

Kindergarten Information 2018



♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

Welcome 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!



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SCHOOL CONTACT NUMBERS

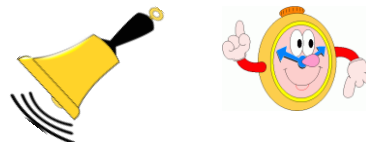
Telephone: 9796 3900

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

Email australind.ps@education.wa.edu.au

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.

We encourage the use of email for all correspondence if this mode suits you.



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 2017 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 which are held in the school library. Come along and join this band of parents and support your child's learning. Look out for meeting dates in the school newsletter. Meetings are usually held monthly.



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The P&C also provides invaluable support services by running the canteen and clothing shop. Without volunteer helpers these services would not be provided so it is in your interest to help out 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.

CUSHIONS

- Please supply a small cushion for your child to use at rest time.

LUNCH/FRUIT

- Please bring a piece of fruit or a vegetable each day for your child's morning recess.
- If your child is having an apple or orange please cut it up for them if necessary.
- Lunch is to be provided in a lunchbox and left in your child's bag. 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 a peanut free zone. Some children have serious reactions to nuts. It would be appreciated if you do not send food with nuts.



WATER BOTTLES

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



CLOTHES

- Please keep spare clothes in your child's bag.
- 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.

CANTEEN

- The school canteen is open, **Thursday and Fridays**.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

SCHOOL BANKING

- We have volunteers who come and do school banking through the Commonwealth bank. Please enquire at the school office for more details or set up an account for your child at the commonwealth bank so they can start saving even if it's only a few dollars a week.



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

- Victorian Modern Cursive sample attached. This may change for 2018; we will let you know what style it will change to.
- Please use a capital ONLY as the beginning letter e.g. Ann
- Keep it fun!

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.

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.



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