DUMBLEYUNG
PRIMARY SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION BOOKLET 2026

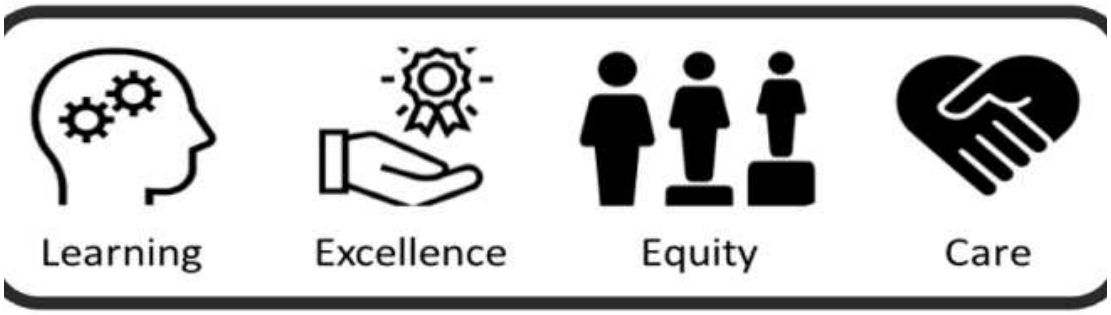
SCHOOL VISION

At Dumbleyung Primary School our purpose is to be a positive tool in a child's life to teach with inspiration in a safe, supportive and inclusive environment to equip students with skills and knowledge to become life-long learners. As every day is important in a child's life and postcodes don't dictate life success.

Our motto 'Commitment to Achieve' reflects our high expectations.

Our school values are:

Learning, Excellence, Equity, Care



The Kindergarten Program

The 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.

PreLit, Phonemic Awareness and Oral Language are the main focus for learning. 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 emphasizes 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 favorite 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.

Days and Times

First Day of School - Tuesday 3rd February 2026

Days:

Semester 1 - Tuesday and Thursday

Semester 2 - Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

School Day:

8:40am - 8:55am - Students arrive

9:00am - 11:00am - Literacy block

11:00am - 11:30am - Lunch

11:30am - 1:30pm - Numeracy block (crunch and sip 12:30pm)

1:30pm - 2:00pm -Recess

2:00pm - 3:15pm - Afternoon Session

*Monday early close at 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. Please inform your bus driver if your child will not be on the bus that day, (if they are sick or being collected from school).

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 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 2025. See 'fees and contributions' form sent out in Term 4, 2024 and/or office staff.

Booklist

A 'booklist' will be sent out at the end of 2025. Supplies are 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, and may call out for donations. Examples: dress up materials, egg cartons, assorted paper, boxes, buttons, plastic containers etc. We cannot accept toilet rolls. Please wash the containers prior to delivery.

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.

What to bring to Kindy

- Bag (with emergency set of clothes, including underwear). 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.
- Crunch n Sip – To encourage healthy eating, and tide students over until recess, students need to bring a healthy snack each day piece of fruit, vegetable, dried fruit is also acceptable (please pre-cut this at home if required by your child).
- Hat – this can stay at school for the duration of Terms 1 and 4. Please label with your child's name.

Recess / Lunch

Please ensure all lunchboxes and containers are also labelled with your child's name. The lunchbox should be able to be opened independently by your child. Include an ice block in hot weather to keep food cool.

Lunch Orders

Lunch order day is Thursday. Lunch orders are supplied by The Dumbleyung Roadhouse. A menu is sent home at the beginning of the year or available from the Roadhouse. Orders are made directly with the Roadhouse via SMS on 0450 159 600. If lunches are forgotten the school will contact a parent/carer to bring food in.

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, well labelled, including underwear could be left in the child's school bag. Spare clothes also come in handy on days when we do water play. 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 endeavor 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.

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.

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 are not a reasonable cause for non-attendance. 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.

Play

Kindy students play in the Playground with the other students / students from other classes at recess and lunch. Students should not bring in their own toys from home except on their news day.

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.

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.

Cross Country

The Dumbleyung Primary School hosts a school Cross Country during Term 2, followed by an assembly. The event is held on the school oval and is an opportunity for kindergarten students to be involved in a race. This is not a compulsory event and is up to the discretion of the Parent if you wish for your kindergarten aged child to participate.

Tabloid Sports

The Tabloid Sports event is a great day shared by students, staff, parents/caregivers, family, friends and community members. The purpose of this event is to allow the students to practise their skills they have been learning for the Interschool Sports Carnival event and they compete against the adults. Lunch orders are available as a fundraiser for Senior Room commitments and the day usually ends with an Assembly.

Interschool Athletics

The Interschool Athletics carnival is hosted during Week 9 in Term 3. The event is held on a Thursday and therefore Kindergarten students are able to participate in the carnival. Kindergarten students participate in the Long Jump, Novelty Egg & Spoon Race, Novelty Hoop Relay Race, 50m Running Race, Flag Relay, Corner Spry and Beanbag Relay. This is not a compulsory event and is up to the discretion of the Parent if you wish for your kindergarten aged child to participate.

Assemblies

General Assemblies are held once a term on a Thursday at 2:30pm in the Library. Special Assemblies (e.g. ANZAC Day, Cross Country) may be held at different times/locations/days. Dates/times of all Assemblies will be advertised each term on the Term Planner sent home with the Newsletter.

Assemblies are hosted by the Leadership Team and classes alternate giving class reports/performances.

Meet & Greet

Meet & Greet (usually held one afternoon in Term 1) is an opportunity to formally meet your child's teacher and understand how the classroom will run. You are welcome to schedule a one-on-one meeting with your child's teacher at any other time and pop in to say hello.

Communication

We use a variety of communication methods to engage and inform families and the community at Dumbleyung Primary School, however, speaking to someone (either on the phone or in person) is always the best way to convey urgent or sensitive information.

Open and timely communication is a priority for the school. If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns, please contact the Office on 9863 2500.

School Bus

Two buses service the school. Applications must be made to School Bus Services at www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au. Any queries relating to the buses please ring the principal or go online. Bus safety drills will be conducted regularly to remind children of the safest way to travel in their school bus. If a child has to be driven more than 4.5km to the nearest bus route or school by the shortest practicable route, then a conveyance allowance is payable to the parent.

An explanation note or phone call to the office is essential for bus students if alternative arrangements have been made other than bus transportation after school. Complimentary School Bus travel forms (for after school visiting) are available at the office, no student is to travel on buses without this form being filled out. Parents need to contact the bus driver concerned first if there will be room for any extra passengers.

Absences

Please use the below details to text or call regarding absences or messages. Please notify the office of absences as soon as possible.
School Office: 9863 2500 (8am-3:30pm)
Mobile: 0455 051 698 (8am-3:30pm)
Email: dumbleyung.ps@education.wa.edu.au (anytime)
Students arriving late/leaving early need to sign in/out at the front office by a parent/carer (or a delegate that the school has been notified about).

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.
- 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!

General Information

Email: dumbleyung.ps@education.wa.edu.au
Web: www.dumbleyungps.wa.edu.au
Principal: Melanie Ball
Office hours: 8:30am - 3:30pm
School phone: 9863 2500
School mobile: 0455 051 698

BELL TIMES

9.00 – 11.00	Session 1
11.00 – 11.30	**LUNCH**
11.30 – 1.30	Session 2
1.30 – 2.00	**RECESS**
2.00 – 3.15	Session 3 (**Monday Early Close 2.25)**

Students should not arrive before 8:40am to ensure adequate supervision.