In December 2015 the NSW Department of Education announced NSW COMMUNITY PRESCHOOLS 600 Hours Incentive.

The 600 Hours Incentive aims to increase the enrolment of 4 and 5 year old children in a quality preschool program for 600 hours per year. This is in support of universal access objectives set out in the National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education, which sets a target of 95% of 4 and 5 year old children enrolled in a quality preschool program for 600 hours.

Periwinkle Preschool has taken this opportunity to start the process of changing from 2 and 3 day programs by offering a transitional year in 2016 to a five day fortnight for all children in 2017. This will ensure all children attending Periwinkle Preschool will be enrolled for 600 hours per year.

We will be operating two groups in 2017

Monday, Tuesday and every 2\textsuperscript{nd} Wednesday
Thursday, Friday and every 2\textsuperscript{nd} Wednesday

Children will be funded who are at least 4 on or before 31\textsuperscript{st} July in that preschool year and not in compulsory schooling or At least 3 years old and the child’s family must be holders of a Health Care Card and/or identify as Aboriginal.

Periwinkle Preschool with spare capacity can continue to enroll and charge fees for children who are 3 who are not eligible for a funded place, they will not receive government funding to reduce fees.