

# Kindergarten Information 2020





Welcome you to Australind Primary School Kindergarten!

For some of you, this may be your very first experience with Kindergarten. There are many procedures and routines in place to enable the creation of a highly effective, safe learning environment.

We have put together this booklet to enable you to experience a smooth transition for you and your child as they embark on this milestone. Whether you are a new Kindy parent, or have other children in our school, we are confident you will find the following information very useful.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any further questions or concerns.

Regards,  
Early Childhood Staff

### What Did You Do Today?

When children come home at the end of the day,  
The question they're asked as they scurry to play  
is, "Tell me what did you do today?"  
And the answer they give makes you sigh with dismay.  
"Nothing, I did nothing today!"  
Perhaps nothing means that I played with blocks,  
Or counted to ten, or sorted some rocks.  
Maybe I painted a picture of red and blue  
Or heard a story of a mouse who flew.  
Maybe I watched our fish eat today,  
Or went outside on the playground to play.  
Maybe today was the very first time  
That my scissors followed a very straight line.  
Maybe I sang a song from beginning to end,  
Or played with a special, brand new friend.  
When you're in Kindy and your heart has wings,  
"Nothing" can mean so many things!



## SCHOOL CONTACT NUMBERS

**Telephone:** 9796 3900

**Postal Address:** PO Box A630  
Australind WA 6233

**Email:** [australind.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:australind.ps@education.wa.edu.au)

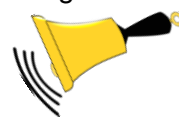
**'Skoolbag' 'App':** Our school uses the fantastic 'Skoolbag' app. This allows you to access all sorts of information and receive notifications and updates. The app is free to download from the playstore (android and iPhone). Search for 'Skoolbag Australind Primary'. It can also be used to lodge absences.

**Facebook:** Australind Primary School has an official Facebook page which will help us share the great things happening in our School, celebrate the achievements of those in our school community and assist in communicating messages about events and activities in the School. The 'Skoolbag' app remains an important part of our communication efforts with families and will continue to be used in conjunction with Facebook, particularly for things such as student absences. Naturally, we ask of our followers the same thing we ask of our students, and that is that users Choose Respect and show care and consideration for our school and everyone connected to it. It is up and running now.

**Website:** Information about the school and links to forms etc. The site can be found at:  
<http://australindps.wa.edu.au/>

## SESSION TIMES FOR OUR KINDERGARTEN

- We open our doors at 8:30am
- Between 8:30am and 8:50am we ask parents to help their children with a puzzle or reading a book. This is a very valuable time for all children.
- At 8:50am we ring the bell and the children will need to pack away and sit on the mat.
- School finishes at 2:50pm for full day sessions.
- If you will be late collecting your child, please ring the school on 9796 3900 to let us know.
- We also have a communication book, located near the door, for you to let us know if there are any changes to the normal pick up.
- We will not send any child home with another adult unless we have been notified by you prior to the end of the day.



## SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

The school notifies all parents at the end of each year regarding the estimated costs for the upcoming year. This should enable you to budget for the upcoming events.

**School contributions for 2020 are as follows: \$50.00 per child**

**Chaplain \$ 5.00**

**P & C membership \$ 1.00 per member**

**Contributions are payable at the office (EFTPOS available and Direct Debit).**

## CHAPLAIN CONTRIBUTIONS

We have available, Chaplain support for students and family members for any issues or circumstances that may need a friendly ear or support. Chaplain Contributions are \$5.00 per child and can be paid along with the school contributions. This will support the Chaplain Service.

The school Chaplain cares for our school community, including students, staff and family members, in a respectful and confidential manner. The Chaplain can provide a listening ear, encouragement and friendly support whenever a 'safe friend' is needed. Our Chaplain provides a non-religious, non-denominational service to people of all backgrounds. Referrals are made for various reasons, including family separation, peer relationships, challenging behaviours or grief issues. Staff, family members or students themselves can make referrals to the Chaplain. Families who do not wish their children to have individual access to the chaplaincy service should advise the school. Our Chaplain is frequently involved with class and playground groups, encouraging students and facilitating positive social development.



## PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION (P & C)



We have an active and committed parent group at Australind Primary School. They work closely with the school to provide the best possible environment for all children.

Parents are invited to attend these meetings, notification as to where and when these meetings are held will be sent out on the Skoolbag App. Come along and join this band of parents and support your child's learning. Meetings are usually held monthly.

The P&C also provides invaluable support services by running the clothing shop and having special meal deal days. Without volunteer helpers these services would not be available and the P & C would welcome your help in these areas.

The service aspect of the P&C operates on a business basis and there are running costs of insurance and utilities to be paid. The annual Membership Fee of the P&C of \$1.00 per member offsets these operating expenses and allows the Association to provide service at a minimum cost to parents.

## A CHILD LEAVING SCHOOL DURING THE DAY

Parents, who have a need to take their child from school, during school hours, should first call at the office to fill in a withdrawal form and have it signed by a member of the administration.

This form is then given to the class teacher who will release your child. Class teachers have been instructed **NOT** to release any child to anyone without this form.

## LUNCH/FRUIT



- Please bring a piece of fruit vegetable and an additional healthy snack each day for your child's morning recess.
- Lunch is to be provided in a lunchbox and brought into the classroom. Remember to provide your child's lunch in containers that they can **independently open!** (A freezer block is a great idea)
- At lunchtime, the children will sit together and eat their lunch. Lunch starts at 12:00pm and then the children play outside from 12.30pm – 1:00pm
- We encourage children to eat their lunch first, before snacks.
- We would appreciate sugary food and drinks being kept to a minimum!
- Please be aware that the school is peanut aware. Some children have serious reactions to nuts, and it would be appreciated if you do not send food with nuts. Eg. Nutella, peanut butter. There is a student who is anaphylactic in the school to Sesame Seeds.
- No cordial or juice please.



## WATER BOTTLES

- Please provide your child with a **labelled water bottle**, which they need to bring every day. These will be placed on a shelf so the children can drink frequently.
- No Cordial or Juice please added to the water bottle.



## CLOTHES

- Please keep spare clothes in your child's bag. (Minimum of 1 set)
- Children may get wet playing, spill their lunch or have an accident and they feel a lot more comfortable when they can change into their own clothes.

## HATS

- Please provide your child with a clearly labelled broad brimmed hat every day.
- The school has a hat as part of the uniform. These are available from the uniform shop.
- Hats must be worn outside. We have a sun safe policy where children remain in covered areas if they do not have a sun safe hat.
- Please apply sunscreen before school. We also advise you apply insect repellent as we are not able to do this.



## FOOTWEAR

- We encourage the children to be independent – they need to be able to get their shoes on/off themselves. Velcro sneakers, slip on shoes and sandals are best.
- Please no thongs or crocs

## ABSENTEES

- We need to have written or verbal explanations if your child has been away or will be away. You can also enter this on the Australind Primary School 'Skoolbag' app (available on the App Store for Apple and Android). Kindy is not compulsory, but once enrolled, attendance is expected.

*When your child goes to school every day they will achieve their best.*

## UNIFORM SHOP

- The uniform shop located near the school canteen please ask at the school office for open days.

## SCHOOL BAGS

- Please check bags daily for works of art, notes and letters. These are treasures which enable you to share their journey at Kindy with them.
- Please clearly label the bag with child's name.

## PARENT ROSTER

- Coming in on a roster is a wonderful way to observe your child in the classroom setting. The children always feel very proud to have their parents on roster.
- Our roster will start once the children have all settled in
- The roster will be displayed inside the centre.
- Parent roster includes Mums, Dads, Grandparents and other relatives!
- Please fill in a date that is convenient to you.
- When on roster, you may not necessarily work with your child/children, but perhaps with a small group of children at a set task.

## LAUNDRY ROSTER

- We will be having a laundry roster throughout the year to help with washing the children's hand towels.
- The roster will be displayed inside the centre.
- Please don't waste time ironing the washing!



## SICK CHILDREN

- Please don't send sick children to school, it only spreads more germs!
- If your child is unwell at school, we will ring you and ask for them to be collected.
- If you are not going to be contactable during the day, please provide us with an alternative number for someone who can come and collect your child. This should also have been on your enrolment form.
- PLEASE keep your contact details up to date in the office and PLEASE have your mobile switched on during school hours. Contact details can also be updated on the Skoolbag App
- If you find head lice in your child's hair, please treat and notify the class teacher. If children are found to have live lice, we will call you to collect them.

## PARKING

- Parking in the staff car park is **not permitted**. It is dangerous for cars to be moving in this area just before and just after school.
- For their own safety, please teach the children to use pathways and not to walk across the car park.



## HANDWRITING

- South Australian Font. Example attached.
- Please use a capital ONLY as the beginning letter e.g. Ann
- Keep it fun!





## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If your child is not fully toilet trained, this will not prevent your child from attending Kindy at Australind Primary School. However, we will require you to provide details of your current toileting plan so that we can support your child and ensure that their additional needs are met. For students who are not fully toilet trained we will provide you with a form to fill out to provide us with a formal record of what you are doing to at home so that we can offer a consistent approach as your child transitions into an independent Kindergarten student.

Please provide:

- Baby wipes (Flushable)
- Nappy bags for the soiled baby wipes
- Multiple changes of clothes
- Plastic bags to place the soiled clothes in for transportation home

If you believe your child's speech is difficult to understand at times, they may need a speech pathologist. It is advisable to contact your GP for a referral before the commencement of the Kindergarten year as there is often a long waitlist for children to be seen.

Early intervention is the best way to assist your child.

## FOSTERING INDEPENDENCE

- Practise carrying their school bag (perhaps when you go to the shops or on a picnic)
- Practise opening and closing their school bag
- Practise opening and closing their lunchbox
- Explain what food is for morning tea and what food is for lunch
- Practise putting their own shoes on and off
- Practise cutting with scissors (with supervision) refer to the correct scissor hold
- Practise recognising their own name
- Draw together – refer to the correct pencil grip
- Read to your child, ask them questions about the pictures
- Encourage your child to "use their words" instead of non-verbal language like pointing and gestures
- Practise being able to dress and undress independently when going to the toilet.

## CONCERNS/QUERIES

- If you have a concern and would like to speak to one of the staff, rather than trying to speak in the mornings when we are busy setting up, please feel free to make an appointment.

**CHOOSE RESPECT**  
RESPECT IS TO TREAT WITH CARE AND CONSIDERATION

**CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**  
Every member of our community is encouraged to **CHOOSE RESPECT**.  
To **CHOOSE RESPECT** is to make a conscious effort to:

- Treat others with Respect, no matter how they treat you.
- Treat yourself with Respect.
- Forgive others who do not treat you with Respect.
- Resist your natural desire to pay back or take revenge.
- Apologise when you do not treat others with Respect.
- Support others who are not being treated with Respect.
- Ask for support when others do not treat you with Respect.

*"Fostering a Culture of Respect in our community"*

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## BEHAVIOUR POLICY

- Our school is a 'Choose Respect' school.
- In our classroom, behaviour will be dealt with in a positive manner. We acknowledge and foster appropriate behaviour.
- In the case of disagreements, we believe in getting down to the child's level and asking them what has happened, how do they think they can change it, what would they do next time.
- We encourage the children to try and work things out for themselves and give them the chance to be independent (always being there if they require assistance).
- If a child engages in inappropriate play in the outdoor area, they will be made to sit out for a short time to remove them from the play situation.
- If a serious behaviour incident occurs, we will make contact with you to discuss it.

We use the YOU CAN DO IT program throughout the school to encourage positive behaviour and attitudes in our children. This program enables them to develop the 'Keys to Success'.

The following **YOU CAN DO IT** characters have attributes we foster:

**Gabby GETALONG**  
**Connie CONFIDENCE**  
**Pete PERSISTENCE**  
**Oscar ORGANISATION**  
**Ricky RESILIENCE**



We look forward to being a part of your child's education and working with you to help your children become LIFE LONG LEARNERS.



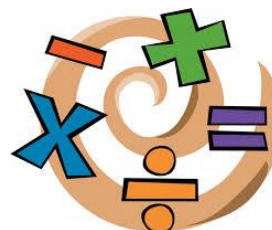
## BEFORE I CAN LEARN TO READ I NEED TO KNOW:

- What a book is.
- That contains words and pictures.
- That these words are what is read.
- That a book has a beginning and an end and back and front.
- I may begin to understand that reading and writing is done from left to right, top to bottom and that each printed word represents one spoken word.
- I need to learn to love and care for books in order to want to read.
- I may not learn all of these pre-reading skills before I am five but I will learn some of them.
- Books are enjoyable – I can find out such a lot of things.
- My language and listening skills grow with lots of stories, poems, singing, puppets, games and music.



## BEFORE I CAN LEARN TO DO MATHS I NEED TO KNOW:

- The names of numbers.
- Be able to say them in the right order.
- Match each number with the correct amount of things.
- Know the names of shapes and colours and be able to match them.
- Put things that are alike into sets.
- Learn that things can be put in order.
- Learn about size.
- Learn about weight.
- Learn about space.
- The sandpit is a great place.
- The block corner can help me with my maths.





# Pencil Grip

## Remember ...

Make an OK sign with your fingers.

Place the pencil between your thumb and pointer finger.

Tuck your other three fingers in towards your palm.

Rest your pencil on the end of your middle finger.

Make sure that the end of your pencil is pointing backwards and is "resting on it pillow."

Left HAND

Right HAND




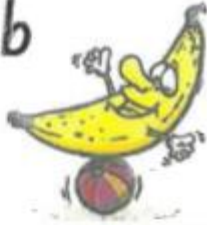







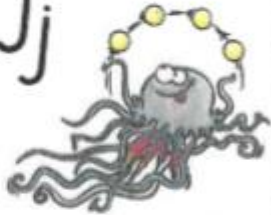















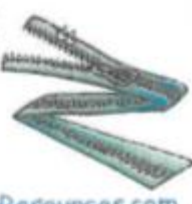
# HOW TO HOLD MY SCISSORS?



The thumb is the bus driver. He sits up top by himself.  
The matron sits in the front seat by herself, but all the  
kids sit in the back!

**One of the most important things you can do  
for children is encourage a love of learning.**



The	Alphabet	Aa 	Bb 
Cc 	Dd 	Ee 	Ff 
Gg 	Hh 	Ii 	Jj 
Kk 	Ll 	Mm 	Nn 
Oo 	Pp 	Qq 	Rr 
Ss 	Tt 	Uu 	Vv 
Ww 	Xx 	Yy 	Zz 

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