

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION BOOKLET 2023



**DUMBLEYUNG
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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THE KINDY PROGRAM



The major aim of Kindergarten is to provide a happy, secure, motivating environment which encourages and facilitates the growth of the child physically, socially, emotionally and intellectually.

Our role is to provide activities and experiences which allow the children to develop their curiosity and imagination through enjoyment and hands on experiences. One of the most effective ways of achieving this is through play.

The Kindergarten curriculum is guided by, and assessed against, the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF). The EYLF is primarily play-based (not free play) and emphasises the importance of communication and language (including early Numeracy and Literacy) and social and emotional development. More information about the EYLF can be found on the Department of Education, Skills and Employment website.

WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN

- Control over small muscles: painting, threading, building, drawing, cutting crafts – all these require co-ordination of hand and eye muscles – essential for reading and writing.
- Control over large muscles: swinging, running, jumping, climbing, digging, hopping etc. Until a child can control his/her whole body, he/she has little chance of controlling small specialised muscles.
- Concentration: puzzles, games, art/craft and the use of other types of educational apparatus. Respect for others: everyone has a right to have a turn at a favourite toy, so we must share. Respect for staff, other adults and peers.
- Awareness of his/her world: nature study and science. Music: an early appreciation of music and movement to music. Working together to play games.
- Creative thinking, block building, constructing, painting, drawing, modelling dough, problem solving.
- Widening of intellectual development: Kindergarten/Pre Primary is an ideal environment for the stimulation of your child's language and thinking process. We hope to develop your child's auditory, visual and problem solving skills through stories, poems, discussions and games.
- Co-operation: working together to get something done.
- Responsibility: for belongings, cleaning up, and for his/her own actions.
- Self-discipline: learning to control own emotions and desires. Expressing him/herself in an acceptable way.
- Manners: common courtesies and common hygienic practices.

DATES AND TIMES

1st Day of School – Wednesday, 1st February 2023

Days:

Semester 1 (2 days) –TBC

Semester 2 (3 days) –TBC

School Day

8:40am – 9:00am Students arrive

9:00am – 11:00am Literacy block (Crunch and Sip 10am)

11:00am – 11:20am Recess

11:20am – 12:50pm Numeracy block

12:50pm – 1:20pm Lunch

1:20pm – 3:15pm* Afternoon session

*Mondays early close – 2:25pm

ARRIVAL/DROP-OFF

Bus students – Kindergarten students are well supported on buses by the drivers and older students (particularly our student leaders). The buses are equipped with a child seat for each Kindy student and helped to buckle/unbuckle it by the driver. Upon arrival, students walk around to the carpark entrance and to their classroom. Student leaders assist the Kindy students to hang up their bags, take out their Crunch n Sip and folder and settle into the classrooms as needed.

At the end of the day, students walk together to the bus stop at the front of the school and line up for their respective bus. A staff member checks them off and they board the bus.

Non-bus students should arrive at school between 8:40am and 9:00am. Arriving earlier in the window allows your child to settle in with less pressure, enjoy some classroom time with you (if appropriate) and begin playing with their classmates before the Literacy Block starts. Students should hang their bag on their hook and take their fruit and folder inside and put it in the designated tubs. Encouraging your child to do as much of this themselves as possible will increase their confidence.

Saying goodbye – more often than not, a short, reassuring goodbye encourages your child to feel secure. However, all children are different and you, or staff, may decide it is better to stay until they are settled. This can be negotiated with your child's teacher.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The Dumbleyung Primary School Council endorses the schedule of Contributions and Charges each year. The costs outlined are maximums that the school will not exceed and actual costs for most parents will be below the figures outlined. The Kindergarten contribution is set at \$60 per student payable in 2023. See 'fees and contributions' form sent out in Term 4, 2022 and/or office staff.

WHAT TO BRING TO KINDY

- Bag (with emergency set of clothes). This gets hung on their hook outside the classroom.
- 2 x water bottles. One stays in their bags for bus and outside play, the other stay in the classroom all term.
- Lunchbox – stays in bag. If it is hot spoilable items such as yogurt can go in the classroom fridge. The lunchbox should be able to be opened independently by your child.
- Crunch n Sip – To encourage healthy eating, and tide students over until recess, students need to bring a healthy snack to share each day (e.g. piece of fruit, vegetable, sultanas). The snacks are cut up and distributed amongst students to enjoy while being read to in the middle of the Literacy block.
- Hat – this can stay at school for the duration of Terms 1 and 4.

RECESS/LUNCH

Please also ensure all lunchboxes and containers are also labelled with your child's name. There is a fridge available in the classroom for students to house items, particularly in the warmer weather. Please remind them to bring the items in.

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch order day is Thursday. Lunch orders are supplied by the roadhouse. A menu is sent out at the start of each school year and spares are available from the office. Orders should be written on an envelope/bag (available at the office if required) with money put in the bag and bag placed in tray inside office door before school on Thursdays. If lunches are forgotten the school will contact the Parent to bring food in. Alternatively, you can order and pay directly with the roadhouse.

PLAY

Kindy students play in the Junior Playground at recess and lunch. The area is supplied with developmentally appropriate play equipment,

ATTENDANCE



Although Kindy is voluntary, once a student is enrolled, it is compulsory to attend unless alternative arrangements are approved by the Principal. Please note, holidays and visitors as reasons for non-attendance cannot be approved. Good attendance habits established early are more likely to be carried through your child's schooling, increasing their positive outcomes and associations with school.

If you know of an upcoming absence, you can inform your child's teacher in person, via email or in your child's diary. To advise the school of an absence on the day please phone the office, email dumbleyung.ps@education.wa.edu.au or text the school phone 0455 051 698.

Absences are recorded by classroom teachers by 9:30am each day. Where a student has been recorded as absent, and a parent/guardian has not contacted the school before this time, an automated SMS will be sent to a designated mobile phone asking for a reply. This service assists with our duty of care to ensure that all students' whereabouts is known. Unexplained absences will be followed up periodically.

SUPPLIES

A 'booklist' will be sent out at the end of 2022. Supplies can be purchased independently. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled, however, stationery items (glue, pencils etc) are combined for communal use.

Students require 2 water bottles (clearly labelled). 1 will remain in the classroom for the term, the other will stay in their school bag for outside use.

Throughout the year we collect a variety of junk materials for the use in the classroom. Please wash the containers prior to delivery. Examples: dress up materials, egg cartons, assorted paper, boxes, buttons, plastic containers etc. We cannot accept toilet rolls.

CLASSROOM ROUTINES

Each student has a selected day to share their 'news' to other students to help develop listening and speaking skills. Students are welcome to bring in items but they must stay in their bags at all times except for the news portion.

Toys/devices are not to be brought to school (other than for news). The school is equipped with a wide variety of educational and developmentally appropriate play equipment and children are encouraged to play with peers. The school does not accept responsibility for damage or loss to toys/devices brought to school.

Classroom teachers will send an outline home at the start of each term to notify families of what children will be focussing on in class and important days and events to allow you to participate actively in your child's education.

STUDENT DIARY

Student diaries can be used as communication opportunities between teachers and parents and for any other relevant information. They should be checked each evening returned to school each Kindy day in the students' folder. Diaries are not ideal for urgent or serious messages.

FOLDERS

Students will have a folder which will be used for items that need to go between school and home each day, such as notes, school diary, flashcards etc. This is a routine that will continue throughout their schooling. Students should put the folder in the box (usually located by the door) in the morning and will be prompted to put it in their bag in the afternoon. It should be checked by parents each evening.

FACTIONS

Your child will be allocated a Faction at the commencement of the year, either Cronin (gold) or Kersley (green) for Faction tokens towards school values. We do try to go by family history where possible. Students can earn faction tickets by displaying the school values. These go towards the faction's point score and the student from each faction with the highest number of tickets receives a certificate at assembly.

UNIFORMS

A typical day at school involves, climbing, painting, gluing, and playing in the sand pit. Children are encouraged to wear the school uniform and closed in shoes that they are capable of putting on and removing independently.

Library bags are gifted to each student by the P&C at the first Assembly of students' Kindy year, you do not need to provide one.

Accidents occur occasionally so it would be appreciated if a set of spare clothes including underwear could be left in the child's school bag. Please remember to keep these clothes seasonal and be sure to check they still fit each term.

MEDICAL

Please keep the school informed of any medical needs your child has. Medical forms will be sent home with enrolment packs. Please fill them out and return as soon as possible and keep the school informed of any changes to your child's health. Please also advise the school when your child receives their 4-year-old vaccinations.

Kindergarten children must be up to date with all scheduled immunisations for their age to be able to enrol. To enrol in Kindergarten, a child must have one of the following documents:

- an Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) Immunisation History Statement that is up to date and not more than two months old.
- an AIR Immunisation History Form that shows a catch-up schedule and is no more than six months old.
- a valid immunisation certificate issued by the Chief Health Officer.

All children, Pre-primary to Year 6, are able to enrol regardless of their immunisation status; however, they must supply an AIR Immunisation History Statement dated within two months of enrolment.

The school health nurse visits once a term to conduct required developmental checks (e.g. hearing, vision) on students (particularly in Kindy and Pre-Primary). While the school will always endeavour to notify parents of any upcoming checks, we are not obliged to do so and we do not always receive the dates in advance.

The dental van also attends Dumbleyung Primary School for a week each year to check students' dental health. Dates will usually be available on the Term Planner.



COMMUNITY/PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parents, family members and friends are welcome in the classroom at any time. Your involvement in the Kindy program has many benefits for you and the children including:

- The opportunity for the children to work and interact with another adult.
- The opportunity for extra activities and experiences that require adult supervision.
- The opportunity for the children to show you what they can do.
- The opportunity for you to work and interact with your child and other children.
- The opportunity for you to understand and experience educational practices.
- The opportunity to watch your child interact socially with other children.

If you have any special skills or interests please let us know as we would love to have you share them with us.

A calendar will be on display outside the classroom for you to nominate your preferred days/times. Visitors need to sign in at the front office before going into the classrooms during school hours. Your help is greatly appreciated and the more hands we have the more experiences we can provide for your children.

While on roster, it is helpful if you can:

- Support the philosophy of the centre.
- Support our school 'Code of Conduct' and values.
- Supervise activities as directed by the teacher.
- Help clean up after activities.
- Cut up fruit for morning tea first thing in the morning.
- Participate in the mat session with your child.
- Participate in some of the activities with your child.
- Encourage your child to remain with the other children.
- Talk to children about their work around the room.
- Enjoy yourself!



BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays are a special time for young children. If you would like to come in on roster on your child's birthday, please let us know. The children love to have a fuss made of them on their birthday, so you are welcome to bring a cake and spend the session with us.



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