Preschool Sessions

**Group 1: Koalas**
- Tuesdays & Thursdays
- 8:40 am - 3:00 pm and alternate Mondays of Week 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

**Group 2: Kangas**
- Wednesdays & Fridays 8:40 am - 3:00 pm and alternate Mondays of Week 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

Children need to bring:
- A clearly named bag for Preschool
- A morning snack to be the type of food that you as parents want to promote for healthy eating (e.g. fruit, cheese/crackers, vegetable sticks, yoghurt.)
- Lunch boxes and drink bottles (water only) that are clearly labelled.
- Clothing that allows your child to go to the toilet without adult assistance.
- Comfortable, non-restrictive clothes to foster self-help skills and greater independence.
- Spare change of clothes (labelled) in their bag.
- Lunch each day for Preschool and a piece of fruit ready to place in the basket to eat.

Preschool Parent Session

This afternoon session in November, the term before your child starts Preschool, will enable families to familiarize themselves with the routines and practices as they transition their child for Preschool. There is a comprehensive Preschool Induction Package.

Daily Routines

Daily arrival at 8.40 am and pick up at 3.00pm.
Preschool starts in the Library on Mondays where parents/carers can bring their child in for a morning activity. There is a choice of different indoor activities each day before Gathering time and Prayer time daily. Individual eating time and shared fruit time each daily.

Preschool is a nut-free environment

Communication

Parent Information Board, Electronic Preschool Newsletter Fortnightly school newsletter emailed directly. Notes, Newsletters etc in your child's bag. Please ring if you or your child will be late or absent. The Preschool Blog provides the latest information. There is a comprehensive Preschool Parent Information Session before your child starts Preschool.

Cost:
- $330 per school term for Koalas & Kangas
- $550 per school term for High-5 Group

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Welcome to
St Joseph' Payneham
Preschool

Curiosity
Creativity
Diversity

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Early Years Learning Framework
- Single Intake Policy (starts in Term 1)
- Indoor & Outdoor Learning Centres
- Both formative and summative reports
- Literacy & Numeracy focus (Jolly Phonics)
- Individual Learning Folders
- Learning and Well Being Programs
- Belonging, Being, Becoming Framework
- Graduation Liturgy & Celebration

National Quality Standards
- Exceeding in 5 out of 7 quality areas
- Committed to continuous improvement
- Safe and effective learning environment
- Preschool Quality Improvement Plan
- Indoor /Outdoor learning areas
- Teacher: child ratio of 1:11
- Caring and professional staff
- Children need to be 4 years of age before 1st May (Universal Access)

Play Based Learning
- Welcoming and multicultural atmosphere
- Wide range of learning experiences
- Investigating our world Learning
- Social skills – Program Achieve
- Enjoying Local excursions
- Learning to make choices
- Special Needs Program
- Lots of new equipment
- Sustainability focus

Reggio Emilia Approach
- Encouraging a child-centred approach
- Many sensory experiences
- Sharing fun times together
- Exploring natural play spaces
- Unfolding a child's full potential
- Fostering a love of learning
- Re-imagining the child's capabilities
- Instilling a sense of identity and belonging

Growing into Reception Program (See separate brochure)
- For children who turn 5 years of age from 1st May – 31st October.
- 5 days each week in Term 3 & Term 4.

Using School facilities
- Using Library / Resource Centre every Monday.
- Playing on the school playground.
- Buddy class activities each term.
- Sports Day at SANTOS Stadium.
- Using the school gymnasium & oval.
- Visits to Reception areas for school induction.
- Use of Music room and musical instruments.

Family Involvement
- Fostering partnerships to support learning.
- Becoming a Preschool parent representative.
- Joining in learning experiences (Cooking, craft etc).
- Volunteering on committees (P&F, Board etc).
- Making literacy / numeracy games.
- Helping with weekly activities / jobs.
- Preschool working bee/fundraising.
- Sharing learning stories/folders.
- Reading stories to the children.
- Family / Community events.