



**SOUTH PADBURY
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Pursuit of Knowledge and Friendship

South Padbury Primary School

Independent Public School

Kindergarten Information Booklet 2023



Welcome

South Padbury Primary School Board and Staff 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.

The early childhood teachers at South Padbury Primary School use the play based approach to education, as they believe that children are capable, interested and curious learners. Indoor and outdoor learning experiences are offered to support curriculum experiences and build knowledge and friendship.

Our school has a strong philosophy of parents as partners, and encourages families to approach the school with any questions, queries or concerns. Your first point of contact is always the classroom teacher, who can then direct you to the most suitable support person or service within our school.

School Vision: We focus on building a learning community where parents, students and teachers work together to develop partnerships and foster life long learning.

School Motto: "Pursuit of Friendship and Knowledge" relates to our nurturing of both the academic and non- academic endeavours of our students.

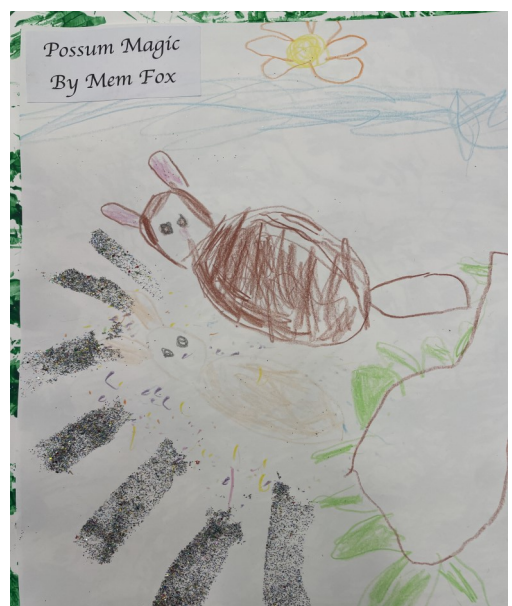
School Logo: The Kookaburra is a visual representation of our school's passion for students to laugh, enjoy themselves and be committed to doing the best for themselves and each other every day.

Moral Purpose: Be The Change

Welcome again to South Padbury Primary School. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child over the coming year!

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Principal



Aims For The Kindergarten Year

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, play based experiences.

The program provided over the year is based on the Early Years Learning Framework and Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines and 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.



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!

MORNING TEA - In Kindy we have fruit time before morning play. We ask that you send in something individually packaged for your child at this time, for each session. Some suggestions include: fruit, vegetables, cheese, popped (unsalted) popcorn, sultanas, plain 'sakata' crackers or anything that is healthy!

CRUNCH AND SIP - Time to refuel! Cut up fruit or vegetables and water. If parents can please provide this in a separate container, smaller pre-cut portions are best here.

LUNCH - Each child will need their own lunch in a lunch box which is kept in their bag (separated from the fruit for morning snack). 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 your child's 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, that has laces or velcro your child can take on and off themselves. Ugg boots, crocs and slip on shoes are not appropriate footwear for Kindy.

PERSONAL ITEMS/BOOKLIST - Please bring all items from the personal items list to your first session. There is no need to label the items as they will be shared and used throughout the year.

LIBRARY BAG - Please provide a library bag for book borrowing.

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ABSENCE – The school uses a Department of Education School based SMS Program. The program allows parents to SMS the school with a reason regarding student absence prior to, or on each day. At 10.00am an automated message will be sent to you if the school has not received any prior notification. If you know in advance that your child will be absent please let both the office and classroom teacher know. Late arrivals from appointments will be entered once you get to school. **The mobile number for SMS only is 0438 259 071.**

BIRTHDAYS - If you would like your child to celebrate 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.**

COLLECTION AND DELIVERY OF CHILDREN – Children must arrive promptly for their sessions to prevent interruption to the learning program and reduce anxiety. Children are to be collected promptly at the conclusion of each session. Children may only be collected by an authorised person listed on their file. Written permission must be provided for anyone not listed. If you are late for school or need to collect your child early, your child must be signed in or out of the school via the front office. Please always communicate with the school if there are changes to drop off or pick up arrangements.

CONFIDENTIAL DECLARATIONS – The Department of Education requires ALL helpers to complete a confidential declaration. This is an annual form, once completed please return it to the front office. (This is a pink form—provided to you at our Kindy Information Day).

CONNECT COMMUNICATION – **This is the main form of communication for our school.**

Please read the Connect Information sheet in your package to find out how to register for your class and school Connect Pages.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES – School Contributions information can be located in the Parent Information Booklet in your school pack.

NEWSLETTERS – The school newsletter is produced regularly throughout the terms and is delivered to parents via a Connect Notice, and placed on the school website and Connect library.

PARENT HELP- We enjoy having parents come in to spend time with their child for parent roster. The classroom teacher will put up a help roster at the start of each term where you can register to come on a certain day. 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. Please note that the confidential declaration form needs to be completed before you help out in the class,.

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PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES – Please assist staff by:

- Informing both the school office and the Kindergarten of any change of address, phone number or emergency contacts.
- Discussing with the teacher any information that may help us to understand your child better.
Keeping in touch with the teachers on matters concerning your child's health and well-being.
- Completing and returning all necessary forms.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT– We ask parents to supervise and control their children before school and prefer they do not play on or move equipment, as accidents can happen. For safety and security reasons, children and parents should vacate the school grounds as soon as they are dismissed at the end of the day.

SICK CHILDREN – Children should remain at home if they are sick and not return until they are fully recovered to avoid the spread of infection to other children and staff. As determined by the Department of Health, if your child contracts any of the following communicable diseases, they must be excluded from school.

Chicken Pox - return to school when scabs are healed and child is well.

Conjunctivitis - return to school when medically controlled and discharge from eyes has ceased.

Gastro - vomiting and diarrhoea – students **MUST** not return to school until a minimum of 24 hours after ALL symptoms have stopped.

Head Lice - return to school after effective treatment has been instituted and nits are removed from the hair. Family contacts will probably be infected and should be treated accordingly. Please Note: If your child has been excluded, they must report to a Deputy Principal before being re-admitted to the classroom.

Impetigo - (School sores) exclude until appropriate treatment has commenced. Sores on exposed surfaces must be covered with a watertight dressing.

Influenza - return to school on recovery.

Measles - return to school when medical certificate indicates child has recovered, or at least 7 days from the appearance of the rash, if the child is well. Children who have not been immunised will be excluded from school, if measles are evident in the Kindy classroom.

Ringworm - return to school when medical certificate indicates that the child is no longer likely to convey the infection.

Whooping Cough - return to school when medical certificate indicates child has recovered. .

For further information on childhood diseases, please go to the Health Department website:
<http://www.public.health.wa.gov.au>

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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.

UNIFORM– We encourage all Kindergarten children to wear the South Padbury PS uniform.

Please see the Uniform Price List in your package. **All items of clothing (including hats and shoes) MUST be labelled with your child's name.** Please no 'play' jewellery at school.

School uniforms may be purchased from Uniform Shop, run by parent volunteers. Orders can be placed via the Qkr app. Open days and times will be advertised via Connect throughout the terms. Orders placed online are delivered to classrooms on Wednesday's.

The uniform shop email address is: southpadburyuniforms@gmail.com

Planning Information

School Terms 2023

Term1 : Wednesday 1st February – Thursday 6th April

Term 2 : Monday 24th April – Friday 30th June

Term 3: Monday 17th July – Friday 22nd September

Term 4: Monday 9th October - Thursday 14th December

School Development Days 2023 - Pupil Free

Term 1: Monday 30th January, Tuesday 31st January

Term 2: Monday 24th April

Term 3: Monday 17th July

Term 4: Monday 9th October

Term 4: Friday 15th December

Public Holidays during School Term 2023

Monday 6th March (Labour Day)

Tuesday 25th April (ANZAC Day)

Monday 5th June (WA Day)

School Hours

School Starts – 8.45am

Morning Recess 10.50 - 11.10am

Lunchtime 1.10pm – 1.45pm

School Finishes 3.00pm - Wednesday Early Finish at 2.30pm

OFFICE HOURS 8.30am - 3.30pm





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Important Contact Information

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[South Padbury Primary School](#)

SMS School Absence Messaging
Text [0438 259 071](#)

School Watch Security
Telephone: [9264 4771](#)

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