



**MACFARLANE
PRESCHOOL**

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Learn to play. Play to learn.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

You the parent are an integral part of the Preschool and you are always welcome to come in and join us.

Parents can enrich the Preschool environment in many ways such as –

- Working and talking with children in the Preschool.
- Providing opportunities for the further learning at home and in other places.
- Assisting the children to explore the wider social environment outside the home and Preschool.
- You can join us regularly or as time permits, **but you are always welcome.**

Welcome to MacFarlane Preschool

You are entering into a partnership with the Preschool for the care and development of your child. We trust that you will always find this a happy and friendly relationship.

We aim to make this new experience at Preschool an exciting and wonderful one for your child. They will be entering a new world with lots of new and exciting things to do. Your child will make many new friends with both children and adults. For some children (and their families) this can be an overwhelming experience, but as a staff we try to make the transition into Preschool a pleasant one.

Preschool Times

Morning Group: 8.15am to 11.15am

Afternoon Group: 11.45am to 2.45pm

Our Program

The aim of the Preschool Program is to provide the opportunity for each child to learn actively in a stimulating environment. We endeavor to cater to individual child, building onto and developing the skills which each child brings with them.

Our Preschool Program is play based. Play provides opportunities for children to learn as they discover, create, improvise and imagine.

PMP- Perceptual Motor Program

3 days per week. Rotational activities which assist in development of Preschoolers motor skills.

Movement & active play promote fitness, increased muscle strength and tone, strong bones, important social experiences, self-esteem and preparation for teamwork.

EXCURSIONS: You will have signed a consent form for your child to go on excursions around town. This form is attached to our enrolment form.

BIRTHDAYS: These are very exciting times for young children and you are welcome to bring along a birthday cake to share with their classmates.

RECESS/ EATING TIME: Please supply your child with a “HEALTHY” snack. Remember it is not lunch. Please do not send soft drinks or lollies with your children.

TOYS: We do prefer that children do not bring their toys to Preschool. The Preschool staff take **NO** responsibility for any toys brought to the Preschool.

HOLIDAYS: If you are going away on holidays during the term please let the Preschool staff know in writing if possible.

LIBRARY

We have an extremely well stocked library with many books available for borrowing. Your child will need a cloth bag to carry their books. Bags are now available from the office. Children may borrow every day if they wish, or return them as time permits. If any books are lost or badly damaged parents may be asked to pay for a replacement book.

One of our aims is to develop in children a love of books, stories and poetry. Therefore, we encourage children to borrow books.



PARENT CONTRIBUTION

\$50 per term.

PRESCHOOL FUNDING

Preschool in the Northern Territory receive a nominal amount of funding every year which goes toward the purchase of resources and consumables.

GENERAL INFORMATION

HATS: MacFarlane School has a policy of **“NO HAT, NO PLAY”**. We encourage you to provide your child with a hat. Bucket hats are available in assorted colours from the office.

CLOTHING: Please dress your child in play clothes. T-shirts are available from the office; these have the Preschool logo and are also available in a range of colours. We provide aprons for messy activities. Please put a spare set of clothes in your child’s bag. Please ensure that any clothing or other items you send to the Preschool are all clearly labeled.

FOOTWEAR: Sandals, closed in shoes- no thongs, slip-ons or high heeled shoes.

SWIMMING: The Preschool pool is filled for the children when the weather is suitable. This is usually in Term 4. You will be notified of the appropriate day when the time comes. If you wish your child to swim please send along bathers, towel and a hat all clearly named. Children without bathers and a towel will not be allowed to swim.

