

# Preschool Information Booklet



**BELONGING, BEING & BECOMING**



## Lansvale Public School

Our school emphasises quality relationships, outstanding teaching and learning, and high expectations from preschool to Year 6.

At Lansvale you can expect:

- Quality literacy, numeracy and technology programs from pre-school to Year 6
- A range of high achievement learning programs catering for gifted and talented students, students with learning difficulties and students with English as a second language
- Exemplary student leadership programs and effective discipline programs
- A well-resourced library, computers in every room and air-conditioned learning spaces
- Extensive and effective multicultural programs including community languages and TAFE adult English classes
- A wide range of creative extra curricular activities for all, featuring interschool sport, choir and dance
- Growing parent participation and support opportunities

## Lansvale Public School Preschool's Philosophy

- Educating the future leaders and learners (community participants) in the Lansvale Learning Community is important business.
- At Lansvale Public School preschool we believe that early childhood (3-5 years) is a critical stage in children's lives and that all children deserve a high quality early childhood program. We define quality largely in line with the beliefs of the Early Years Learning Framework for Australia. Here at Lansvale the children will be working towards these five learning outcomes:
  - Children have a strong sense of identity
  - Children are connected with and contribute to their world
  - Children have a strong sense of wellbeing
  - Children are confident and involved learners
  - Children are effective communicators.

We believe children are competent, capable learners who are active participants and decision makers in their own learning. We acknowledge that each child is a unique and valued individual, bringing with them their diverse life experiences, passions, knowledge, languages and abilities.

We believe that children learn best through play. Children learn to explore, experiment, investigate, solve problems, communicate, form attachments, trust, imagine, create and discover. Educators strive to instill respect, understanding and appreciation of our natural world. Furthermore, we believe "play" emphasises the ideal approach to early childhood learning as the most important time in life and that children should be allowed to "just be".

The educators at Lansvale Public School preschool are committed to working in the best interest of children and their families. Lansvale educators attend to the children's wellbeing by providing warm, caring, trusting and respectful relationships. Our educators value reflective practice, in which programming decisions are shared and take into account each child's uniqueness, interests and needs.

Here at Lansvale, we are very proud that our families represent rich multicultural diversity. We will always welcome, listen to, learn from, respect and support families as partners in the educational process. Educators collaborate and plan learning goals to cater to all the needs of their child.

We strive to be a centre of excellence for early childhood education within our community as well as being a central link to information and support services within the wider community. Each parent is their child's first and most consistent teacher in life and we expect parents to be partners in all that we do.

Every child deserves the very best! We at Lansvale Public School preschool in partnership with families and the community expect to deliver on this aspiration.

"Learning is experience, everything else is just information" (A. Einstein)





## Principal's Message

Welcome to Lansvale Public School. We trust that your child will have an enjoyable and interesting time at preschool.

The preschool learning program is based on *Learning Through Play* theory and is designed to help your child develop socially, physically, emotionally, spiritually and academically. We are very proud of our active multicultural learning community. Parents are strongly encouraged to participate in our school. We run exemplary bilingual community language programs in Chinese, Vietnamese and Khmer at preschool.

Our curriculum and learning program are based on the Early Years Learning Framework derived from the concepts Being, Belonging and Becoming.

Please read this booklet carefully. It contains important information about the preschool.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child at preschool at any time, please speak to the preschool teachers or me. We are keenly interested in every child's learning and well being.

Mr Mark Diamond  
Principal

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## Daily Routine - Terms 1 and 4 (Summer Program)

9.00-11.00 – Outdoor free Play (Including progressive morning tea)

11.00-1.00 – Indoor free play

1.00-1.30 - Lunch

1.30 – 2.00 - Outdoor free play

2.10- 2.30 – Group time

2.30- 3.00 – Indoor free play



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## Daily Routine - Terms 2 and 3 (Winter Program)

9.00-11.00 - Indoor play ( including progressive morning tea)

11.00-1.00 – Outdoor Play

1.00- 1.30 – Lunch

1.30- 2.00 – Outdoor Play

2.10- 2.30 – Group time

2.30- 3.00 – Indoor Play



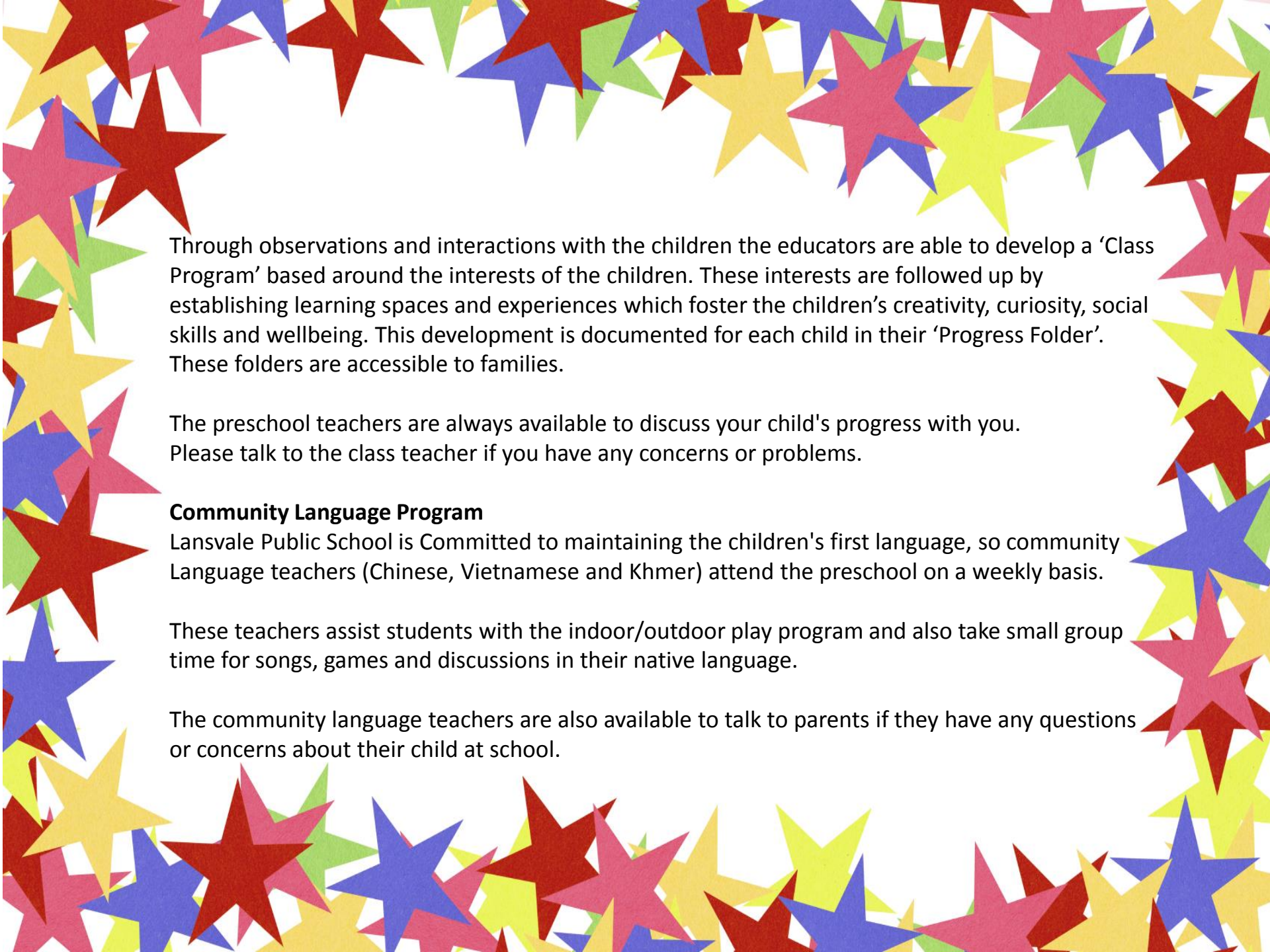
## Preschool Program

The preschool program is based on the 'Early Years Learning Framework', which focuses on learning through play. Play is a natural way of learning. Through the play program we support students to develop their social, emotional, physical, language and academic skills.

We also aim to encourage and further develop the following skills and attitudes in the children:

- Lively inquiring minds
- Love of learning
- Willingness to apply effort to worthwhile tasks
- The ability to think rationally and to reason
- The use of the imagination
- Powers of creative self expression
- Powers of judgment
- Physical and mental health
- Self confidence
- A sense of self worth
- Consideration for others
- Decision making and problem solving skills
- An understanding of themselves and their world
- Making connections between prior experiences and new learning





Through observations and interactions with the children the educators are able to develop a 'Class Program' based around the interests of the children. These interests are followed up by establishing learning spaces and experiences which foster the children's creativity, curiosity, social skills and wellbeing. This development is documented for each child in their 'Progress Folder'. These folders are accessible to families.

The preschool teachers are always available to discuss your child's progress with you. Please talk to the class teacher if you have any concerns or problems.

### **Community Language Program**

Lansvale Public School is Committed to maintaining the children's first language, so community Language teachers (Chinese, Vietnamese and Khmer) attend the preschool on a weekly basis.

These teachers assist students with the indoor/outdoor play program and also take small group time for songs, games and discussions in their native language.

The community language teachers are also available to talk to parents if they have any questions or concerns about their child at school.





## Organisation and procedures

### **Attendance**

Your child must attend preschool every day that s/he is enrolled.

Please tell us if your child cannot attend because of illness, family vacation or other reasons.

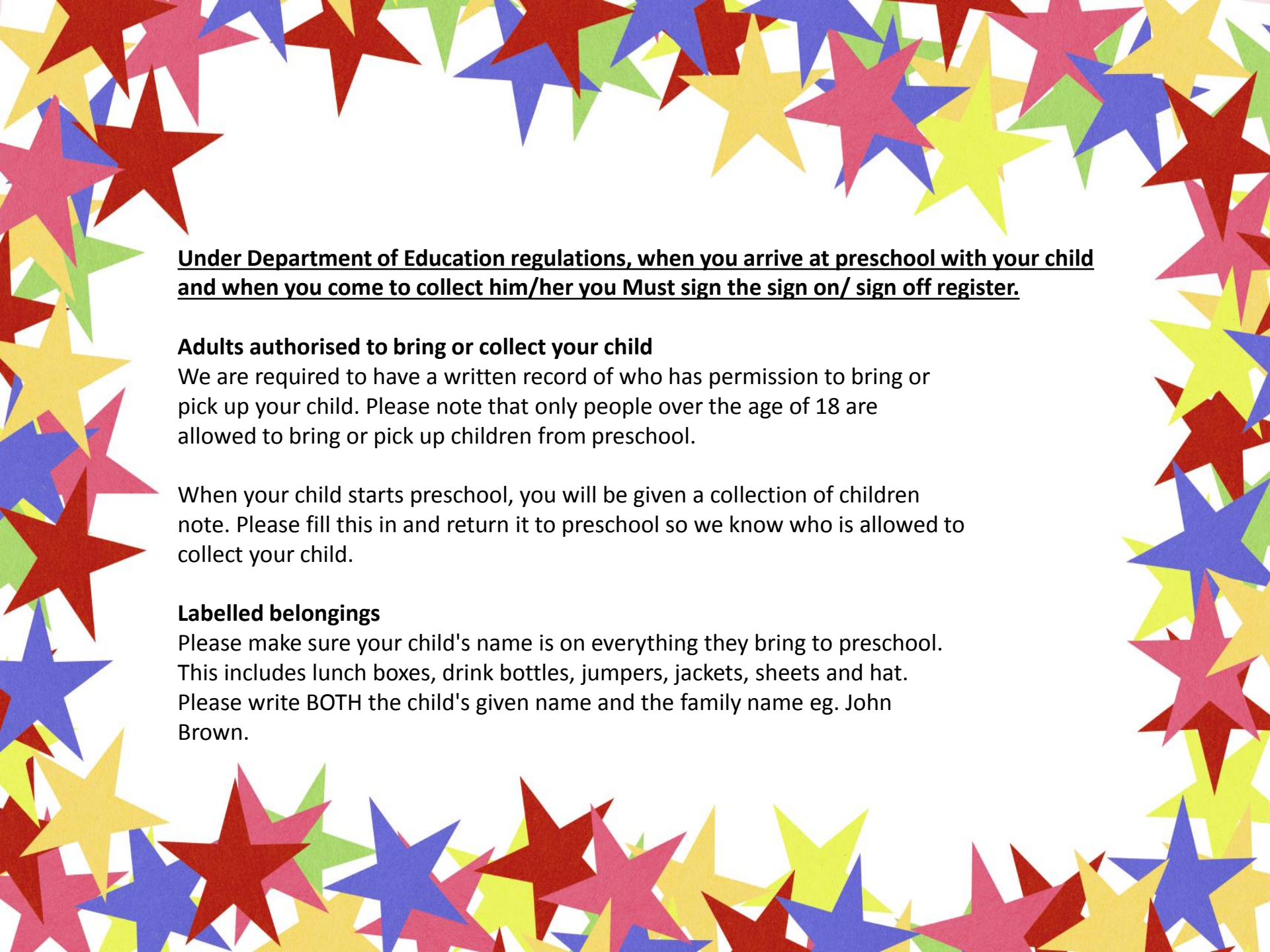
If your child has an extended absence without explanation the place may be given to another child.

### **Arrival**

Preschool begins at 9.00am. **Do not** drop your child at the front door, you must bring her/him into the classroom and sign the sign on register.

Preschool finishes at 3.00pm. Please make sure your child is picked up on time.

If you are going to be late please ring the school on 9724-5252 to let us know so we can reassure your child. Children who are not collected by 3.00pm are taken to the primary school office on Chancery Street.



**Under Department of Education regulations, when you arrive at preschool with your child and when you come to collect him/her you Must sign the sign on/ sign off register.**

**Adults authorised to bring or collect your child**

We are required to have a written record of who has permission to bring or pick up your child. Please note that only people over the age of 18 are allowed to bring or pick up children from preschool.

When your child starts preschool, you will be given a collection of children note. Please fill this in and return it to preschool so we know who is allowed to collect your child.

**Labelled belongings**

Please make sure your child's name is on everything they bring to preschool. This includes lunch boxes, drink bottles, jumpers, jackets, sheets and hat. Please write BOTH the child's given name and the family name eg. John Brown.





## Requirements

### **Each child needs to bring:**

1. A school bag in which your child can fit his/her lunch and a full change of clothes, clearly named.
2. A box of tissues, 4 rolls of toilet paper, 2 liquid soaps.  
These will be used throughout the year.
3. A sun hat (labeled with the child's name) to be left at preschool for outdoor play.





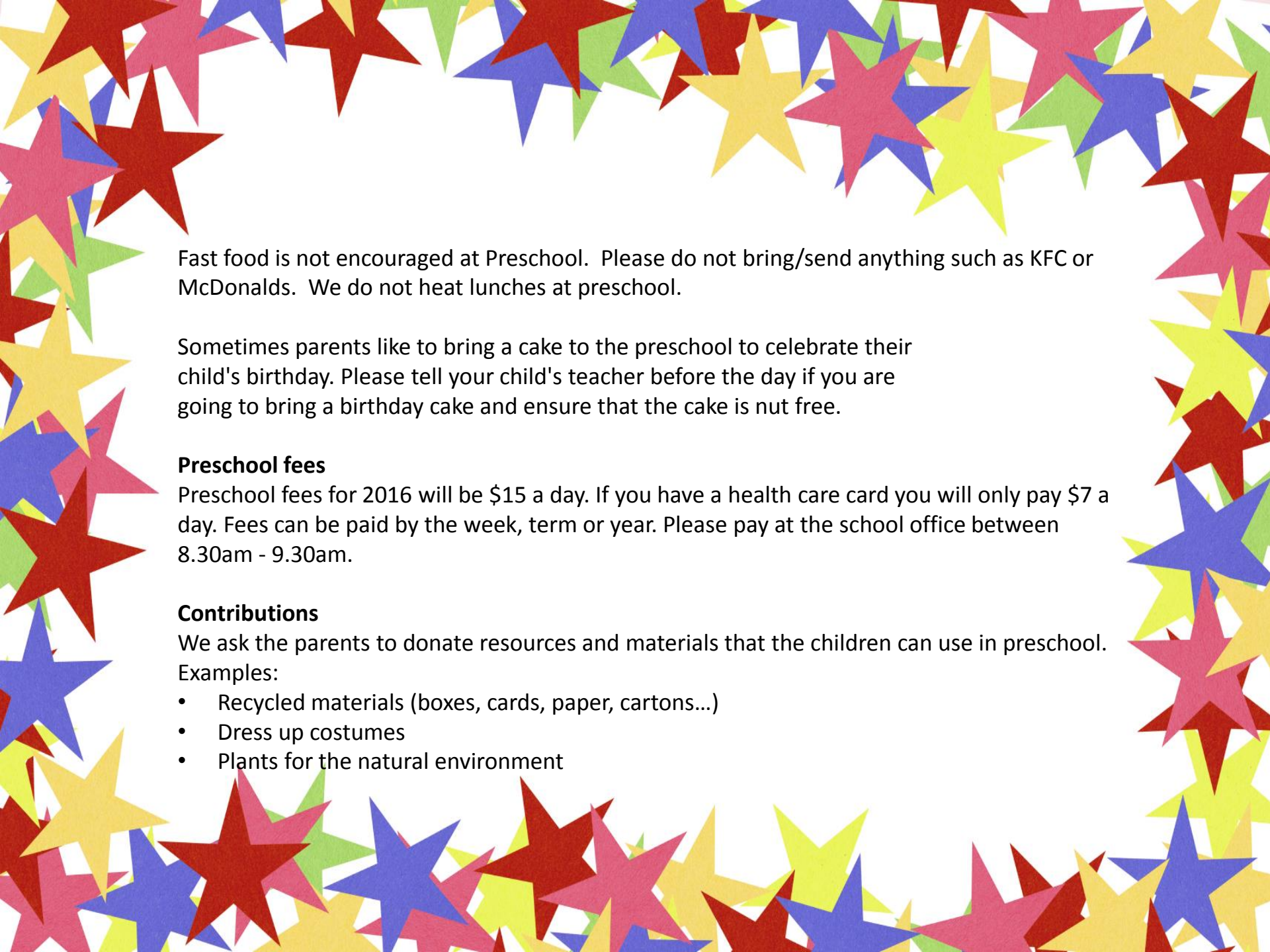
### **Lunch**

Children need to bring healthy food for morning tea and lunch each day, they should bring a water bottle.

Morning tea could include a small amount of food such as fruit, sultanas, cheese sticks and a water bottle. Please pack this in a separate container to lunch.

Lunch could include food such as sandwiches, fried rice, fruit and water.

**LOLLIES, JELLIES and CHOCOLATES are NOT to be sent to preschool.**



Fast food is not encouraged at Preschool. Please do not bring/send anything such as KFC or McDonalds. We do not heat lunches at preschool.

Sometimes parents like to bring a cake to the preschool to celebrate their child's birthday. Please tell your child's teacher before the day if you are going to bring a birthday cake and ensure that the cake is nut free.

### **Preschool fees**

Preschool fees for 2016 will be \$15 a day. If you have a health care card you will only pay \$7 a day. Fees can be paid by the week, term or year. Please pay at the school office between 8.30am - 9.30am.

### **Contributions**

We ask the parents to donate resources and materials that the children can use in preschool.

Examples:

- Recycled materials (boxes, cards, paper, cartons...)
- Dress up costumes
- Plants for the natural environment





### **Clothing**

Children should be dressed appropriately for the weather. All clothing should be marked with the child's name.

Children should be able to put their own shoes on. Joggers or sandals are suitable footwear. Slip on shoes or thongs should not be worn.

No jewellery should be worn.

All students must wear a hat to play outside.

### **Sunscreen**

We ask that you put sunscreen on your child every morning when you arrive at preschool. Sunscreen supplied by the preschool can be found on the children's lockers. You can use your own sunscreen at home if you wish.





### **Accidents/Illness & Allergies**

Students are supervised during all activities, but accidents can happen.

Minor accidents such as grazes are treated at preschool and parents informed at the end of the day.

In the event of a serious accident or if your child is ill, parents will be contacted by telephone.

We ask all parents to leave phone numbers where they can be contacted in case of such an emergency. We also ask you to nominate another adult living close to the school in case parents cannot be contacted.

Please tell us if you change your address or phone numbers.

If your child has allergies or asthma, an action plan **MUST** be provided by your child's doctor. Please ensure you provide this information to preschool before your child begins preschool.



**Toys**

Toys should not be brought to the preschool from variety of toys and games for the children to play.

**Notes**

Please read all notes sent home from preschool. This will help you keep up-to-date with our organisation.

**Excursions**

During the year we usually organise an excursion to help us with our learning program. We like all children to attend excursions which are followed-up with other activities at the preschool.

To contact the preschool, telephone 9724 5252.  
Please ask for the preschool.



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## **Preschool Policy**

The preschool is an integral part of Lansvale Public School and operates under the policies of the NSW Department of Education and Communities and Lansvale Public School.