



Dear Parents/Carers

## WELCOME

We wish to welcome all our families to Yokine Kindy Kangaroos. We look forward to working with you as a team and getting to know you throughout the year.

## Kindy Kangaroo Team

Teacher: Ms Naomi Matthews

Education Assistant: Mrs Felycia Surya.

We work together to provide your child with meaningful and rich learning experiences.

## Attendance

Kindy days are **Mondays, Tuesdays** and **alternate Wednesdays**.

Kindy times are **8.50 to 3.10pm** except **Tuesday** which is early close at **2.40pm**.

Doors open at **8.40am** every morning. Please come in and read a book or do a puzzle with your child.

If you need to leave straight away please let the teacher know that your child has arrived.

## Information and Communication

Please make sure you look at the noticeboard in front of the Kindy Kangaroos classroom. There will often be notices, reminders and other information on the board.

Please check your emails for the School Newsletter and other information. Let me know if you have not received the newsletter.

Your child's big pencil case will be used as a communication file. Please send the big pencil case back to school **the next day** and place in the box.

## Talking to the teacher...

Please see me before or after school for a *quick* chat about any issues. If we need longer to talk we can make a meeting time. You may contact me by email: [naomi.matthews@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:naomi.matthews@education.wa.edu.au) or phone 08 9242 2726.

## Library Day

Starting in week 3, the children will visit the library each week. They will borrow a book and bring it home in their library bag to read and share with you for the week. Please make sure your child's library book and bag is placed in the library box on return.

**Kindy Kangaroos Library Day is Tuesday**

## Fruit Time

The children share fruit every day for morning tea. Please make sure your child brings a piece of fruit each day and it is placed in the basket at the front of Kindy.

## Visiting the other Kindy children.

Starting in week 3, the Kindy Kangaroos will have lunch with Mrs Brewster's Kindy Wombats. Each day Ms Matthews, Mrs Surya and the Kindy Kangaroos will walk down to the Early Childhood Unit and have lunch and a play with the Kindy and Pre Primary classes.

## What will we be doing?

Just some of the great learning...

Respect | Responsibility | Resilience

It is only Week 2 but we have been very busy in the Kindy settling in and making new friends. Thank you to all the children for trying very hard to learn the new routines and rules at their new Kindy. We will continue to learn to play with our friends, share and take turns and talk over problems.

## Literacy – Children engage in and extend literacy practices in personally meaningful ways



In literacy, the children will participate in play activities which will offer lots of opportunities to enrich language development. They will do lots of talking about stories we read, things we have done, the way we do something and the things we want to learn.

They will begin to explore rhyming, words and the sounds in words. They will experiment with the single sounds of the alphabet, starting with s a t p i n. These are very important because we can use them to start sounding out words for reading and writing.

## Numeracy - Children engage in and extend Numeracy in personally meaningful ways



In Numeracy, the children will practise counting, making sure to count each item once to find out the answer to 'how many'.

They will practise **NUMBER** skills by

- Counting from 0 – 10 forwards and backwards
- Counting small collections carefully and accurately
- Recognising numerals up to 5 and having a go write them using the correct starting and finishing points
- Using their creative minds to solve number problems

## SOCIAL SKILLS – Belonging, Being and Becoming



Yokine Primary School's Social Emotional Development Program is **You Can Do It!** This will help to support our social skills learning in Kindy. We will explore and practise

- Getting Along – sharing, taking turns and using nice words with our friends.
- We will learn to talk over the problems that happen when we play.

## What is coming up?



### Parent Help Roster

Later this term, when the children are more settled, a parent help roster will be put up on the notice board out the front of classroom. Please write your name in one timeslot. The roster runs each Kindy day, from 8.50 to 12.00pm. We look forward to seeing you and your help is greatly appreciated.

### Kindy Assessment

Later this term, Ms Matthews will be conducting a short Literacy and Numeracy assessment for each child in Kindy Kangaroos. The assessments are to help teachers plan an excellent program of learning to suit each child's needs.

### Parent Representative

The Parent Representative role will help support the lines of communication between myself and the parents in our class and with the school community. *If you are interested in becoming our Parent Rep, please let me know.*

### Parent Teacher Meetings

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April there will be parent teacher meetings from 12.30pm. There will be opportunity for you to meet with me for a short time to chat about how your child is settling in and any concerns you may want to share. If you are unable to attend on this afternoon or you miss out on a timeslot please see me to make another time.

The Parent Teacher meeting sign-up sheet will be on the noticeboard out the front on the classroom **later** in the term.

We thank you for the support you have already offered and look forward to a fun, productive and wonderful term full of lots of learning.

Ms Matthews and Mrs Surya

