



Storypark – New way of keeping families updated on their child’s day and progress at Gunnedah Preschool!

Dear Families/Guardians,

Gunnedah Community Preschool is excited to announce that we will be implementing Storypark – a secure, private online space to ensure your child receives the best support possible and that you are involved and up-to-date with your child’s development.

Storypark provides each child with an online community which you (their parent/guardian) own and control who has access to, at no cost, for as long as you wish.

Storypark helps educators, children and families:

- improve understanding of each child’s interests and abilities so they receive even better support
- deepen relationships and strengthen communication
- share videos, photos and text capturing children’s learning and development
- create a portfolio of your child’s learning that travels with your child and can be accessed by you forever
- reinforce experiences and deepen children’s learning
- capture family culture and heritage
- involve the children in their portfolio
- interact quickly and effectively through iPhone, Android and tablets
- Create smooth transitions when your child moves from one educator/centre to another.

You can choose to add your own stories or leave comments and feedback for children and our teaching team. You can also choose to share these stories with family members if you wish. We hope that you will invite your extended family so that the children have an authentic audience who are genuinely interested in their learning.

Obviously we have considered the aspects of cybersafety and made sure our teaching team have the knowledge and skills to ensure we are cybersafe. Storypark takes security very seriously. Storypark is not open for anyone to read, it is a password-protected private space for you, your child’s teachers and your family. Content we add will only be shared with our teachers and the family members you choose to invite. No personal information is shared with any third party.



Can I share information and content outside of Storypark?

When it comes to your own children, it is your choice what you share outside of Storypark. Remember though that young children cannot make their own decisions about what gets published online so you have a responsibility to make sure whatever is shared is in your children's best interests.

Sometimes other children in the centre may feature in the same photos, videos and stories as your children. In these cases, **never** duplicate or upload them to the internet/social networking sites or share them with anyone other than family members without those children's parents' permission.

So that we can make a set up the Storypark accounts for each child, can you please complete the form below and return it to the preschool. Please do not hesitate to contact your centre director if you have any questions. If you would like help setting up your account, please see Miss Courtney or Miss Kate.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Olsen

Director, Gunnedah Preschool

Parent Agreement

Child's Name: _____ **Group:** _____

I _____ (administrator) understand and agree to the terms and conditions of using story park. I agree not to share or copy photos of other children. If this is done I understand that this can end up in termination of my child's position.

With Story Park each child can have one family member who is the administrator of their Child's account. This person is able to invite other **family** members to join in on Storypark and view their child's learning.

Who would you like to be administrator of your child's story park account?

Name _____

Email Address (Please print clearly) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____