

# Kardinya Primary School



**KARDINYA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Learning for Life

## **Kindergarten Parent Information Book 2023**

**An Independent Public School**

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# Welcome to Kardinya Primary School Kindergarten

The purpose of this handbook is to help you become acquainted with the day to day running of our Early Childhood classes and to provide you with some information about what to expect as your child begins Kindergarten.

## **STUDENT DAYS FOR 2023**

The Kindergarten learning day commences at 8.50am; we ask that you please have your child at Kindergarten by 8.35am. The day finishes at 3.05pm and we encourage you to be prompt to reduce any stress for your child. The attendance days for Kindergarten in 2022 are:

### **EITHER:**

Monday, Tuesday and every alternate Wednesday

Week One – Students begin Wednesday 1 February 2023

Week Two – Students attend Monday 6 February and Tuesday 7 February 2023

Week Three – Students attend Monday 13, Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 February 2023

### **OR:**

Alternate Wednesdays and Thursday, Friday

Week One – Students begin Thursday 2 February and Friday 3 February 2023

Week Two – Students attend Wednesday 8, Thursday 9 February and Friday 10 February 2023

Week Three – Students attend Thursday 16 and Friday 17 February 2023

## **PROGRAM**

The Kindergarten programme is developed using the Early Years Learning Framework and the Kindergarten Guidelines.

Play is particularly important in childhood learning. It allows children make sense of the world as they engage with others and the environment. It also fosters curiosity and creativity as the children discover, create, improvise and imagine. In a carefully planned learning environment, your child will experience many different learning activities. These include cutting, painting, gluing, drawing, dressing up, sand play, climbing, storytelling, singing, dancing, exploring and social activities such as making new friends.

The social and emotional development of your child is a very important part of planned learning. Your child will participate in planned activities which encourage involvement so they become successful learners, team players, good problem solvers and creative thinkers who enjoy challenges.

Another focus in Kindergarten is on language and literacy. Your child develops an early understanding of letters, sounds and rhyming words; as well as how pictures can tell stories, how written words can be read, and how spoken sounds can be written down.

Learning about maths and numeracy is also a key part of Kindergarten. Your child learns about numbers and shapes, counting, measuring and the many different ways maths is used in our daily lives.

Learning programs are always targeted to meet children's individual needs.

## **VISIBLE LEARNING**

We use a whole school approach to teaching and learning called Visible Learning. This approach uses evidence based research to improve learning outcomes from Kindergarten to Year 6, students are encouraged to take responsibility for their learning.

The use of WALT (We are Learning To) and WILF (What I am Looking For) is included in each lesson, so that students understand what they are learning and how to demonstrate their learning.

In Kindergarten we introduce common language and the concepts of Visible Learning, which will continue to develop as the student progresses through our school.

## **W.A. POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT**

Kardinya Primary School's behaviour management strategy is based on the Western Australian Positive Behaviour Support (WAPBS) initiative. Our Behaviour Matrix has been developed with input from all sectors – students, staff and parents – and the 'expected behaviours' are outlined under the themes of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. These positive behaviours are explicitly taught, consistently reinforced and regularly acknowledged across the whole school community.

## **INFORMATION and COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (ICT)**

Information and Communication technologies are used both by the teacher and students as part of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning at Kardinya Primary School. A range of technologies will be used to support teaching and learning in Literacy and Numeracy and students will learn to use tools, resources and technologies in play, thinking and learning. They will develop simple ICT skills connected to the Technologies Curriculum.

## **ASSESSMENT**

The children receive a summative report at the end of each semester detailing skills and concepts development.

## **ROUTINES**

On the first day of Kindergarten, parents are invited to stay as long as needed to settle their child. We understand that some children may need this reassurance for several weeks.

## **WHAT TO BRING**

Copies of the 'booklist' are available from the office if you need one. **PLEASE LABEL EACH INDIVIDUAL ITEM WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME** (ie each coloured pencil, wind-up crayon, lead pencil, glue stick etc).

### **EACH DAY**

Each day your child will need:

- **Fruit** for morning snack. Please make sure whatever you provide is manageable for your child and placed in the front pocket of their school bag.
- **Water bottle** filled with water only and one your child is able to use independently.
- **Hat** – broad brimmed are the best. It helps to add a ribbon, motif or coloured buttons for easy identification.
- **Spare set of clothes** in case of getting wet or dirty.
- **Large backpack** or schoolbag. Don't forget it needs to hold a change of clothes, lunch, drink bottle and hat.
- **Crunch and Sip snack** (As our lunch time is 1.15pm, the children need an extra snack eg: celery sticks, apple, sultanas to have between fruit and lunch).
- **Lunch**

### **LUNCH**

The children will be supervised during the eating of their lunch, and are required to eat their healthy food (for example a sandwich, sushi) first before any treat food (biscuit, yogurt). The children will not be dismissed from the lunch eating area to play until their main part of lunch is eaten.

## **FOOD ALLERGIES- A HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUE:**

Kardinya Primary School is a 'nut aware' school. We ask for the health and safety of students with nut allergies, that parents do not send foods containing nuts. ie: no peanut paste or Nutella sandwiches.

## **PUNCTUALITY, CARE AND SAFETY**

Arriving on time and collecting children promptly will help your child feel more secure. Children arriving late to Kindergarten disrupt the other children and the learning session. ***We ask that you please have your child at Kindergarten by 8.35am. If your child arrives to class after 8.50am you will be required to go to the office and ask for a late note which you take to the classroom teacher.*** The program will commence at 8.50am. It is also very unsettling for a child if you are often late to collect them - they begin to worry if Mum or Dad really are coming back!

We ask that you wait outside the Kindergarten classroom with your child until the session begins. The children are asked not to climb the trees or play on the equipment while they are waiting. Also, children **must not** be dropped off in any of the car parks and left to walk in alone. At the end of the day the children wait inside the centre until we dismiss them to their parents/carers. If someone other than a parent will be collecting your child/ren you are asked to inform the staff. We have a notebook at the front of the room for you to enter these arrangements. Please tell the other person to identify themselves to the staff. Children leaving Kindergarten during school hours must be signed out through the front office.

## **WHAT TO WEAR**

Please dress your child in school uniform. The school uniform may be purchased on Thursday mornings from the Uniform Shop.

All children must wear shoes to school. Please ensure they are not slippery soled as they can make climbing dangerous.

All children require a hat. Remember, **NO HAT/NO PLAY**. Children without a hat will remain under cover.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IS ON ALL OF THEIR BELONGINGS AND CLOTHES.**

## **ROSTERS**

Parent volunteers are an integral part of the Kindergarten program. We run an activity-based program and you will be asked to assist with different activities. Being on roster provides parents with the opportunity to observe their child in the Kindergarten environment and to share experiences with them. It means an extra pair of hands to help those in need of assistance and an extra ear for those in need of attention.

This is an opportunity for you to interact with your child. They are the 'special child' that day and will look forward to the time they can share with you.

Therefore, we request that toddlers or babies **do not** attend on your roster day. Please make arrangements for a relative or friend to care for your younger children for this time.

**Anyone who assists on roster/excursions is now required by the Department of Education and Training to complete a Confidential Declaration form for visitors in schools.**

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Birthdays are special events in a child's life. If your child is celebrating a birthday and you would like to send in little wrapped treats (eg Freddo Frog), please do. If your child has food allergies that prevent them sharing the other children's cakes please provide us with something we can store in the freezer, fridge etc, so that your child may feel part of the celebration. All birthday treats will be handed out to the children at the end of the day.

## **HEALTH**

Keep in touch with the teachers on matters concerning your child's health and well being. Often a change in routine at home, Dad or Mum in hospital, sickness in the family, one parent away etc, may cause an unhappy child. You are required to advise the school on the day if your child will not be attending. This can be done by phoning the school office on 9312 4900 or emailing [kardinya.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:kardinya.ps@education.wa.edu.au) If this is not done before 10am on the day and your child is recorded as having an unexplained absence you will receive a text message advising you to explain the absence. We would appreciate being informed if your child has an infectious disease. Please **do not** send your child if they have been vomiting in the previous 24 hours.

**Please DO NOT send an unwell child to Kindergarten, even though they may plead with you to let them come. Not only will they infect the other children, but they also become very tired very quickly and are often unable to cope with the demands of the day, making Kindergarten an unpleasant experience.**

Minor injuries during the day are normally attended to at school. In more serious incidents every endeavour is made to contact a parent to arrange for the child to be collected from school. In emergencies the child may be taken directly to a doctor or hospital before the parents can be contacted. **Please ensure we have all your current telephone numbers, including mobile numbers, and that your emergency contact person is known to your child and that they are aware we may need to call on them to collect a sick child.**

## **FINE MOTOR SKILLS**

It is important to provide opportunities for children to develop hand/eye co-ordination and fine motor (small muscle) control, for hand writing skills to develop. This is why activities such as playdough, drawing, painting, cutting and tracing are important.

It is also important to praise any attempt children make at writing in order for them to develop confidence. Attempts can be anything from scribble to actual letter formation. It is important to encourage good posture when writing and also to ensure the child's comfort- perhaps by sloping the paper to an appropriate angle. This is of great importance to lefthanders. Kindergarten children are still experimenting with handedness- encourage them to use the hand they feel comfortable with.

Pencil hold is extremely important whether using pencils, crayons or brushes. Bad habits are hard to change - even at this young age (see attachment).

## **SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS**

Our school uses Connect as an Online Communication to parents. Connect is a secure online environment developed by the Department of Education for staff, students and parents. Teachers often share photos and information about what children are learning. For parents Connect provides easy access to information relevant to your child's classes and online reporting. You will be sent an email with your Connect login details when school commences at the start of the year.

## **FINALLY - ANY QUERIES?**

Parents are urged to see or contact their class teacher on Ph: 9312 4900 about any matter they wish to discuss. However, please remember that during session hours our first duty is to the children. Appointments for interviews can be arranged.

***We hope that you and your child have a  
happy and rewarding year at Kardinya Primary School.***