



2024

# Mosman Park Primary School KINDERGARTEN HANDBOOK

Listen  
Learn  
Lead



## Our Vision

At Mosman Park Primary School we empower students to achieve their personal best, to become confident and creative life-long learners and to make a valued contribution to the wider community.



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**Term Dates:**

Term 1: Wed 31 Jan – Thurs 28 March  
Term 2: Mon 15 April – Fri 28 June  
Term 3: Mon 15 July – Fri 20 Sep  
Term 4: Mon 7 Oct – Thurs 12 Dec

**Public Holidays:**

Labour Day	Mon 4 March
Good Friday	Fri 29 March
Easter Monday	Mon 1 Apr
Anzac Day Holiday	Thurs 25 April
WA Day	Mon 3 June
Queen's Birthday	Mon 23 September

**School Development Days for Staff (Pupil Free Days):**

Mon 29 January and Tues 30 January  
Mon 15 April  
Mon 15 July  
Mon 7 October  
Fri 13 December

## WELCOME

Welcome to Mosman Park Primary School Kindergarten. This booklet contains information concerning your child's Kindy year. You may wish to refer to it throughout the year as it contains information on the organization and implementation of the Kindy program.

## Early Childhood Philosophy

Our school aims to provide a quality Early Childhood program focusing on whole of child development, incorporating a balanced academic program with play-based opportunities for learning.

We believe intentional teaching, child directed play, and guided play are important elements of our program. Our programs are evidence based (what can children do, say, write, create now and where do they need to go) and guided by the Early Years Learning Framework, West Australian Curriculum, and the West Australian Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines. At MPPS, we are striving to successfully meet all the standards and elements of the National Quality Standards.

We believe that quality teaching is as important as the curriculum itself and are constantly reflecting on our own teaching. We work collaboratively to improve teaching and learning experiences for all stakeholders.

We believe that our teaching pedagogy and assessment practices need to be connected and cohesive to ensure a comprehensive learning program is developed for each child. We strive for consistency across our classes and for staff to work collaboratively to develop ECE policies, documents, programs and protocols.

We acknowledge the importance of collaboration with families, supporting our common purpose of advancing children's learning inside the classroom and beyond. We include time for family involvement in program development and implementation.

We aim to foster a strong sense of community through our connection with Mosman Park School for Deaf Children, outside agencies, local community organisations, the Town of Mosman Park and our network schools.

We believe that quality interactions and positive, respectful relationships are key components of a successful curriculum.

We embed principles of inclusion and cultural respect, following our Reconciliation Action Plan and working with our Aboriginal families and local elders.

MPPS staff are committed to improvement, endeavouring to provide the best environment and learning experiences possible for each child.

We sincerely hope you and your child enjoy Kindergarten, forging a long and happy association with Mosman Park Primary School throughout future years.

## *Listen, Learn, Lead*

*We respectfully acknowledge  
the past and present  
traditional custodians of this land,  
the Whadjuk Noongar people*



## KINDY SESSION TIMES

Two groups of children will be operating at Mosman Park Primary School Kindergarten for 2024.

### Group One “Koalas”

The “Koalas” will attend Kindy

**Monday, Wednesday and alternate Fridays (even weeks)**

**8.45am – 3.00pm.**

### Group Two “Possums”

The “Possums” will attend Kindy

**Tuesday, Thursday and alternate Fridays (odd weeks)**

**8.45am – 3.00pm.**

Every endeavour was made to accommodate your child in the group of your choice, however, it may not have been possible. Your understanding in this matter is appreciated.

## ABSENTEES

If your child is absent, we would appreciate a phone call, letter or email [mosmanpark.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:mosmanpark.ps@education.wa.edu.au) Ph: 6458 7711. Please make sure to include your child’s full name and class. If your child is unwell, please keep them home until they have recovered. Bringing an unwell child to Kindy may cause other people to become ill through contact.



## WHAT TO DO ON YOUR CHILD'S FIRST DAY

Come in with your child and say hello to the teacher or assistant.

Help your child find their bag hook.

Find your child's badge and put it on them.

Have a look around the Centre with your child and show them the toilet.

Settle your child with a puzzle, book or playdough then say "Goodbye" and leave. Rest assured if your child cries or if they continue to be distressed, we will always phone you and let you know.

**Please supply and label the following for your child if you have not already purchased through Campion Education:-**

- 1 Book Bag
- 1 Display Books A3 20 Inserts With Insert Cover
- 1 Document Wallets
- 2 Glue Stick Bostik Blu 35g 2
- 1 scissors 130 mm sizzle red handle
- 1 Markers Connector pens Wallet 12 assorted
- 1 Pkt of 4 Marker Whiteboard Faber Tri Grip
- 1 Chalk Crayola Washable Sidewalk 12's
- 1 labels Flatpack round 14mm assorted
- 1 Paper A4 brights 80 gsm Pkt 100
- 1 popsticks Rainbow Pack of 150
- 1 Scrap Books 335x245mm 64 Page
- 1 large box of tissues (soft) – *additional to booklist*
- 2 refill bottle of "liquid soap" - – *additional to booklist*
- 1 roll of paper towel - – *additional to booklist*



## YOUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

At MPPS Kindy we really value our partnership with Parents and Carers. There are several ways you can be an active participant in your child's learning:

### Parent Help

A Parent Help Roster is put up in the bag area at the start of each term for parents or grandparents who may wish to come along. Parent helpers sign in and out of the Kindy Volunteer register and will need to complete a once off Parent and child volunteer declaration form. Grandparents on roster require a Working with Children Check. You may be asked to work with a small group at an activity or play in the home corner. You will have the opportunity to observe your child:

- Mixing with other children
- Playing in a variety of areas
- Enjoying activities
- Progressing throughout the year

### Fundraising

Help with and take part in Kindy social and fund raising activities.

### Meetings

Attend Kindy meetings (held at the beginning of the year) and Mosman Park Primary P&C meetings (held twice per term).

Discuss openly with the teacher, matters concerning your child. (phone, emails, letters, informal conversations, meetings etc.)

Please note that Parents & Carers are most welcome in the centre at any time and the teacher will be happy to discuss any queries you may have about your child's progress, the program or the environment.



## AN OUTLINE OF A TYPICAL KINDY DAY

8.45	Settle in activities i.e Puzzle/Book/Playdough time
9.00	Morning Mat
9.10	Integrated activities
10.00	Music and movement
<b>10.15 - 10.30</b>	<b>Fruit &amp; Veg time (Crunch &amp; Sip)</b>
10.30	Outdoor/Physical Education
11.20	Language activities
<b>11.45 – 12.40</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
12.40	Rest & Relaxation
1.10	Music – 'You Can Do It'
1.30	Art & Craft
2.00	Learning Centres
2.45	Literature
3.00	Home

## OUR ROOM AND PLAYGROUND

The room and playground are set up into a number of small learning areas to encourage the children to engage in play eg. home corner, puzzle area, play dough table, book corner, block area, collage table, sand play, water play etc.

These areas all provide children with the opportunity to:

- choose what interests them
- create their own experiences
- allow a time frame to suit their own needs
- play independently and cooperatively with peers and adults



## ALL ABOUT THE KINDY PROGRAM

WHAT WILL MY CHILD BE DOING AT KINDY? The Kindy program is carefully planned by the teacher to encourage developmental growth in major areas of linguistic, social, emotional, aesthetic, creative, physical and cognitive learning. Your child will have many new experiences and learn many new skills.

He or she will be encouraged to learn how to:

- get along with others
- care for living things
- share
- listen
- care for self and belongings
- think of others
- explore
- be safe
- express themselves
- problem solve
- play fair
- protect themselves

## WHAT TO BRING TO KINDY

- A large bag - at least A4 size, to place their belongings in.
- A piece of fruit or vegetable each day for Crunch & Sip.
- A library bag - This can be a simple drawstring bag of no less than A4 size. Children will start to bring a library book home in wk 2 of 1st term.
- Water bottle (non drip) & Lunch box (sandwich, drink, healthy snack).

## DRESS

- Play clothes are a must at Kindy as children need the freedom to play without worrying about getting good clothes dirty. Most paint washes out but there are some pigments, which are harder to wash.
- It's a good idea to have a spare set of clothes always packed in **your child's bag in case of accidents.**
- A "wide brimmed hat" is also essential for outdoor play.
- Shoes that children can independently put on and take off easily, are ideal.
- A MPPS Kindy shirt is available to purchase from the school uniform shop if you wish. The uniform shop is located at the main school and is open Friday mornings 8.40 – 9.00am.

## **PARENT COMMITTEE**

The Mosman Park Primary School P&C is active throughout the year, fundraising for additional equipment to enrich your child's educational program. A class representative from the "Koalas" and "Possums" will be needed to support the Kindy and attend P&C meetings.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

We love celebrating Birthdays at Kindy. Children are welcome to celebrate at Kindy with a small item (such as cupcakes, biscuits or icy poles) that can be shared among the group. Please be aware we are a nut free school.

## **OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE**

YMCA is available for before and after Kindy care for working parents. They bring your child to Kindy and pick them up from Kindy at the end of the day. For enquiries or bookings please contact YMCA [www.children.ymcawa.org.au](http://www.children.ymcawa.org.au) or 9473 8419.

## **SCHOOL CHARGES AND CONTRIBUTION**

Contributions in accordance with School Education Regulations 2000 have been set at \$60 for the year. These monies are for resource materials for the teaching and learning program of your child.

These costs are payable at the beginning of the school year after receiving a statement. Payment methods are cash, EFTPOS Payment (Visa, Mastercard or Debit card) at the main school office or direct debit via the school ANZ Bank account BSB: 016281 A/c: 340880825 (please provide child's surname in the reference field).

- Incursions / excursions - \$100      Kidz'n Sport - \$50
- Voluntary Contribution - \$60      P&C Contribution (per family) - \$80

The total is \$290 (includes voluntary P&C Contribution (per family))  
*(fees correct at time of printing, may be subject to slight adjustments)*

## KINDY NOTES

Please ensure that you check your child's bag regularly for notes of coming events. We will keep you informed during the year through Newsletters, Noticeboard, Parent Meetings & Connect. Connect is a secure online environment developed by the Department of Education for staff, students and parents in public schools. For parents, Connect provides easy access to information relevant to your child's classes and learning such as reports. The Connect Now app can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play. You will receive your login details via the email address we have on file for you. If you have recently changed your email address, please let us know by phoning the school on 6458 7700 or emailing [mosmanpark.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:mosmanpark.ps@education.wa.edu.au) so we can update your details.

## LAUNDRY

At the end of each week a bag of washing is sent home on a rostered basis. Please contribute to the smooth running of our Kindy by returning the washing the following week.

## **OUR SCHOOL'S ORIGIN**

The school has always been a very important part of this small community over the last 117 years. The school opened on 5 November 1906 with two students, due to parents of the day not being advised of this official opening. However, by the end of November 1906, thirty four students attended the Infants School called Buckland Hill. The playground was thick black sand, which made it difficult for the children to stay clean. At first there was no fence and horses, goats and poultry roamed at will around the school. Local residents frequently took a "short cut" through the school yard on their way to or from Cottesloe Beach station.

In 1919 Mosman Park Primary School formed the first Parents and Citizen's Association in the metropolitan area, the second in the state. In the same year the school was connected to electricity for the first time. In 1950 the school had a student population of 550 and peaked in the following year at 562 students. Throughout its history, and like other schools in the district, Mosman Park Primary School has benefited greatly from the efforts of many dedicated teachers and a caring and supportive parent group. Today, our school has a very active parent group that contributes to the educational program and the continuing improvement of the school grounds.





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