



Kootingal & District Preschool Newsletter – Term 4 2026 Edition

A MESSAGE FROM KATE

Welcome back to our final term of the year! We hope all of our families had a lovely break and are ready for another busy and exciting term at Kootingal Preschool.

Term 4 is always a special one, particularly for our children preparing to head off to big school. Over the coming weeks, we will continue supporting the children to build their confidence, independence, friendships and self-help skills while, most importantly, enjoying their final months of preschool.

As the weather warms up please make sure you are putting sunscreen on your children before they arrive at school as it takes 20 minutes to soak in and we don't want anyone getting sunburnt.

For those families returning next year we are in the process of finalising 2027 enrolments, if you have a sibling starting at Kootingal preschool in 2027 please make sure you have completed their enrolment form. Please also ensure they are toilet trained before they start with us.

We have lots to look forward to this term and can't wait to share all the learning, fun and special moments with you.

As always, thank you to our wonderful families for your ongoing support of our children, educators and preschool community. Here's to a fantastic Term 4!

Important Dates

Week 3: Grandparents
Morning all week 9:30-
10:30

Week 4: Lockdown drills
at Preschool all week

Week 6: Snake drills at
Preschool all week

Week 8: Fire drills at
Preschool all week

November 27th
Graduation

December 3rd: Parent
first aid information
night

December 11th:
Christmas concert @
5:30

Week 10: Water Week



We have noticed lots of friends are not bringing enough food in their lunch boxes. Please make sure to pack some extra snacks so that if they are hungrier on one day they have enough food.

Top tip: pack an extra sandwich that can be used again the next day if it isn't eaten.

Current Programs

Aboriginal Language Program

Loren has been attending Tuesday mornings teaching the children Gamilaraay language through songs and games.

Yoga with Jo

Jo comes every Wednesday and spends time with both rooms engaging in relaxation, breathing and stretching activities.

Library with Amy

Amy will be visiting fortnightly this term on Fridays, she will be bringing along some special books and craft.



As our term ends on Wednesday this year Water Week this year will be Monday 14th-Wednesday 16th December. You will need to pack your child a pair of swimmers and a towel on the day. A reminder will be sent out closer to the dates above.

Children aged under 7 years must use an approved suitable child restraint when travelling in a vehicle. A child restraint is a forward-facing or rear-facing child car seat (also referred to as a baby car seat or baby capsule), or a booster seat.

Fees

Please note the due date for fees means that this is when they must be paid by, if you would prefer - you can pay weekly or fortnightly amounts to help break the costs up. If you are having trouble paying your fees, please do not leave this until they are due to reach out, please let us know before then so we can assist.

Just a reminder that if your child has had a temperature, vomiting or diarrhoea in the 24 hours before coming to preschool they are not able to attend as we have a 24-hour exclusion period for these symptoms to ensure the spread of germs is minimised.

If you have needed to give your child Panadol/Nurofen before coming to preschool they are also not able to attend.

If you require any further information, please feel free to check out our policies on our website

For the safety of all children, we kindly ask that any children who are not enrolled at preschool remain with their parent or carer at all times during drop-off and pick-up.

Please ensure that siblings and other visiting children are not running around the playground or opening doors and gates.



Our educators have been focusing on developing children's self-help skills, particularly as our older children prepare for their transition to school. At primary school, children are part of a much larger group and are encouraged to manage many everyday tasks independently.

Families can support this at home by giving children time to have a go before stepping in to help. Some great skills to practise include opening yoghurt tubs and lunch containers, removing wrappers from food, managing their own toileting, putting on and taking off shoes, zipping lunchboxes and bags, and taking jumpers on and off.

For children heading to Kindergarten, Velcro or easy-to-manage shoes are a great option while they are still developing the skills needed to tie shoelaces.

These may seem like little tasks, but each one helps build confidence, persistence and independence — important skills that will support children as they make the exciting transition to big school.



Please ensure your child is collected before 4pm or a late fee may be incurred.

When deciding when your child should start school, it is important to consider their overall readiness rather than age alone. Where families have the choice, giving children additional time at preschool can provide valuable opportunities to strengthen their confidence, independence, emotional regulation, social skills and readiness for the transition to school.

If you are considering a Catholic school, please also be mindful that many Catholic schools begin their enrolment process early in Term 1 for the following school year. We encourage families to contact their preferred school early so you are aware of enrolment dates and requirements, even if you are still deciding whether your child will start school the following year.

Our educators are always happy to chat with families about their child's individual development and readiness for school.

If you have any suggestions, comments, or feedback, please feel free to speak with the classroom educators, Kate or our parent committee.

All parent feedback is welcome. Please feel free to chat with us or call 67603861. You can also email director@kootingalpreschool.com.au or president@kootingalpreschool.com.au