



*An Independent Public  
School*

KINDERGARTEN

Handbook

2021

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**Term Dates:**

Term 1: Mon 1 Feb - Thurs 1 Apr

Term 2: Mon 19 Apr - Fri 2 July

Term 3: Mon 19 July - Fri 24 Sep

Term 4: Mon 11 Oct - Thurs 16 Dec

**Public Holidays:**

Labour Day Mon 1 March

Good Friday Fri 2 Apr

Easter Monday Mon 5 Apr

Anzac Day Holiday Mon 26 April

WA Day Mon 7 June

Queen's Birthday Mon 27 September

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

Thurs 28 January and Fri 29 January

Friday 23 April

Mon 19 July

Mon 11 October

Fri 17 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.

We believe that all children should be given the opportunity to reach their full potential. Children are intelligent, strong, creative, competent and full of curiosity. Our programs are structured to encourage these attributes through exploration, investigation, observation and communication within a nurturing environment.

Learning through play is one of the most important aspects of Kindy. Children learn by doing, not just watching, by speaking, not just listening and becoming actively involved with materials and equipment. Having lots of "hands-on concrete experiences" allows children to develop a better understanding of the world around them.

Parents and carers are considered an integral part of the children's development and are actively encouraged to participate in many aspects of the Kindy program.

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

## **KINDY SESSION TIMES**

Two groups of children will be operating at Mosman Park Primary School Kindergarten for 2021.

### **Group One "Koalas"**

The "Koalas" will attend Kindy

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

**8.45am - 3.00pm.**

### **Group Two "Possums"**

The "Possums" will attend Kindy

**Tuesday, Thursday and alternate Fridays (even 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 [Denise.Barnett@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Denise.Barnett@education.wa.edu.au) Ph: 6458 7711

## 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 and put fruit or a vegetable into the basket.

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. If children cry it is usually only for a short time. If this is not the case we will phone you and discuss the situation.

### **Please supply the following for your child if you have not already purchased through Ziggies Educational Supplies:-**

- 1 display book A3 (labelled) - 20 inserts - any colour book
- 1 document wallet, plastic (labelled) - any colour
- 2 large glue sticks Bostik Blu 35g
- 1 marker Artline 70 - black
- 1 pen Artline 210 0.6mm - black
- 2 pkts markers Connector Faber Jumbo Wallet 12
- 1 marker Whiteboard Faber Bullet - any colour
- 1 120 page scrap book (330mmx280mm) (labelled)
- 1 USB thumbdrive 8 GB
- 1 large box of tissues (soft)
- 1 refill bottle of "liquid soap"
- 1 library book bag (labelled)
- 1 roll of paper towel

## YOUR ACTIVE INTEREST

Take an active interest in your child at Kindy by asking questions, admiring their work etc.

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. You may be asked to work with a small group at an activity, play in the home corner and prepare the fruit. 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

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

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.)

Parents 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<br>i.e Puzzle/Book/Playdough time |
| 9.00                 | Class meeting  |
| 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 - soundwaves, 'You Can Do It'                    |
| 1.30                 | Art & Craft  |
| 2.00                 | Learning Centres/iPads                                 |
| <b>2.15</b>          | <b>Fruit &amp; Veg time (Finish off lunchboxes)</b>    |
| 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
- use new words
- share
- listen
- care for self and belongings
- think of others
- care for living things
- 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 week 2 of first term.
- Water bottle (non drip)
- Lunch box (sandwich, drink, healthy snack).
- Pillow/Blanket for relaxation time.

## DRESS

Play clothes are a must at Kindy. 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 remove. A **“wide brimmed hat”** is also essential for **outdoor play**. Shoes that children can put on and take off easily, are ideal.

## HEALTH

If your child is unwell, keep them home until they have recovered. Bringing an unwell child to Kindy may cause trauma to that child and cause other people to become ill through contact.

## 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

Children are welcome to celebrate their birthdays at Kindy with a **“healthy”** cake or small cupcakes that can be shared among the group. The children thoroughly enjoy this, but it is not compulsory.

## 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. Payment methods are cash 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 - \$55
- Voluntary Contribution - \$60
- P&C Contribution (per family) - \$80

The total is \$215 (excludes 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 and emails regularly for notes of coming events. We will keep you informed during the year through Newsletters, Noticeboard, Parent Meetings & Seesaw

## **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 114 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.

Mosman Park Primary School in 1919, 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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