, we went inside, some students decided to have a try at traditional basket weaving, whilst others made bracelets and necklaces. These activities took lots of skill and concentrations to be successful. We all thoroughly enjoyed our excursion to the Kaurna Cultural Centre, made even better by bright sunny weather on what had been a very wet week. We would like to thank the parents and staff that attended the excursion with us. Without parent volunteer's excursions would not be able to occur.

Kim Creeper, Ben Johns, Yakuta Ratlamwala and Susan Hayter





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Building creative minds in
Mrs Schnetler's Rec / Yr1 classroom

Our class was transformed into a world of Lego recently when we held our GooRoo Animations incursion.

We began our morning with the movie, The Lego Movie, which was then followed by a guided demonstration on how to create our own lego animation movie. Learners had a choice of their background and lego figurines. They then used a program called stop motion studio to bring their lego stories to life.

Every learner showed creativity and engagement as they moved their characters to take photos. Collaboration and communication were key elements in this activity as they had to work together to ensure they moved the characters correctly and not too far apart between photos taken.

If you would like to see our lovely creations, you can find them on YouTube. Search for *GooRoo Animations Workshops*, we are located under their playlists, listed as Morphett Vale Primary School.





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Here is what we had to say about our incursion:

Lexi: "It was fun to watch my video I made at the end."

Ray: "Jamie and I worked really hard. We tried to make it our best and we tried to use different animals."

Scarlett: "It was an exciting activity. Our story was about Mia at the horse ranch."

Ashleigh: "We created a pony animation, we all shared the iPad to take pictures."

Mason: "I had so much fun creating it with Jayden. Steve did a backflip in our movie."

Felix: "It was fun, I did a dinosaur one."

Sohail: "We tried to make the shark eat the other shark. We wanted to make the person escape from the other two sharks. It was fun."





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Preschool News

This term we have worked hard on our numeracy goals in Preschool. The children have worked on being able to tell the difference between big and little, and on patterning with our coloured bears.



They have counted buckets of sand in the sandpit and had many conversations about more and less.



Towers have been built and destroyed, with balance and weight experimented with. Our smart board means that we can use interactive slides to help us begin to learn about numerals.



Our sandpit had a small top up and the children found, grouped and counted some amazing pebble treasures in the new sand.



We have also experimented with magnets and had a visit from some reptile friends! Everyone was brave and said hello!

