Important Information

- Remember Preschool starts at 8.45am and finishes at 2.45pm.
- The weather is warm but please ensure your child wears appropriate clothing that protects them from the sun and keeps them cool. Comfortable clothing that they can be active in and comfortable on the floor is best.
- Please ensure your child has a spare set of clothing in their bag to change into (if needed!) that is appropriate to the weather conditions.
- Hats will need to worn by your child during outdoor play. This is a part of the SunSmart policy. Hats can be purchased at the Preschool and are colour coded for each class.
- Please ensure your child wears suitable footwear. Gumboots are great for puddles but not so good for climbing and running.
- Please pack healthy food options for both Morning Tea and Lunch. Please leave chips, sweet biscuits and chocolates for occasional times. Please see the photos below for lunch ideas that support a healthy lunchbox at Preschool.
- Please remember pillows for rest time.
- Please encourage your child to sign in as they enter the classroom, the clipboard is out the front ready for children to trace their name each morning.
- We love celebrating birthdays. There are 22 children in each class. If you would like to bring in something to share, please check with the educators if there are any allergies.

Healthy food options at Morning Tea and Lunch

We love discussing red, green and amber foods at Preschool, this is the concept of ‘rarely’ ‘sometimes’ and ‘all the time’ foods. Here are some great examples of lunchtime foods and snacks that reflect the Kaleen healthy food choices policy. Water is the most suitable for your child’s drink bottle.

If you need any more ideas or suggestions about food for your child at morning tea and lunch, please see your child’s educators. We are a nut free preschool.

We have had a wonderful start to Preschool

Kindest regards

Kate, Felicity, Michelle, Kathryn, Jenny and Julia

“Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning” Author Unknown
Important Dates and Events

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Early Year’s Learning Framework

You will receive a template to create a family poster with your child/children. These will become a major part of our learning this term and we encourage you to complete the poster with your child/children. Also we would like you to bring in a photo of your family for our family tree. If you need help printing photos or with anything else please see your child’s classroom teacher. Our family posters and photos provide opportunities for rich discussions in the classroom, creating a safe and secure environment for the preschool children, where they can share aspects about their family. It is reflective of outcome 1 – children have a strong sense of identity.

We will be introducing indoor/outdoor play in the next couple of weeks. This will enable your child to have more choice over their learner and explore and investigate for longer periods of time without interruption. This is reflective of outcome 4 – children are confident and involved learners.

Families

We would love any families to come in and share a skill they may have or just spend some time in the classroom. Whether it be cooking, helping us at library or being an extra set of hands. Please see us if you would like to come in.

Accompaniments to our Curriculum

We are attending library sessions and borrowing books, this is an important part of school readiness for next year. Music sessions with Katharine Finlayson will be occurring Tuesday mornings from 9.15am.

Accompaniments to our Curriculum

Japanese will be on Wednesday morning between 10:15 - 11am. This will be broken down into smaller groups to start with whilst the children become familiar with the routine and teacher.