

# HAWTHORN ST.

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

## Newsletter – April 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are coming to the end of Term 1, and the children are thriving in their learning adventures! We're excited to invite all our families to **Portfolio Night** on Tuesday 8th April from 5:00pm to 6:30pm!

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's educators, explore their learning journey, and gain insight into our **educational program**, including a closer look at our **Preschool Program**.

You'll get to see the incredible progress your little ones have made, ask questions, and learn more about how we support each child's development through play-based learning.

We look forward to sharing this special evening with you – see you there!

**Your Feedback is Essential:** We greatly appreciate your feedback and suggestions, as they help us continually improve. We also love the family feedback and photos shared on our Facebook page, showcasing your weekend adventures. This input enhances our ability to enrich the learning experiences of our children.

With determination and ongoing professional development, our team is dedicated to providing the best possible outcomes for the children in our care. We look forward to a fantastic year of growth and learning together!

Kind regards,  
Claire Hayward  
Nominated Supervisor  
Hawthorn Street Early Learning  
Centre



## Upcoming Events and Reminders –

### Save the Dates

**Park play dates:** Connect & Enjoy!

9:30am at Victoria Park (near swimming pool)

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June & Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September

**Portfolio nights:** Discover Your Child's Progress

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July & Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

September,

**Children's Christmas Party:** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November

**Preschool Graduation:** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

## Public Holiday Reminder!

Just a friendly reminder that at Hawthorn Street Early Learning Centre, we are only closed on Public Holidays.

Good Friday **18 April**, Easter Monday **21 April**,  
Anzac Day Friday **25 April**,

Kings Birthday Monday **9 June** & Labour Day  
Monday **6 October**.

## Share Your Weekend Adventures with Us!

We love staying connected with our families on our **private Facebook group pages**! Sharing what you and your child did over the weekend helps us **engage in meaningful conversations** with them about their experiences.

By knowing what they've been up to, we can:

- Support their **language development** through discussion.
- Help them **reflect** on their weekend experiences.
- Extend on their learning by incorporating their interests into activities at the centre.

Feel free to **post photos or a little update**.

## Family Shout Out – Thank you!

We want to take a moment to send a massive **THANK YOU** to all our wonderful Hawthorn Street Early Learning Centre families.

Your ongoing support means the world to us – from the kind words of encouragement, the glowing Facebook posts, and the thoughtful referrals to friends and family. It's because of you that our community continues to grow, and we are so grateful.

Every day, we pour our hearts into providing the very best education and care for your little ones. Knowing that you see and value our efforts means everything

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to our team. Your trust, feedback, and involvement help make Hawthorn Street ELC the special place it is.

Here's to continuing this beautiful journey together – thank you for being such a big part of our village!

Google Review 25.03.25

The team at Hawthorn Street early learning have welcomed our two children with open arms, Our oldest boy entered into their care with a healing broken leg and they were able to tailor their room education and play program to be inclusive and supportive for his recovery. Thanks for the amazing work you are doing, special shout out to miss Ruby who Nate adores.



## Park Date Success



A big **thank you** to all the wonderful families and educators who joined us for our **March Park Playdate!**

It was such a joy to see the children exploring, laughing, and playing together in the sunshine – and even better to see the amazing connections growing between families and educators outside of the centre. Whether it was swinging, snacking, or simply sitting in the shade and chatting, the afternoon was filled with warmth and community spirit.

We're so grateful for your time and support – it's these shared moments that truly make our Dubbo Early Learning Centre family so special. ❤️

## Term 1 Learning Summary

Our nursery explored early language, movement, and sensory experiences, while toddlers built on these foundations through letter and number recognition, creative art, and social play. Preschoolers extended their learning through real-world literacy, early maths concepts, science investigations, and collaborative projects.

Children enjoyed exploring the local environment, including a special focus on magpies—learning about their behaviours, building nests, and understanding their role in nature. Creative expression flourished through mark-making, painting, and group murals inspired by artists like Margaret Worth and Emily Kame Kngwarreye.

Physical development was supported through obstacle courses, yoga, and dancing. Weekly poems and songs helped children develop language, rhythm, and memory. It's been a fun, active, and enriching start to 2025!

