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Picnic time for Teddy Bears at UnitingCare St Luke's Preschool

March is the month the Teddy Bears have their picnic, so it's time to join children and Staff at UnitingCare St Luke's Preschool for their Annual Westmead Children's Hospital Teddy Bears Picnic Fundraiser.

On Tuesday 23, Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 March, a delicious morning tea will be held at UnitingCare St Luke's Preschool at 10.30am. All children attending are bringing their special furry friends and something tasty to share.

Throughout the week, staff and children at UnitingCare St Luke's Preschool will be selling Bandaged Bear merchandise to raise money for children being treated at the Westmead Children's Hospital. This year's Bandaged Bear is sure to fit in with the Morning Tea festivities, sporting a multi-coloured vest to celebrate his 21st Birthday.

UnitingCare St Luke's Preschool is a not-for-profit community based Preschool located in North Belmont. The warm, homelike environment welcomes families and the highly qualified staff are experienced in nurturing confident and creative learners. Participating in activities such as fundraising for others provides the children with a sense of community and care.

The Preschool's program encourages school readiness for children transitioning to school, including the use of an onsite library. Staff work alongside families to ensure the individual needs of each child are met through interest based learning.

The Bandaged Bear fundraiser is an annual event for the Preschool and there will be lots of wonderful things to eat and wonderful games to play. The staff and children are calling on the generous local community to support them in making their fundraiser a success by buying Bandaged Bear merchandise. All items can be purchased from the Preschool Director by dropping into the service during the morning teas. All visitors are requested to sign in upon arrival and departure and it is asked that nuts, chocolate and eggs are not brought into the service as some children have allergies.

UnitingCare St Luke's Preschool is a member of UnitingCare Children's Services. It is open from Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 4.00pm. Limited places are currently available. Fee Relief and Assistance Programs are also available at the Preschool.

For more information on the teddy bears picnic or UnitingCare St Luke's Preschool please contact Kylie Allison, Director, UnitingCare St Luke's Preschool on 02 4945 3449.

