



### **CHANGES TO PRESCHOOL FOR NEXT WEEK**

- We are very happy to say that from next Monday, parents will be able to come into preschool again at drop off and pick up times. This fits with the easing of restrictions for Department of Education schools. For the time being, this will be restricted to the deck area and not the indoor spaces, for a short drop off and pick up only.
- Please remember that the children have now had 5 weeks of learning to choose their own nametags and putting their own bags in lockers and their lunch away, so let them show you how they do it. We are working on developing their independence and self-help skills.

#### **MASKS are still required in preschool for all adults**

Staff will be continuing to wear masks throughout the day in the indoor areas;

- Please do not come into preschool to drop off/pick up if you are unwell
- Just a reminder that as per our Infectious Diseases policy, sick children must not be sent to preschool. At all times, and especially now with the current Covid situation, staff are being particularly vigilant about this to keep our staff and all children well.
- Please remember to let the preschool know if your child is away due to illness, and particularly if they are away with Covid like symptoms at [info@alstonvillepreschool.com.au](mailto:info@alstonvillepreschool.com.au) or by phone.

It is also important that we know if anyone in your family has tested positive to Covid 19. If this is the case your preschool child will be required to isolate for 7 days and not attend preschool from the time of the family members' diagnosis.

There are still quite a few families who haven't yet joined the ACP Family Facebook page.

[2022 ACP Family Community | Facebook](#)

It's not too late, each **Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday**, the educators post pictures and information about what the children have been learning about each week for your information.

If you don't use Facebook.....

On Mondays you can find the previous weeks' photos and information in the Parent portal of the preschool website

[www.alstonvillepreschool.com.au](http://www.alstonvillepreschool.com.au)

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*We still need your photos for our Family Belonging walls in the rooms.*

Please send in a photo of your family doing something you all love or email your photo to [info@alstonvillepreschool.com.au](mailto:info@alstonvillepreschool.com.au) and we can print them for you

**A date for your diary ..... Our 2022 FAMILY WELCOME GET TOGETHER**

When: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Venue: Summerland House Adventure Park  
Wardell Rd Alstonville

Time : 5.00-6.30pm

*We have many new families to preschool year, so this will be a great opportunity to meet other preschool families and our educators.*

More details soon.

Have your say!

Ballina Council has developed a draft plan for playgrounds in the shire and is asking for feedback. There are no upgrades planned for any playgrounds in Alstonville in the next few years. If you would like to see improvements and more equipment (for any age group), please give feedback. The link below takes you to the Draft Playground Update and Management Plan and survey.

Feedback closes on the 4th of March. <https://ballina.nsw.gov.au/playgrounds>

### Message from the Management Committee

The management committee would like to take this opportunity to welcome all families and educators to what we hope to be another great year at preschool.

As a not for profit community run preschool we rely heavily on our volunteer management committee. We currently have some vacancies on the Management Committee for 2022. If this is something you are interested in, please speak to Narelle or Naomi in the office for more information.

Being a part of the Management Committee is a rewarding experience, not only giving you a deeper understanding of how decisions affecting the preschool are made, but it is a great way to get to know other preschool families.

*Our Annual General Meeting will be held*

*on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.00p.m*

All preschool families welcome to attend.



Don't forget to **check the painting hangers** out the front for your children's paintings each day. We have some great little artists this year!

**FLOORBOOKS or project books** are one of our main ways to document our days of learning. From next week these will be available each afternoon on the deck outside each room for you to look over.

These are great discussion starters with your child about what has been happening during their day.

We have a **Maintenance Levy** of \$80 per year payable by families to help us maintain the beautiful environment of our preschool, without families being required to attend Working Bees throughout the year.

An invoice has been emailed to all families

Please let us know if you haven't got yours.