February 2023

On-site Pre-Primary/Kindy Information

**Welcome!**

Your child’s teachers:

Bayley Pre-Primary *Specialist Teachers*

Teacher: Ms Julie Doust *Music – Miss Jacinta Henderson*

Education Assistant: Ms Michelle Thomson *Technology – Mrs Justine Hounslow*

 *Health – Mrs Kylie King or Miss Viola Gustorff*

Shea Pre-Primary/Kindy *Sport – Miss Madi Jackson*

Teacher: Miss Hannah Kyriakacis *Science – Mr Mitchell Feleppa*

Education Assistant: Mrs Kathleen Siebert

Flanagan Pre-Primary

Teacher: Mrs Louise Hurst

Education Assistant: Ms Karyn Best

SCHOOL TIMES

Our school day begins at 8.45am and ends at 3.00 pm. The classroom opens when the first school siren sounds at 8.35am. Prior to this time, staff are busy setting up the room and getting ready for the day ahead. Please remain outside with your child until the main door is opened then assist your child to place their water and fruit on the trolley. Say your brief goodbyes before your child enters the classroom to engage in tabletop activities. It is important that children are at school on time but if you do arrive after 8.55 am then you must get a late pass from the front office.

We would appreciate if you could be punctual when picking up your child at the end of the day. If you are running late, please phone the school and pass on a message. If your child is going to be picked up by someone other than his/her parents or guardians, please advise staff as soon as possible.

School gates are locked at 9.00am and will be unlocked at 2.45pm. If you need to gain access to the classroom or to pick up your child early you will need to enter through the administration building. If you are taking your child during school time, for appointments etc., you will need to sign out at the front office and receive a GREEN PERMIT, so that the teacher can release the child into your care.

FRUIT AND LUNCH TIME

Every day we eat fruit before our recess play. All children will need to bring in a piece of fruit/vegetable each day. Please assist your child to become independent by helping them to place their labelled fruit in the classroom each morning. Occasional fresh fruit alternatives are dried fruit, crackers, cereal, pretzels or cheese. Please only include healthy snack options.

**Please be aware that we have students with nut allergies, and as each class sits together during lunch, it would be appreciated if you could provide your child with a nut-free lunch.**

CANTEEN

Pre-primary students may order their lunch from the canteen, which operates every day. Please accompany your child to the canteen before school and follow the instructions of canteen staff or, for convenience, you may use the app to order online. The lunches will be collected prior to lunch. Please note that Pre-primary students cannot buy their recess/morning tea from the canteen, nor will they be able to purchase ice creams at lunch time. We also ask that older siblings do not purchase food for Pre-Primary or Kindergarten students.

LIBRARY BOOKS & READERS

Each class will have an assigned library day per week. Students are required to bring a clearly labelled ‘cloth’ library bag on their library day. Plastic shopping bags are not suitable. Students who do not bring a suitable library bag will not be permitted to borrow a book. Students may borrow one library book, to be returned the following week. Students who do not return their library book on their library day will not be permitted to borrow a new one until the overdue book is returned.

A comprehension reading book to share with your child will be sent home weekly too. It can be identified by a small sticker “Kindy Speech” or “Foundation Speech”. Inside the front cover of each book are instructions on how to share the reading of this book with your child and, on most pages are comprehension questions. Regular reading comprehension is an essential part of our literacy program and your support with this is important and valuable. Decodable reading books will also be sent home weekly soon after the children have been assessed as ready and they have demonstrated early reading skills.

PARENT HELP

The early part of Term 1 is an important time to build relationships and establish classroom routines so parent help will commence later in the year. When the time comes, a parent help roster will be posted outside each room for you to write your name. The teacher Confidential Declaration Form will be made available to you before assisting in the classroom.

REST TIME AND CUSHIONS

Rest and relaxation time will take place after lunch for a short period (5 to 10 minutes) according to the children’s needs. This rest is NOT a sleep time but an opportunity calm/cool down after busy lunch time play. Please do not send in any cushions as space is limited.

COOKING MONEY

Each class runs a cooking program that supports the English and Mathematics Curriculum. We ask that each child provides $20 to cover some of the costs. Please hand this money to your classroom teacher in a labelled envelope at your earliest convenience.

BOOKLIST ITEMS

If you have not done so already, please send in any remaining booklist items to your classroom. Please label any scrapbooks/display folders with your child’s name. *It is not necessary to name other items on the list.*

WHAT TO BRING TO SCHOOL

Every day, your child will need to bring:

* A hat - A piece of fruit
* A water bottle (please no cordial or juice)
* A packed lunch or lunch order – we recommend using a freezer block on hot days.

SPARE CLOTHES

Please place a spare set of clothing in your child’s bag, just in case of accidents and messy play.

If you have any questions or concerns, please make an appointment to see your child’s teacher. The school number is (08) 9092 5850.

We are all looking forward to an exciting and busy year with you and your child!

Kind Regards,

Ms Julie Doust, Miss Hannah Kyriakacis & Mrs Louise Hurst

Pre-primary Teachers

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