

# BINDOON PRIMARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN



## INFORMATION BOOKLET 2024

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# KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

This information booklet is designed to answer your questions about Bindoon Kindergarten. If there is anything you are unsure about, please see your child's teacher.

At Bindoon Kindy the program is planned to cater for all aspects of your child's development: intellectual, emotional, social, creative and physical. The program is based on these principles:

- Implementation of the Early Years Learning Framework, Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines and adherence to the National Quality Standards
- Children, parents and teachers are all involved in the active process of learning, which starts at birth and continues through Kindergarten, into school and beyond.
- Play-based learning will help develop skills for independent learning.
- A friendly and happy environment will promote confidence and a sense of security.
- Positive self-esteem will be developed to enhance your child's academic success and personality development.
- Children will learn to recognise the rights of others, and be responsible for the care of equipment.
- Appropriate behaviour will be encouraged through the use of positive behaviour support.



*We warmly welcome you to our school!*

## ***EARLY YEARS LEARNING FRAMEWORK***

The first four years in a child's life are vitally important in terms of education, as they are the years when a child is laying down foundations for future learning and participation in society. This document describes five broad outcomes which underpin our teaching pedagogy.

- Children have a strong sense of identity
- Children are connected with and contribute to their world
- Children have a strong sense of well-being
- Children are confident and involved learners
- Children are effective communicators

## ***KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM GUIDELINES***

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority is responsible for curriculum guidelines for all Western Australian Schools, Kindergarten to Year 12. The Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines focuses on children's learning and development, consistent with the Early Years Learning Framework. In Kindergarten we focus on personal and social competence, as well as pre-literacy and pre-numeracy skills. Every student is an individual and we strive to plan and support each student to their own developmental level, addressing students' academic, social, behavioural, emotional, psychological and physical needs.

## ***NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD (NQS)***

The National Quality Standard sets a national benchmark for equality in early childhood education and care services across Australia and establishes a set of standards that all service types are expected to meet. This document outlines seven standards that we demonstrate through our Kindergarten program.

Quality Area 1: Educational program and practice

Quality Area 2: Children's health and safety

Quality Area 3: Physical environment

Quality Area 4: Staffing arrangements

Quality Area 5: Relationships with children

Quality Area 6: Collaborative partnerships with families and communities

Quality Area 7: Governance and leadership

## **KINDERGARTEN SESSION TIMES**

Term 1 and 2 session times will be Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am – 3:05pm  
Term 3 and 4 session times will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am – 3:05pm  
Students attend full days from the first day of Kindergarten.

## **ANNUAL SUPPLY LIST**

Please see separate Personal Items List. Items that are consumables are shared by all Kindy students, and therefore do not require labelling with your child's name. Please bring them with you on the first day of school.

## **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION & CHARGES**

\$ 60.00

## **P&C DONATION**

\$ 40.00

## **TERM DATES FOR 2023**

Term One: Wednesday 31 January – Thursday 28 March

Term Two: Monday 15 April – Friday 28 June

Term Three: Monday 15 July – Friday 20 September

Term Four: Monday 7 October – Thursday 12 December

Please refer to the booklet, *Information for Parents K-6 2024*, for other important dates.



## ARRIVAL AND PICK-UP

The classroom door will open at 8.45am.

It is a requirement that children be brought into the Kindy room by their parent or carer, (unless they come to school by bus).

Please be aware that the playground and outside equipment are out of bounds, before and after school.

Upon arrival at Kindergarten, parents are to encourage their child to:

- place their bag on the bench in front of their name
- collect their items from their bag – drink bottle, school satchel and library bag (Thursday only)
- enter the classroom and:
  - place their drink bottle in their pigeon hole
  - check that their school hat is in their pigeon hole (hats are to remain at school)
  - place their school satchel in the satchel box (ensure their Student Diary is in the satchel)
- complete their morning task, and then choose another activity to do until the first siren sounds

At the end of the day, parents and carers are to wait outside the classroom until the children have been dismissed by their teacher. Please note that a child will not be released to an unknown person without prior notification, which can be written in the Student Diary.

## BUS CHILDREN

Parents need to go online to apply for the bus service. The website address is: [pta.wa.gov.au](http://pta.wa.gov.au) and choose School Bus Services and then Parents. Forms are completed and submitted online. There is also a link on our school webpage [www.bindoonprimaryschool.wa.edu.au](http://www.bindoonprimaryschool.wa.edu.au)

Kindy children will be collected from the bus before school, and escorted to the bus after school, by a staff member. If there is a change of plans for taking the bus home on a particular day, parent notification is required in the Student Diary. If there is no note, normal procedures will be followed.

## WHAT TO BRING

- Kindergarten students wear our school uniform and this can be ordered through the P&C uniform shop, which is open every Tuesday morning before school. Orders can also be left at the office. Second hand uniforms are sometimes available. Please take the time to read the Bindoon Primary School Dress Code Policy, which is available on our school website.
- To ensure safety on play equipment, in the playground and in the gross motor program, students should wear appropriate closed in shoes, such as runners and sneakers.
- While every effort is made to protect clothing, please be aware that some activities are messy. We provide paint shirts when needed.
- Bindoon Primary School is a Sun Smart School and as time is spent outside each day, your child will need a school hat, labelled with their name.
- A large school bag - large enough for spare clothes, lunch box, drink bottle, school satchel, Student Diary.
- A piece of fruit or vegetable for Crunch n Sip.
- Drink bottle containing water only, labelled with their name.



- A spare change of clothes (in case of accidents), all items labelled with their name.
- A healthy packed lunch box e.g. celery with filling, sandwiches, crackers, cheese. No lollies, fizzy drinks or fruit juice. Lunches remain in school bags so please include an ice pack in the hotter months. If you send a warm lunch, please use a thermos.
- Toys are not to be brought to school unless it is your child's News Day.

## **ACCIDENTS**

When children enter an unknown environment, they do not always behave in their usual fashion. Sometimes they become so involved in an activity they forget to go to the toilet. Please supply your child with a full set of spare clothes, in a plastic bag clearly marked with your child's name.

## **BRINGING SOMETHING HOME**

Children may not necessarily bring work home each day. Conversation is just as effective as material items. Your child may be quite tired at first and may not want to talk. When asked what was done at Kindy, a common response is "Nothing!". However, your child has been busy developing many skills throughout the day, such as spatial awareness, problem solving and co-operative skills, simply by playing with blocks. Instead of asking, "What have you done?", maybe ask, "What was the best thing about Kindy today?" Most of their work will be kept and sent home at the end of term. This work will provide a permanent record of your child's achievements during their time at the Bindoon Kindergarten.

## **PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

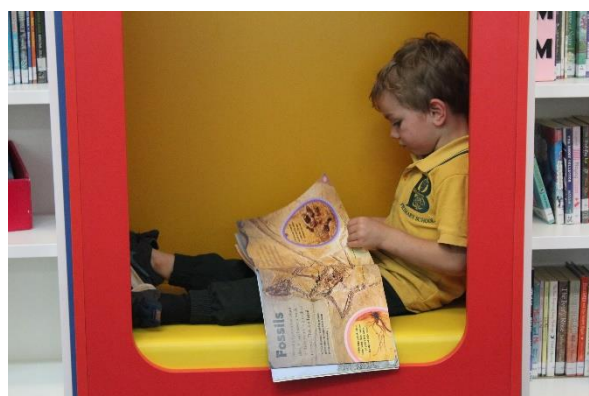
We encourage parental involvement, not only for roster duties but also sharing special skills or experiences with the children. A roster for parent help will be displayed outside the classroom later in Term 1.

## **FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS (FMS)**

In Kindergarten we run a FMS program. Sometimes we join with the Pre-primary class and work together as factions. Along with developing fundamental movement skills, it also helps to develop a sense of team and cooperation.

## **PROMOTING LITERACY DEVELOPMENT (PLD)**

PLD is an evidence-based approach to Structured Synthetic Phonics for primary students. At Bindoon Primary School, PLD is implemented from Kindergarten to Year 6. In the early years, PLD's programs focus upon pre-literacy skills such as phonological awareness and the alphabet sounds, as well as fine and gross motor and oral language skill development.



## **COMPREHENSION PROGRAM**

Later in the term your child will participate in a home comprehension and language skills program. The comprehension program includes a book with a set of questions relating to the book. The language skills cards have activities and games which assist your child to learn vital literacy skills including describing skills, building vocabulary, following instructions and comprehension skills. We will alternate between the books and language cards each week. This program is run through the library and will come home along with your child's chosen library book every Thursday.

## **WAYS YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME**

- Read books to and with your child every day.
- Encourage them to be independent (e.g. toileting, dressing themselves, putting on their own socks and shoes, putting away toys when they have finished with them etc.)
- Allow children to use scissors with adult supervision.
- Talk about colours, numbers, shapes and spatial concepts (e.g. over/under, long/short, days of the week, times etc).

## **PARENT – SCHOOL CONTACT**

The Student Diary is a great means of communication from home to school and back. We will check it each day for any messages. The diary also has absent slips that can be used, as all absences need to be explained. Alternatively, absences can be explained by replying to our school text regarding absences, or by phoning the school office. The school also uses Connect for email and notifications regarding both your child's class and whole school events. If you are not receiving notifications from Connect at the beginning of the year, please speak to admin.

If you require to discuss anything regarding your child in length, please make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher.

## **STUDENT DIARY**

These cost \$5.00 and can be purchased at the school office in the first few weeks of school. It is an important means of communication between home and school. We ask you to initial and date all received messages so that we know that messages have been received. Ensure the Student Diary is sent into school each day in your child's school satchel.

## **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

Please keep an eye open for these, as they are a major way of passing on important information throughout the whole school. They are sent via Connect on the first Tuesday of each month.

## **P&C MEETINGS**

The Bindoon Primary School Parents & Citizens supports our school in many ways. Please support this association in any way you can: by attending meetings, and/ or supporting fund raisers. Meetings are usually held once a term, so please keep your eye on the school newsletter as dates and times will be published.

## **LIBRARY**

Kindy children visit the library each week on a Thursday. Please supply a labelled library bag for your child.

## **MONEY**

All money is to be handed to the front office in a sealed envelope with your child's name, the amount of money enclosed and its purpose clearly written on the front e.g.



## **NEWS**

We will begin news telling in Term 2. This means that every few weeks your child will be able to share some news with the class. A roster and more information will be sent home towards the end of Term 1.

## **SICKNESS**

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell as viruses, colds etc. are quickly spread. If your child becomes unwell whilst at school, parents or the person nominated as an emergency contact will be called. Please contact the school office if any contact information changes.

