Please refer to our Preschool Parent’s Handbook on our school website. If you do not have access to the internet, please ask the Amaroo Front Office for a printed copy.

Our School Goals and Values

Our goals are that every student will:
- Be challenged and supported to develop his/her talents and skills to his/her full potential.
- Develop a strong sense of belonging to and ownership of our school and contribute to building a safe and welcoming community for all.

The two values that guide our work are excellence and inclusion.

Excellence in all that we do and expect.

Inclusion of all members of our school community through respect, tolerance and recognition of difference.

In our Preschool classes children are engaged in play-based learning. Children learn in a number of different ways and each at a vastly different pace. The program is specifically designed to cater for these differences and utilises both structured and unstructured play which is resource-intensive and promotes learning as fun, exciting and challenging.

Our aims are to provide opportunities for each Preschool child to:
- Develop social skills, interpersonal relationships and the fundamental life skills of teamwork and group interaction.
- Promote a healthy self concept and self confidence to meet the challenges of learning.
- Extend knowledge and skills.
- Develop school readiness skills.

School Terms 2015

Term 1
Friday 30 January to Friday 10 April.

Term 2
Monday 27 April to Friday 3 July.

Term 3
Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September.

Term 4
Monday 12 October to Friday 18 December.

Session times

Option 1
9am-3pm

Week 1: Monday, Tuesday
Week 2: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Option 2
9am-3pm

Week 1: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Week 2: Thursday, Friday

How to help your child settle into preschool

- Please make sure that everything is marked with your child’s name such as clothes, shoes, lunchboxes, drink bottles and bag (attach a distinctive label or ribbon).

- Accidents do happen – please provide spare underwear and additional clothing in their bag.

- Do not allow your child to bring any toys, jewellery or electronic items to school, as they may get broken or lost.

- During the holidays encourage them to practice opening and closing their lunch box and school bag.
Food and Drink
Please provide a drink bottle filled with water each day. Children need to bring a snack and lunch.
Snack (B1) may include:
• a piece of fruit/vegetable and/or half a sandwich
Lunch (B2) may include:
• a sandwich (or similar) plus fruit, yoghurt or cheese

Anaphylaxis Aware School
Amaroo School is an anaphylaxis aware school. This is to provide protection for children who have severe allergic reactions to nuts and nut products. Parents are asked to provide nut free food for their child’s morning snack and lunch. This includes Nutella and peanut butter sandwiches.

Parent Involvement
We greatly value and support your involvement in the life of the School. There are many ways in which you can be involved at Amaroo Preschool.
• Offering to help in your child’s classroom.
• Sharing your skills and interests with the Children.
• Assisting on excursions.
• General assistance with maintenance of equipment and the outdoor environment.
• Being an active member of the School P&C and help in decision making.
• Participating in special projects or events during the year.

Family Contribution
The school will ask for a family contribution when you enrol. This contribution goes towards providing preschool consumables; paint, paper and educational equipment used in the preschool.

Clothing and Footwear
Children need to wear suitable clothes and shoes for climbing, crawling, painting and playing in the sandpit.

No flowing dresses or skirts.
No thongs or flip flops without ankle straps. These are unsafe in the playground.

Please do not send your child in their best clothes as they WILL get dirty in their play and to some children this can be distressing.

Sun Smart
We are a sun smart school and follow the sun smart policy guidelines. Each child is given a hat as part of their school pack. Your child’s name is painted onto the underside brim of the hat. Each classroom has a different coloured hat to make identification in the playground easier. The hat remains at Preschool during the school terms. Hats are worn when the children are outside during the peak UV months of the year. We also encourage parents on roster to bring their hat during those months.

We look forward to having your child at Amaroo School Preschool

"...direct experience and creativity sets the best foundations for life long learning.”
(John Joseph, 2006)