## **Additional Enrolment Information for Preschool Families**

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring that all children in NSW can participate in 600 hours of quality preschool education in the year before school, no mater where they live or what their circumstances are.

To ensure that affordability is not a barrier for families with young children, the NSW Government has allocated additional funding (Start Strong) to support universal access to early childhood education

## **Priority of Access**

Equal priority of access is applied to:

- children who are at least 4 years old on or before the 31 July in that preschool year and not enrolled or registered at a school
- children who are at least 3 years old on or before 31 July in that preschool year and from low income and/or Aboriginal families
- children with English language needs
- children with disability and/or additional needs. The preschool can accept a small number of children with special needs in any given year. The number accepted is determined by the needs of the children, the School's ability to meet the needs and the resources available
- children who are at risk of significant harm (from a child protection perspective).

## Fees

Please call the School for more information regarding the Schedule of Fees. Equity funding (subsidised fees) are available for eligible families.

The preschool has a three-tiered fee structure which follows the 'Start Strong Funding Guidelines' outlined by the NSW Department of Education: Early Childhood Education Directorate.

- 4 year old fees (must turn 4 on or before 31<sup>st</sup> July)
- 3 year old fees
- Equity fees (eligibility criteria must be met)

Fee assistance is available to families who have a Low Income Health Care Card or other approved evidence of low income.