

### Welcome!

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2020. We hope this newsletter will provide you all with updated information regarding any changes in the service and any upcoming events!

I'm sure some of you may have noticed some new faces to the service this year. This year we have welcomed Miss Gemma and Miss Sharyne to our team. Please make sure you introduce yourself and get to know these wonderful new additions to the team.

We have also appointed Miss Mirjam who will see in the younger rooms helping out. Miss Mirjam will be in the nursery room each Tuesday so please make her feel welcomed.

All the rooms are now settled beautifully after we have farewelled our Big School friends and we hope everyone is settling into Prep nicely.

### **Are you Sending Enough Spare clothes and undies in your child's bag?**

Now that it is warmer you will notice the children will engage in water play more often. Water play is a great activity for all children of all ages as they build confidence and explore with friends in a safe environment. We do ask that you please send enough spare clothes and undies in your child's bag that the staff can change them into. We also encourage you to bring Shoes as the grass can get warm on their little feet. Can you please also ensure that all items are labelled with your child's name to avoid lost property?



If you would like to know more about the benefits of water play I have included a link to a great article below:

<http://www.essentialbaby.com.au/toddler/development/how-kids-benefit-from-playing-with-water-20180110-h0gmbq>

## Upcoming Events

### February

14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day

25<sup>th</sup> Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)

## Booking Extra Days

Are you in need of extra days? Please be aware that the service is full on a Tues, Wed and Thurs. We are able to provide extra days on Mondays and Fridays. If you would like to book an extra day please phone the service on 33535511.

## Music with Marnie on a Monday!

We love music with Marnie. Mondays are always a favourite as the children learn new songs, play new instruments and learn all the different notes and ways to make music. Our Monday music class is complimentary, allowing all children to learn and love music.



Help Us Keep your Children Healthy!

There are a lot of nasty bugs around at the moment, so if you notice your child is looking under the weather, please keep them at home until they feel better as this helps stop the spread of infection.

Things to look out for:

- Watery Loose Stools
- Vomiting
- Temperatures over 38 degrees
- Rashes
- Green thick mucus coming from nose
- General feeling of unwell or lethargy

If you have any questions regarding our Exclusion policies you can find the exclusion timeframes located on the back office door. Alternatively you can speak with any of your children's Key educators or find Miss Natalie or Miss Shannyn.

Have a Wonderful Month. Love from the McDowall Village Team xx

## Extra Curriculum Activities

Did you know that we offer extra curriculum activities?

While all children attend a Music class on a Monday, we also have other options you can sign your children up to also.

I have provided the days and links below for you all.

Mondays- Music with Marnie

Tuesdays- Ginger Sport (Soccer)

<https://gingersport.com.au/>

Fridays- Happy Feet Fitness!

We love Happy Feet 😊

<https://www.https://www.happyfeetfitness.com.au/.com.au>

