

Kindergarten Information Booklet



When you come to Kinder you will have a special

☐ Hook to hang your bag on.

☐ Locker to put your bag in.



Sometimes we will do messy activities such as painting so you will need to wear a smock.



When we arrive, after we do messy things and before we eat we wash our hands in the bathroom. There are little toilets and taps to use.



We sit together on the floor for group time.
Sometimes we will sing, dance, talk or play a
game together.



Sometimes we have special visitors at Kinder.
Sometimes we get to go to special places such as
the Fire Station and Kew Traffic School.



Every Kinder session we will go outside for a play. It is important to have warm clothes (coat, beanie, etc.) when it is cold and when it is sunny you will need a sunhat and sunscreen to play outside.



Sometimes your Mum, Dad or special person may stay at Kinder to help. This is called

☐ Kinder Duty.

☐ Parent Help.



You will need to bring a snack or lunch with you to Kinder. Please bring a water bottle (only water) with you.



A healthy sandwich/wrap, yogurt, vegetable sticks and cheese are some ideas of food you can bring to Kinder. Your Kinder may ask you to avoid bringing nuts or products containing nuts.



Ask your parent to make sure it is easy for you to get it in and out of your bag and the containers are easy to open and close.



We finish each session with an activity/story together and then you will know it's time for your Mum or Dad to come back to get you because Kinder is finishing.



If you are feeling unwell before Kinder, it is better to stay at home so you do not make the other children sick.



Kinder does not run during the school holidays or public holidays.

Other Notes for Parents:

- Starting Kinder is a very big step. Be positive as it reassures your child.
- Always make sure your child is signed in and out of the sign-in book each time. Only an Authorised person is allowed to collect your child from Kinder. They need to be included on the enrolment form.
- You must stay with your child when in the foyer or yard until they enter the Kinder room.
- Always remember to say goodbye in a happy casual manner.
- You can talk to your child's teacher anytime throughout the year about your child's progress.
- Always remember to name your child's belongings.
- Please dress your child in suitable clothing. No thongs or crocs.
- A sun hat is required whenever children are outside in terms 1 & 4. Please send your child with sunscreen already applied.
- Please put a change of clothes in your child's bag for when accidents happen (especially underwear).
- Tell the Kinder if your address or phone number changes.
- We request that parents do Kinder Duty/Parent Help. Kinder Duty/Parent Help means that you will stay for the session and help the children with activities.
- We request that families volunteer their time to help out around the Kinder. Examples of this might be gardening at a weekend working bee, laundry duty or being a member of the Kinder Committee.

Applying for Kinder

You must apply for your child to attend Kinder by completing an enrolment form.

3-year old kinder

Your child can apply for 3-year old Kinder provided they turn three years old by April 30th the year they attend. There is currently no government funding for 3-year old Kinder, fees do apply.

4-year old kinder

Your child can apply for 4-year old Kinder provided they turn four years old by April 30th the year they attend. The government provides funding for everyone for one year.

If you live in Maroondah City Council

Who to contact:

MIKA (Maroondah Integrated Kindergarten's Association)

P.O Box 3237, Nunawading 3131

9878 0596

www.mika.org.au

Application Dates:

The closing dates for 2016 Kinder enrolments is June 30th 2015.

The closing dates for 2017 Kinder enrolments is June 30th 2016.

If you live in Yarra Ranges Council

Who to Contact

Information about kindergartens in Yarra Ranges is available on

www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/preschools

Application Dates

In Yarra Ranges, families need to contact or visit each Centre to obtain more information and an application form.

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