

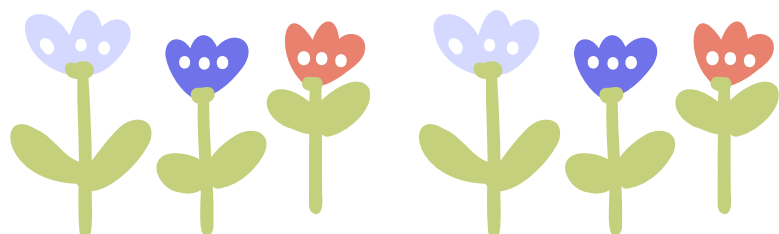
MUSWELLBROOK PRESCHOOL

MARCH 2026



A big thank you to all the families who joined us for our recent Welcome Afternoons. Our staff truly enjoyed chatting with you and learning more about your wonderful families. A friendly reminder that our AGM will be held on March 31st at 6pm in Room 4, and we encourage all families to come along and consider joining our committee. If you'd like more information about the committee, please feel free to stop by the office. We hope you've had a fantastic start to Term 1 and are enjoying the year so far.

Kelly 😊



REMINDERS

EASTER HAT PARADE!

- TUESDAY 31ST MARCH
2PM FOR 2:15PM
START
- AGM 31ST MARCH
6PM
- THURSDAY 2ND APRIL
2PM FOR 2:15PM
START

TERM DATES

- THURSDAY 2ND APRIL
LAST DAY OF TERM 1
- MONDAY 20TH APRIL
FIRST DAY OF TERM
- SAVE THE DATE,
MOTHER'S DAY NIGHT
THURS 7TH MAY 6PM TO
7PM. INVITE TO
FOLLOW

DONATIONS

WE KINDLY ASK FOR DONATIONS OF A FEW EVERYDAY ITEMS TO HELP KEEP COSTS DOWN FOR OUR PRESCHOOL. IF YOU ARE ABLE, WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SALT, TEXTAS, PLAIN FLOUR, TISSUES, OR GLUE STICKS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY.



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Part two!

DAY OF ACTION

Wednesday 6 May, 10am

Martin Place, Sydney

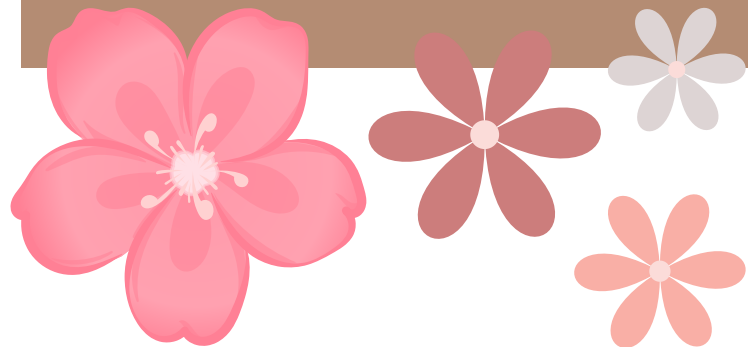
Stay tuned! More info to come

IEU Independent
Education
Union of Australia
NSW/ACT Branch



PUPIL FREE DAY!

- WEDNESDAY 6TH OF MAY



REMINDER!

EVERY TERM \$10 WILL BE CHARGED TO ACCOUNTS FOR MAINTENANCE FEE, THIS HAS JUST BEEN ADDED TO ACCOUNTS



ROOM 2 MON-WED

Box Recycling

Over the last couple of weeks, the children have been exploring and investigating recycled boxes in a variety of creative ways. They began by creating box collage using small and medium sizes, gluing and taping different boxes together and carefully decorating their designs while learning how to join materials securely. They then used the boxes to create cars, with the children adding details such as painting them and adding L plates. The learning continued as the children experimented with boxes on the slide, noticing how they moved and discussing speed and direction. In the sandpit, the boxes were used as containers and moulds to build and transport sand. Working collaboratively, the children also used the boxes to build a house, thinking carefully about balance and stability as they stacked and arranged them. Throughout this exploration, the children have developed their creativity, problem-solving skills, teamwork and understanding of shape, size and movement.



🍕 Pizza Play 🍕

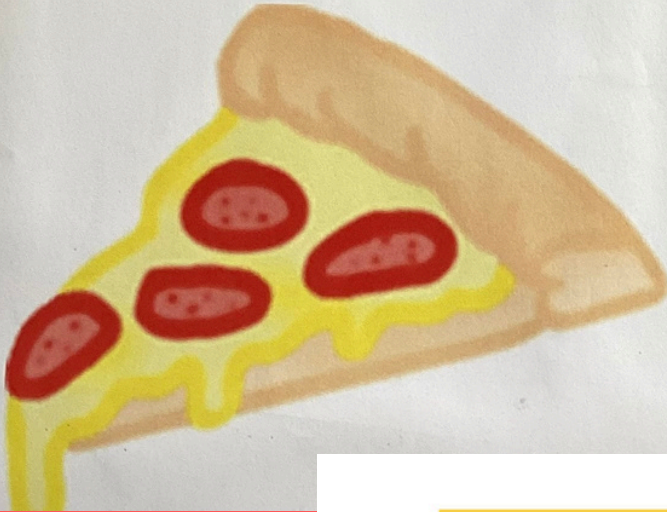
Last week when we made our playdough, Aleesha said we could make pizza out of it. This week, the children remembered her idea and turned the playdough into pizzas!

They rolled, squashed and patted the dough to make their pizza bases. The children used their imaginations and shared their ideas with their friends.

The children are developing their fine motor skills as they roll and shape the dough. They are using their imaginations in their role play and growing in confidence as they share their ideas. They are also beginning to understand simple ideas about money and remembering and building on previous learning.

The children are very interested in pizza, so next we will make real pizzas together.

We will choose toppings, follow simple instructions and enjoy eating what we make! 🍕



ROOM 2 THUR- FRI



Making pizza's

Today the children became real pizza makers! First, they kneaded their own dough, using their hands to stretch, press and fold it.

Next, they used rolling pins to roll their dough nice and flat, getting it ready for their toppings. Everyone then had the chance to choose and add their own toppings independently, carefully placing them on their pizzas and creating their own delicious designs.

While some children were waiting for their turn, Lacey started a fun "pizza dance", and soon everyone joined in! There was lots of laughter, movement and excitement as the children danced while their friends prepared their pizzas. After all the pizzas were cooked, the children were very excited to enjoy the pizzas they had made for lunch. They were proud to taste their own creations and share the experience with their friends.

This experience supported the children to develop independence, creativity, fine motor skills, and turn-taking, while also encouraging social interaction and joyful movement together. 🍕



ROOM 3 MON- TUES

To encourage the engagement of the children when reading books as a class group Sabrina dressed as Cat in the Hat to read Green Eggs and Ham. This coincided with National Dr Seuss day. The children were curious of Sabrina's costume as they sat on the mat. As Sabrina began to read the story she used expressive voices and facial expressions to keep the children engaged and focussed on the book. Sabrina encouraged the children to answer the questions posed in the story and the children really enjoyed the chance to do this. At the conclusion of the story the children learnt that green eggs and ham were actually delicious and Sabrina asked who would like to taste green eggs if Cat in the Hat came back to cook for them. Most children said that they would like to eat green eggs so next Monday for breakfast we will provide this opportunity.



Following on from our Dr Seuss celebrations last week we cooked our very own green eggs to try. The green eggs on toast looked really strange but were surprisingly delicious, and most of the class joined in, even the teachers. The children tasted their green scrambled eggs and all commented that they liked it, while a couple asked for more.

Engaging children in this activity helped bring the story to life, encouraging the children to connect with the message of the book of trying new things to eat. At preschool we like to follow up fun stories read in class by using hands on and interactive experiences relating to the story. This enables children to deepen their understanding and to make stronger connections with the text which enriches their love of reading.



ROOM 3 WED-FRI

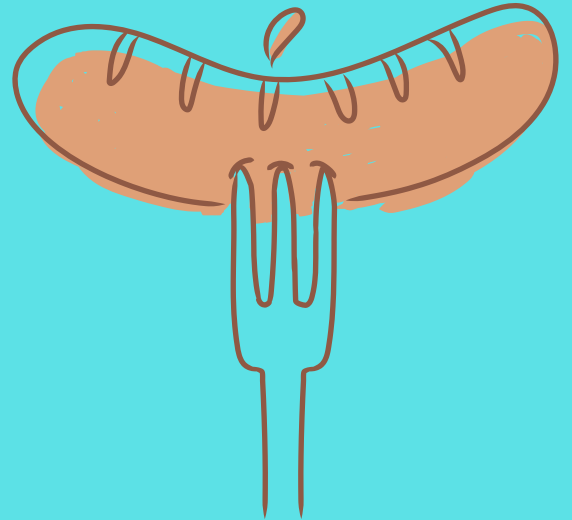
Sausage Sizzle!

Today we enjoyed our delicious sausage sizzle! Rach prepared the sausages for us earlier in the day and then supported each child to assemble their yummy sandwich. Offering sauce, buttered bread, and of course the sausages for us! Some friends just liked the sausage and others just the bread!!! But overall this was such a fun experience and great to have another hands-on activity.

Experiences like this provide many learning benefits for children. Preparing and assembling their own food encourages independence and confidence as they make choices about what they would like in their sandwich. It also supports the development of fine motor skills as children use their hands to hold, place, and build their food.

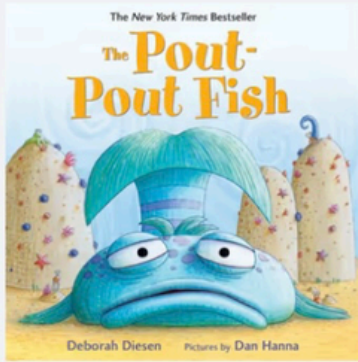
Group cooking activities help children practise social skills, such as taking turns, sharing ingredients, and communicating with friends and educators. It also introduces early life skills around food preparation and encourages children to explore different tastes and textures.

Most importantly, it was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to come together, enjoy a shared experience, and celebrate food in a fun and engaging way!



ROOM 4 MON-TUES

Librarian visit Room 4



Room 4 had a wonderful incursion visit from Angelynn our Muswellbrook librarian who came to share the joy of books and music with our group.

The session began with Angelina leading the children in a variety of songs with finger actions. The children enthusiastically joined in the songs, clapping, and moving their fingers, creating a fun and engaging atmosphere. Angelynn then sang the group a story, called The pout pout fish, which immediately captured the children's attention. The children listened carefully, looked at the pictures of the book, and eagerly responded to questions about the story. It was lovely to see their excitement as they predicted what might happen next and shared their ideas.

Music and storytelling together helps support the children's language development, listening skills, and confidence to participate in a group. Experiences like this encourage a love of reading and help children see books as something enjoyable and meaningful. The visit also gave the children the opportunity to connect with community resources such as our local library. Overall, it was a joyful and enriching experience that supported the children's imagination, communication, and social engagement.



ROOM 4 WED-FRI

Room 4 have had a fabulous start to 2026! Making new friends and getting to know our awesome new teachers, we have had the best time.

As we have gotten to know one another, we have been able to celebrate different cultural experiences, making dumplings and Lanterns for Chinese New Year and celebrating National Pancake day!

Outside room 4 have loved getting dirty in the gardens, using the shovels and rakes to dig, while also mixing and pouring in the tuff trays while potion making. Both indoors and outdoors, room 4 have also loved exploring their dramatic play through the dress ups.

Room 4 have shown a massive interest in cooking, helping make ice cream, butter, jam, juice, and damper



ROOM 5 MON-WED



Teddy Bears Picnic

Following the children's ongoing interest in cooking experiences, we held a Teddy Bears' Picnic. The children were invited to bring their favourite teddy bear or soft toy to join us for a special picnic together.

The children were very excited to share the experience with their cuddly friends. During the picnic, they enjoyed honey sandwiches, fairy bread, and Tiny Teddy biscuits for lunch while sitting together and engaging in conversation with their peers.

The experience supported the children's sense of belonging and community as they participated in a shared mealtime and imaginative play with their toys.



ROOM 5 THURS-FRI

Music and Movement

Today, our Room 5 friends enjoyed a wonderful music session filled with instruments, movement, and lots of joyful moments. We began with *Wheels on the Bus*, and the children's faces immediately lit up with excitement. They eagerly shook the bells, filling the room with sound and laughter.

We then moved on to *Jumping in Muddy Puddles*, where the children enthusiastically hopped and jumped along to the actions. Other favourite songs included *Old McDonald*, *Paw Patrol*, *Shakey Shakey*, and *Go Wild*.

Throughout the session, the children explored rhythm, movement, and the ability to mirror and repeat actions as they listened to each song. Experiences like this support their confidence, creativity, and sense of belonging within the group.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY?



Calling all 5-17 year olds!
Interested in playing **NETBALL!!**

Free Skills Game Clinics!!

Tuesday, 24th March
From 4:15pm - 5:00pm

Tuesday, 31st March
From 4:15pm - 5:00pm

Meet new friends!
Learn skills!

What's Happening?

- Skills and drills sessions
- Game-based activities
- Meet our senior rep players

Come try netball, it's fun!

Karoola Park Netball Courts

Everyone Welcome!

Bring your friends and get ready for an awesome afternoon of netball!

email: muswellbrook.netball@gmail.com

CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES

BOOK NOW



All children attending must be current PCYC Members to participate in activities. Child Membership is only \$20 per year.

DATE	ACTIVITY		
MONDAYS	INDOOR SOCCER FOR KIDS - 5-15YRS	\$10.50	4PM - 5PM
MONDAYS	JUNIOR BOXING FOR FITNESS 9-15YRS	\$10.50	5PM - 5:45PM
MONDAYS	UNITED TAEKWONDO - CONTACT ERIC BAINES ON 0488 380 757 FOR MORE INFO		
MONDAYS	GYMNASTICS CLASSES - RECREATIONAL	3 - 16YRS	4PM - 6PM
TUESDAYS	MINI MOVERS WITH MISS TORIE	FOR KIDS 0 - 5YRS	9AM - 10AM
TUESDAYS	MESSY PLAY WITH MISS TORIE	FOR KIDS 0 - 5YRS	10AM - 11AM
TUESDAYS	GYMNASTICS CLASSES - RECREATIONAL & COMP	3 - 16YRS	4PM - 7PM
** Mini Movers & Messy Play only \$5 per session- Thanks to Northwest Mining!**			
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WEDNESDAYS	UNITED TAEKWONDO - CONTACT ERIC BAINES ON 0488 380 757 FOR MORE INFO		
WEDNESDAYS	MINI BOXING FOR FITNESS	\$10.50	5 - 8 YRS 4PM - 4:45PM
WEDNESDAYS	JUNIOR BOXING FOR FITNESS 9-15YRS	\$10.50	5PM - 5:45PM
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Is your child starting Kindergarten in 2027?

When: Friday 22nd May 2026 9:30am-1pm
Where: Richard Gill School 157 Maitland Street Muswellbrook
Who: Children starting Kindergarten in 2027

Join us and become a Kindy for a Day!
Follow the links online to register for our next session!



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KIDS CUPCAKE WORKSHOP

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THURSDAY APRIL 9TH

Kids holiday cupcake workshop ages 4+

Decorate 6 cupcakes with buttercream, sprinkles & lollies to take them home!

Fresh fruit platter, water & poppers also included

Session 2
11.30am to 12.30pm

The Green Room Polly & Co
\$45
Spots are Limited, get in quick parents!

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH THE WEBSITE

Thank you !

Dear Families,

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Green and Gold fundraiser. Whether your child came dressed in green or gold, contributed a gold coin, or offered support in other ways, please know how truly appreciated it is. Your generosity may feel like a small gesture, but it means so much to both myself and Bette from ESD as we work toward competing in the ICU Dance World Championships. This opportunity has been a long-held dream for us, and your encouragement helps make it possible.

Thank you again for your kindness, enthusiasm, and support during this exciting journey.

Warm regards, Lacey





We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Muswellbrook Shire Council and JR Richards for visiting our preschool and sharing their time and expertise with the children. This hands-on experience supported the children in developing a deeper understanding of sustainability and the importance of caring for our environment. We are truly grateful for this valuable learning opportunity.

