Dear Parents/Caregivers,
Welcome back to the 2015 school year and a big welcome to our new families. I hope you all had a fantastic break and I am looking forward to a fun filled year of learning.

Please have a read through our first newsletter for 2015 as it contains important reminders about our preschool year. If you need support understanding what is written please contact one of our staff members for help.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child or how they are progressing, feel free to contact me at anytime. You are welcome to come in and see what we are doing in the preschool anytime.

Kind Regards,
Lisa Vermeeren.

Preschool Staffing
Below are the photos of the main staff who will be involved with the Preschool this year.

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**Hats**

As part of the school hat policy students are required to wear a broadbrim or legionnaires hat at all times when outside. Hats can be left at school and will be washed once a week to make it easier for families. New students will receive their first hat free.

**School Uniform/ Shoes**

It is encouraged that all students wear school uniform when attending preschool. Uniforms can be purchased from the front office. Please ensure that your child comes to school with suitable footwear. Sneakers and sandals are acceptable but thongs are unsafe, especially when playing outdoors.

**Healthy Eating**

Children are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit or healthy snack for morning/afternoon tea. Snack time will be held every session after the main group time. Some fruit is supplied for group times but it would be great if your child could bring a piece to share occasionally. If your child is attending a full day session they are required to bring their own lunch. If this needs to be placed in the fridge please find a staff member and they will place it in there for you. If your child needs a lunch order you can fill one out in the preschool or in the canteen, please let staff know if you child has a lunch order so it can be collected at lunch time.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** we are a nut free school. There are some children attending that have severe allergic reactions to nuts, especially peanuts. Due to this, food containing nuts or labelled ‘may contain nuts’ should not be brought into the preschool. If you need some ideas of what to pack in your child lunchbox please come and see me.

Water is available at all times for students to drink.

**Notices**

Please check your child’s notice pocket daily, these are located by the lockers. Important notices, reminders, newsletters etc. will be placed in there regularly.
**Program**

This term we are focusing on ‘construction’ for our theme due to the new Preschool building being built. The teaching program may contain different topics that cover celebrations, magic, Easter, Christmas etc. Please contact Miss Vermeeren in advance if there are any areas of concern, so arrangements can be made for your child(ren) to do an alternative programme.

**Literacy and Numeracy**

This year we will be having a big literacy and numeracy focus in the preschool. Every week we will have a new letter/sound and number that we will be working on. Throughout the year we will be working on basic numeracy and literacy concepts through intended structured learning and play based activities.

**Sign In/ Sign Out**

When you drop your child off or pick them up from preschool it is important that you sign them in and out. Our sign in system encourages students to try writing their name when they arrive every session. Please support and encourage your child to take part in this routine.

**Pick Up/ Drop Off**

Our morning session runs from 8:45am to 11:45am and our afternoon session runs from 12:00pm till 3:00pm. If your child is attending a full day session they attend from 8:45am till 3:00pm. It is your responsibility to drop off and pick up your child at the correct times. If you arrive early please stay with your child till the session starts. If you are late to collect your child he/she will be taken to the front office and you will be contacted. If someone else is picking up your child please let Miss Vermeeren know.

If your child needs to get on the bus to go to childcare please let Miss Vermeeren know and we can arrange this for you.
Term 1 Overview
The main topic for this term will be construction

- Name Writing
- Safe and Unsafe
- Feelings
- Counting
- Warning Signs
- Building and imaginative play
- Jolly Phonics
- Turn taking and playing games
- PLAY