



# Amaroo School

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Dear families and carers

Amaroo School is now closed. All families are asked to keep their children at home if they can. ACT public schools will remain open to provide supervision for vulnerable children and for children whose parents are essential workers.

Week 6 preschool learning

**There will be no teacher directed learning in Week 6, Monday - Thursday.** Preschool attendance and learning is not compulsory, however, a purposeful learning program for preschool aged children has the potential to prepare and support them for the demands of formal schooling. It is highly encouraged that your preschooler participates in some of the recommended activities prepared by the ACT Education Directorate during the lockdown period.

Preschool teachers and support staff will use the lockdown period to prepare online, quality early learning experiences and activities for Week 7 if we are required to transition to Remote Learning.

Preschool families and students are encouraged to use Week 6 to -

- Create a predictable daily routine; eating times, active times, play times, rest/quiet times
- Use the [ACT Education Directorate's online learning resources](#)
- Read daily, independently where possible or to your child/children. Remind your child every time they look at the pictures in a book, they are 'reading' the story
- [ACT Libraries](#) now have story time online with library staff sharing some of their favourite Australian picture books
- Go outside and physically move (complying with health guidelines)
- Minimise screen time

Teach and practise self-help skills to develop independence -

- Putting on/taking off shoes, socks, jumpers, pants etc, folding up their own clothes, helping to make their bed
- Independent toileting and hand washing routines
- Helping to prepare snacks and other meals, cleaning up after themselves, rubbish in bins, cup/plate at sink etc.
- Collecting their own learning resources and helping to pack away
- Helping with household tasks such as emptying the dishwasher, setting the table, packing away their toys



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Other opportunities for learning include -

- Giving them time for uninterrupted play (imaginative, creative, dress ups)
- Board games, card games, teach turn taking, strategy and problem solving skills
- Craft, colouring, cutting, making items from recyclable materials
- Cooking (measuring, mixing, tasting)
- Gardening (exploring)
- Writing letters and drawing pictures for families and friends

All class teachers will contact families by phone to check-in during the lockdown period. This call will likely come from an unknown number to your primary listed phone number.

Amaroo School will provide further communication to all families regarding the lockdown period and changes to regular schooling.