


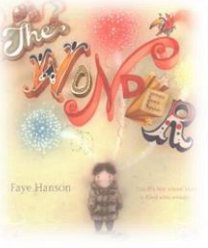
Welcome back everyone. The children are all excited to be back and catch up with their friends and have been busy exploring the Preschool environment.

Many of the children have demonstrated an interest in writing. We will be encouraging them to have a go at writing their names as part of the morning routine. We will be using an iPad program that directs correct letter formation for those who are interested. Many children already write their names. We are focusing on forming the letters from the top and writing their name in lower case. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting this and guiding your children through this activity. To support this learning we plan to walk to the Farrer shops so that each child can buy a stamp, attach it to a letter and send the letter/drawing to themselves. A permission note will be sent home.

Echidnas - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August

Possums - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August

This term we are going to start the:

<p><b>Take home Bear</b></p> 	<p>The children will take home a bear <b>for the week</b>. On the day that they return the bear they share all the adventures they have had with the bear with the class. To help them do this the children will use the picture that they draw and we will read the paragraph that has been scribed by you.</p> <p>Can you please help your child dictate a paragraph as you scribe about what the bear did with him/her during their time together. Then you can you encourage your child to draw a picture to illustrate what you have written.</p> <p>This is a language exercise which is also part of our self-esteem program.</p>
<p><b>"The Wonder" book</b></p> 	<p>We would like our preschoolers to read the book, The Wonder, by Faye Hanson, with a parent/carer and discuss with their parent/carer something that they wonder about. They can record a wondering question on the 'wondering card' <b>and return the book and card to school the following day</b>. The 'wonderings' will be addressed in the preschool program (We will give it our best effort). Reading and talking about aspects of the world that interest them encourages children to ask questions about their interests and seek deeper understandings.</p>



We will celebrate Book Week with a Dress up Day and a Story night.

**Story night** will be on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at **6.30** at Preschool. Children come in their pyjamas with their favourite bedtime cuddly animal and a parent. Holly Bidwell, a story teller will present stories.

**Dress up Days** Echidnas - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August

Possums - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August

A separate note will be sent home with further information

**Learning Journeys** will also take place at preschool in week 8 between 8.30 and 10.30.

Echidnas - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Possums – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September

We would like to see you and look forward to this special occasion

Throughout the year we have we have had a focus on the culture and history of the Ngunnawal people, the traditional custodians of the preschool land. We have planted many native plants and look forward to the seasonal changes that will come with spring. We have organised visits from Adam Shipp an Indigenous engagement and training officer from Greening Australia to talk to the children about the various Indigenous plants and their uses. Parents and Carers are invited.

Echidnas 6<sup>th</sup> September 11.00 am

Possums 14<sup>th</sup> September 9.30 am



Please send in a small pillow for rest time



**Hats** – Under our Sunsmart guidelines hats will need to be worn from the beginning of August (week 3).

**Library Reminder**    **Echidnas** - Monday    **Possums** – Thursday

Please help your child select a book. If you need any help please see one of the educators.

**Spare Clothes** – please continue sending a change of clothes to school in the children's bags.

The Preschool team.

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