**WHAT YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO BRING TO KINDERGARTEN**

- **A NAMED BAG** that your child can manage the clips, and big enough to contain the following:

- **A SPARE SET OF CLOTHES** for the accidents that will happen - water/sand/mud play and toilet accidents

- **A NAMED SUN SAFE HAT**— we have two styles of sun safe hats on sale at the kindergarten. We do not make a profit from the sale of hats/Polo (sun safe) shirts/sweaters.

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT BASEBALL HATS ARE NOT SUNSAFE HATS.**

- We supply ‘pura tap’ water or children can bring their own drink bottle. Please don’t send cordials or fruit drinks to kindy.

- **FRUIT** = 1 piece for morning
  & 1 piece for afternoon
  Please leave fruit in bag—you might want to buy a cool pack.
  **FRUIT TIME IS FRUIT TIME AT KINDERGARTEN** - fresh or dried fruit, or e.g. cucumber/grated carrot/capsicum/mushrooms

**WE DO HAVE A POLICY WHICH IS OBLIGATORY**

**NO NUTS OR FOODS THAT MAY CONTAIN TRACES OF NUTS AT KINDERGARTEN**

This means no commercial muesli bars - home made bars which *don’t* contain nuts are a great alternative. **NO Chips, Twis** etc These contain lots of salt and fats. Lunch box ideas are available please ask Gaynor.

**NO PEANUT PASTE OR NUTELLA.** This is to protect the child/ren who are anaphylactic to even the smell of nuts, or to traces on table tops etc. A child who is highly allergic may die.

**Belonging:** By supporting children to BELONG, we provide them with the opportunity to be a part of a community and to work towards achieving positive learning outcomes.

**Being:** is about children having the chance to just be themselves. Allowing children the time to grow at their own pace, to experience the joy and wonder of childhood.

**Becoming:** to support children to realise their full potential in an ever changing society.
FULL TIME KINDERGARTEN

Choose one of the following options:

1. Monday & Wednesday
   8.30am -3.00pm. Plus alternate Fridays, (weeks 1,3,5,7,9), 8.30 am - 12.30 pm
   Cost per term: $130
   OR
2. Tuesday & Thursday. Same times as above. Plus alternate Fridays, as above.
   Cost per term: $130
   OR
3. Monday to Thursday only.
   8.30 -12.00 noon. Cost per term: $110

Please note, if fees are paid in the first 3 weeks of term there will be a $10 discount.

There is evidence to support our site’s philosophy that children’s wellbeing and good mental health is supported when they attend regularly and see the same faces.

It is a Government regulation that children may have no more than 12 hours per week over more than one site. Please see staff if this request is not in line with your plans.

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES LAST A LIFETIME

Early childhood is the foundation on which children build the rest of their lives. The first and most important learning experiences happen within the family unit.

Children need a loving, safe and interesting environment that values diversity to become confident, lifetime learners.

“Educators are actively engaged in children’s learning and share decision making with them. They use everyday interactions with children during play, routines and ongoing projects to stimulate children’s thinking and to enrich their learning.”


OUR KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM

In our preschool, trained kindergarten staff use their knowledge of child development to plan and provide experiences and activities that will promote the all-round development of each child.

All, DECD (Department for Education and Child Development) kindergartens use the National Early Years Learning Framework document:

BELONGING, BEING AND BECOMING.

We use this document as a framework to plan our child-centered, stimulating, play based curriculum that will nurture, creative, resourceful, empowered, independent children.

Well-being is essential for learning - we use the principles of Professors Ferre Laevers and Trish Winter whose research text REFLECT RESPECT RELATE is integral in our day to day interactions facilitating building resilience, curiosity and a desire for knowledge.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWERFUL.

Our program is available and posted on our program notice board for you to read and foster your child’s learning at home. This is constantly updated and learning stories are posted on here, in Floor/Large Books and in portfolios for you to enjoy and celebrate your child’s successes.