Daily Routines

Daily arrival at 8.40 am and pick up at 3.00 pm. Please sign-in your child each day. 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. Preschool starts in the Library on Mondays. 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 Preschool Parent Information Session in November, before your child starts Preschool.

Cost:

- $350 per school term for Koalas & Kangas
- $700 per school term for High-5 Group

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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 (eg. 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.
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
- Instilling a sense of identity and belonging
- Re-imagining the child's capabilities
- Unfolding a child's full potential
- Exploring natural play spaces
- Many sensory experiences
- Sharing fun times together
- Fostering a love of learning

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.

Piccolini Program

- For 3-4 year old children
- Friday mornings from 8.45am – 10.45am
- 1 Certified Supervisor for every 10 children
- Book in advance by returning the enrolment form to Dora Cavuoto and paying the term fee.

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.