

KOALA JOEYS - Coming to MCSS in Term 2!

What is the **KOALA JOEYS** Family Program?

The **KOALA JOEYS** Family Program, specifically created to deliver in schools, focuses on empowering parents and carers to use nursery rhymes, songs, dance, movement and stories as a tool to form secure attachments.

Early years brain development, emotional and social development, child development knowledge, early literacy and early numeracy information is shared during the program. Parents gain skills in a fun and supportive environment.

KOALA JOEYS is a universal program – non-discriminatory, non-targeted. All parents and carers, with their children – from bump to big school – are eligible to attend the program long term.

KOALA JOEYS children have the opportunity to:

- Gain self esteem
- Develop improved language, literacy and numeracy skills
- Develop good listening skills
- Develop social skills appropriate for prep and big school
- Have fun interacting with other children and adults
- Enhance and extend their vocabulary development
- Develop a community of friends



KOALA JOEYS parents and carers have the opportunity to:

- Improve and enrich their interaction with their children by sharing rhymes, songs and stories
- Improve their knowledge of early brain development, social and emotional development and early literacy and numeracy skills
- Gain parenting skills in a fun, interactive and supportive environment
- Develop a repertoire of rhymes, songs and stories to share with their family creating a family heritage
- Experience reduced social isolation
- Develop a network of friends
- Become an active member of a supportive and caring community
- Build strong relationships with their local school community

The program will commence in Week 1 of Term 2 (Friday 24th April 2015)

When: Every Friday during the school term
Time: 9.30am to 10.30am
Where: The Performance Centre
Cost: FREE
What to bring: Your child/children, water bottles and a sense of fun!

There are limited spaces available per session, so please contact Bec Parnell on rparn14@eq.edu.au or phone 5565 0333 to reserve your spot!

Depending on demand, we may look at running an additional session each week on either a Tuesday or Thursday morning. If either of these days would suit your family better, please register your Expression of Interest with Bec Parnell on rparn14@eq.edu.au or phone 5565 0333.