

We would like to welcome you and your child to our Kindergarten. This is the start of a new era in your child's life - their school years. We hope that it will be both an exciting and educational experience.

As this is your child's first experience at school it is important that it be a positive and enjoyable one. It is for this reason that we request the close cooperation of parents throughout the year. We would ask you to keep us informed of anything that may have some bearing on your child's educational progress throughout the year. Our school has a strong philosophy of parents as partners.

Please feel free to approach us with questions you may have or to make an appointment for a parent/teacher meeting at a mutually convenient time.

We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child over the coming year!

### **What to bring...**

***Please remember to clearly label all belongings with your child's name***

**A BAG -** That your child can open and close independently. Please ensure it is large enough to hold their belongings.

**A HAT -** Kindy follows the 'No hat, no play' policy. Please ensure that your child has a broad brimmed hat. Some people like to add motifs to the standard school hat so that it can be easily identified as all hats look the same!

**FRUIT -** In Kindy we do a shared fruit time before morning play. We ask that you send in something to share with the class at this time, each session. Some suggestions include: fruit, vegetable, cheese, popped (unsalted) popcorn, sultanas, plain 'sakata' crackers or anything that is healthy!

**LUNCH -** Each child will need their own lunch in a lunch box which is kept in their bag (separated from the fruit for sharing). Please pack items which your child can independently manage. We also encourage you to limit the amount of red light (unhealthy) foods you include in their lunch. ***Please do not send your child to school with products containing nuts (eg peanut butter)***

**DRINK BOTTLE -** Please provide a spill-proof water bottle each day clearly labelled with their name. Please note we only allow water inside the classroom.

**CLOTHING -** Please pack a plastic bag containing a spare, labelled set of clothes in your child's bag to change into in case of an accident or if they become wet during water play. Please name everything your child wears to school.

**FOOTWEAR -** We do lots of climbing, running and balancing at Kindy. Please ensure your child wears comfortable and sturdy footwear. Ugg boots, crocs and slip on shoes are not appropriate footwear for Kindy.

# **Kindergarten Program Objectives**

Kindy is the beginning of a fantastic journey, and we are excited to be sharing it with you.

Our carefully planned program is designed to address the individual needs of each child. Helping him/her to grow physically, creatively, socially, emotionally and intellectually through a variety of group and individual experiences.

**The program provided over the year is designed to help your child to:**

Develop a sense of self control

Interact with other children and adults to develop positive social skills

Develop language skills and understandings

Develop mathematical skills and understandings

Explore our world and be creative

Practise and develop physical skills

Maintain an enjoyment and enthusiasm for learning.

## Nothing In My Bag Today

Today I did Mathematics and Science and I toasted bread,  
I counted, measured and I used my eyes, ears and my head.  
I added and subtracted and used magnets and blocks on the way  
I learned about a rainbow and I learned how to weigh.  
So please don't ask me, "Is there anything in your bag today?"

For you see, I'm learning all about sharing as I play.  
I learned to listen and speak clearly when I talk,  
To wait my turn, and when inside, I learned I have to walk.  
To put my thoughts into a phrase,  
To guide a crayon through a maze.  
To find my name and write it down,  
To do it with a smile and not a frown.  
To put my painting brush away.  
So please don't say, "Nothing in your bag today?"

I've learned about a snail and a worm.

Remembering how to take my turn.  
I helped a friend when he was stuck,  
Learned that water runs off a duck.  
I looked at words from left to right,  
Agreed to differ, not to fight.  
So please don't say,  
"Did you only play?"

## Other Information...

**HEALTH** - We ask that if your child is sick, they stay at home to prevent the "sharing" of illnesses. Please notify the school in the morning if your child will be absent. We will also need to be notified if your child has any contagious diseases so that other parents can be discreetly informed.

**PARENT HELP** - We enjoy having parents come in to spend time with their child for parent help. The classroom teacher will put up a help roster at the start of each term where you can put your name down for help. This is a special time between you and your Kindy child, for this reason we request that alternative arrangements be made for younger siblings. We also request that you maintain a high level of confidentiality when helping out in the class. Any concerns you have should be raised with the class teacher and not other parents. Please note that the parent helper form needs to be completed before you help out in the class, thank you.

**BIRTHDAYS** - Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate birthday parties at school. However, if you would like your child to share their birthday with the class, you are more than welcome to bring in a cake/cupcakes to share. Please let the staff know in advance and ensure there are adequate servings to share

with all children. You will also need to check with your child's teacher for any food allergies. **We are an allergy aware school. This means we make every effort to reduce the risks associated with allergies, but it cannot be guaranteed that we will be 'free' of any particular product.**

**ABSENCE-** Please advise the school if your child will be absent from school. You can contact the school by "FlexiBuzz App" or phone on 9307 5833. If you know in advance that your child will be absent you can provide the class teacher with a note.

**TOILETING–** Whilst we can offer some assistance in this area to support your child as they transition to Kindy, please ensure they are capable of independent toileting.

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