

Parking at Preschool

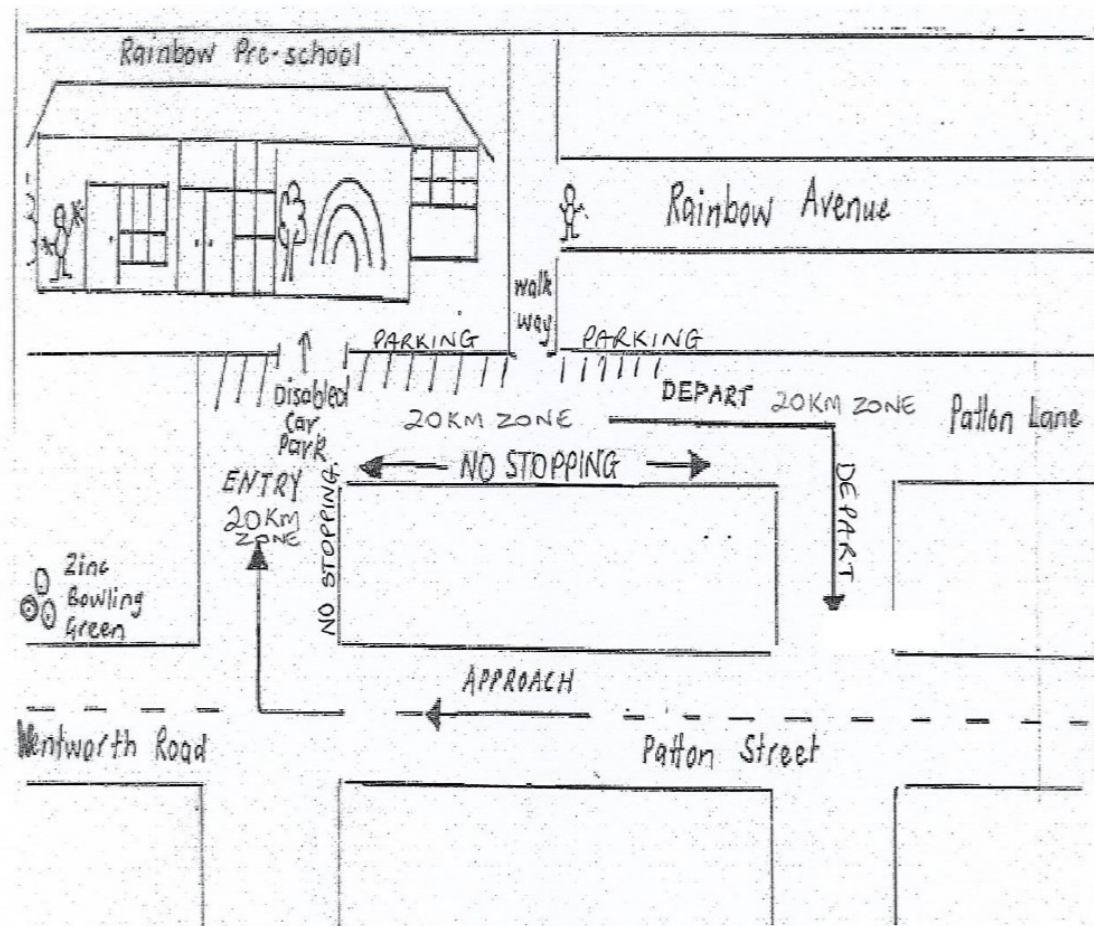
Parking has been a constant issue for Rainbow Preschool. We acknowledge that the drop off at 9.00am is very congested and that families are busy and are often in a hurry to get where they need to go, however please be aware of the parking restrictions and ensure you park safely. Directly across the road from the preschool entrance is classed as a 'NO STOPPING' zone.

A fine in excess of \$200 will be issued if you are found to be parking at Rainbow Preschool in this spot. Police are currently patrolling all school and preschool areas for speed and for safe parking.

Parking in the 'NO STOPPING' zone poses a huge risk for children as people backing out from the angle parking cannot see if children are behind them. The other concern is children running from the car across the road in their excitement to get to preschool. Last year we had a few near misses. **It is not worth the risk. Our children's safety is too important!!!!**

We have also had reports of people travelling very quickly up the lane. We have families that walk their children to preschool along the lane and residents who come in and out of their back gates who have had near misses. Please drive at a slow pace along the lane for the safety of all concerned.

Please also be aware of coming around the corner into Patton Lane. This is a two-way street and cars need to stay on the left hand side of the road as they come around the corner. We do encourage the entry to preschool via Patton Street (near the Bowling Green). We appreciate your consideration and acknowledgement of this situation. **Your children's safety is paramount to us and we need to do everything we can to ensure that accidents are prevented.**



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Rainbow News

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Welcome Back to Term 3

We hope all our families had a wonderful break and holiday, staying safe with their families. For Term 3 all of our sessions and classrooms are running as normal and all children are welcome to attend. We understand we are all going through uncertain times, the Committee and staff are committed to continue to follow our policies and procedures to ensure the safety of our children and families at Rainbow Preschool. All staff are approachable and happy to help families with any concerns they may have. We value communication at Rainbow and believe we can only run our service if we have relationships with families based on open communication and mutual respect. If you have any question please contact the Office on 8087 2122.

Rainbow Preschool Centre Manager



We would like to welcome Leesa Roberts as our new Centre Manager at Rainbow Preschool. Leesa has been our Office Manager for the past 11 months, both roles will now be combined into one. Leesa feels very privileged to be given this opportunity to lead such a wonderful and experienced team and looks forward to meeting and working with all of our families. Families are still able to contact the Office on 80872122 with any enquiries. Our Nominated Supervisor will continue to be Nicole Delbridge and our Educational Leader Kathryn Lyle will be part of our amazing leadership team.

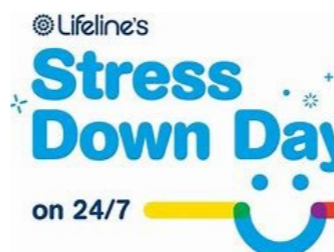
COVID-19

The NSW Department of Education released the following information on 9 July:

As you would be aware the border between NSW and Victoria closed as of 12:01am 8 July. NSW residents returning from Victoria after this time must have a permit to enter NSW and are required to self-isolate for a period of fourteen days. This means that any staff or children at your service who return from Victoria from the 8th July are required to self-isolate and must not attend your service for fourteen days from the date they entered NSW.

Rainbow Preschool will continue to implement our current Risk Mininisation plan for COVID-19. We ask families to be understanding during this difficult time for everyone involved. Children and their families we ask that they do not attend our Preschool if you have been unwell and children will not be able to attend our service if they present with a runny nose, temperature, cough or are unwell in any way.

Stress Down Day



Friday 24th July 2020 is Stress Down Day, a fun and easy initiative designed to reduce stress and raise vital funds for Lifeline Broken Hill Country to Coast. Stress Down by going to work or school in your pyjamas, onesies, trackies or slippers and raise much needed funds for Lifeline Broken Hill Country to Coast, a region covering Whyalla, Port Augusta, Port Pirie, Clare, Wallaroo, Gawler and Broken Hill.

To help bring awareness to this day Rainbow is inviting children to wear their pyjamas, favourite onesie or dress-up on Tuesday 21st and Friday 24th July.

COVID-19 Risk Minimisation Plan

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The COVID-19 situation is quickly evolving and this document has been prepared to manage the risks and changes that are required to effectively manage this crisis. We have plans for our day to day operations and for our teachers, families and children as the situation unfolds. We follow the NSW Department of Health and NSW Department of Education's advice regarding COVID-19.

We acknowledge that in this time of uncertainty parents may be feeling anxious about sending their children to preschool. The ECEC Advisory group were briefed on the initial research NSW Health is conducting on COVID-19 and this shows that in the early childhood sector there has been a low percentage of cases recorded. We want to ensure all our families that we are following the recommended procedures and policies to ensure the safety of our children, staff, families and community.

According to the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), children infected with COVID-19 tend to have milder symptoms than adults and the AHPPC consider that people with milder symptoms are less likely to transmit the virus. If staff, children or families are exposed to, or diagnosed with COVID-19, contact will be made with NSW Health - COVID-19 hotline (1800 020 080), the Early Childhood Education Directorate (1800 619 113) and the local public health unit (1300 066 055) for advice as required.

Key Responsibilities and Procedures

Arrival procedure at Centre

Upon arrival at the centre, all staff, children and caregivers will sanitise their hands and have their temperature taken before entering the premises. If their temperature is 37.5°C or above, they will be asked to remain home until well.

An educator from Rainbow will be standing outside the entry gate between 8am – 10am and 2pm – 3:30pm (Monday, Tuesday) 1:30pm – 3:30pm (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday). Outside these times, all persons attending the centre must report to the office door for hand sanitising and a temperature check before entry.

Drop off procedure

- Caregiver and child will then proceed to child's enrolled classroom door via the playground through the Yellow Room gate, maintaining social distancing as appropriate. Caregivers to sanitise their hands again before opening the Yellow Room gate.
- Room educator will meet the caregiver and child at the door, sign the child into the room and accompany them to put away their belongings.
- Caregivers are requested not to enter into any of the preschool rooms.

Departure

- Caregiver to proceed to child's enrolled classroom door via the playground through the Yellow Room gate, maintaining social distancing as appropriate. Caregivers to sanitise their hands again before opening the Yellow Room gate.
- Room educator will meet the caregiver at the door to the classroom, help your child to collect their belongings and then sign them out of the room.
- Caregivers are requested not to enter into any of the preschool rooms.

Children

- Child's temperature taken upon arrival at centre. If the temperature is 37.5°C or above, the child will be asked to remain home until well.
- Children sanitise hands upon arrival at centre.
- Children who present with flu like symptoms such as temperature, runny nose, or cough to remain at home until well.
- Frequent hand washing and hand sanitising throughout the day under guidance from educators.
- Social distancing encouraged where appropriate.
- Children who have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 are not permitted to attend Rainbow Preschool for 14 days after their last contact.

Families

- Caregiver's temperature taken upon arrival at centre. If temperature is 37.5°C or above, caregiver will be asked not to attend the service until well.
- Sanitise hands upon arrival at centre.
- Maintain contact with preschool regarding child's attendance.
- Will not attend centre if they present with flu like symptoms such as temperature, runny nose or cough.
- Where possible, only one parent/caregiver to attend centre for drop off/pick up while maintaining social distancing.
- Maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering inside/outside preschool premises.
- Accept the regulations put in place by Rainbow Preschool during the COVID-19 restrictions.
- Families who have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 are not permitted to attend Rainbow Preschool for 14 days after their last contact.
- Advise Rainbow Preschool if any member of their household is self-isolating for possible exposure to COVID-19 or has contracted COVID-19.

Community

- Hand sanitiser to be used by visitors upon arrival and departure of centre.
- Have temperature taken upon arrival at Centre. If temperature is 37.5°C or above, visitors will be asked to remain home until well.
- Allied health providers allowed to visit children while at the centre, subject to conditions above.
- Tradespersons can access preschool for essential work during operating hours, where possible will attend outside of preschool hours.
- All excursions/incursions cancelled.
- Fundraising activities cancelled.
- Community members who have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 are not permitted to attend Rainbow Preschool for 14 days after their last contact.
- Visitors will be required to confirm they are well and have not been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrated a birthday during the term break and weeks 1 & 2.

☆ Ina S	9th July
☆ Jett W	10th July
☆ Rhylee H	12th July
☆ Sarah W	14th July
☆ Willow H	14th July
☆ Maddison T	16th July
☆ Paigen A	18th July
☆ Savannah H	19th July
☆ Rae M	20th July
☆ Ebony N	20th July
☆ Ashanti J	22nd July
☆ Adailya J	22nd July
☆ Shakira S	24th July
☆ Chloe G	24th July
☆ Rory C	26th July
☆ Eddison O	26th July
☆ Levi F	28th July



2021 Enrolments

2021 Application for enrolment forms are now in your child's file in the classroom.