HOT WEATHER POLICY

Crucial to this policy is:

• All employees including leaders must take reasonable care to protect their own health and safety and that of others in our preschool.
• An acknowledgement that children are at greater risk of suffering from heat illness than adults
• We need to ensure strategies are in place to reduce the risk of heat illness or burn injuries

Our role is to:

• Ensure reasonable steps are taken to identify risk and every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children from harm and hazards.
• Provide a comfortable and safe environment for all children.
• Ensure heating and cooling equipment are provided to maintain a comfortable temperature for children.
• Adhere to sun protection and advice from the Cancer Council.
• Check all surfaces in the preschool ensuring children are not a risk of burn injuries.

We will use the following strategies to reduce the risk of heat illness in children by:

• Providing shaded /covered outdoor areas.
• Ensuring children are frequently offered water.
• Restricting play to indoor areas when weather is extremely hot.
• Encouraging parents to dress children in clothes appropriate for weather and ensuring children are removing jumpers when it is hot.
• Encouraging parents to supply an insulated lunch box with a freezer brick or frozen water.
• Display stop sign on shed doors and “hot to touch” play equipment.

As our preschool has effective cooling we do not have an Early Dismissal Cause.

Please refer to our Bush Fire Policy which states our preschool is closed on days deemed “Catastrophic”.

We are a Sun Smart Preschool please refer to our Sun Smart Policy and www.cancersa.or.au/aspix/sunsmart.aspx.

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