



CLARENCE PARK COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN

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Dear Parents and Caregivers.

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We welcome all of the families starting this year. We are looking forward to getting to know you and working with your children. We have had a fantastic start to the year.

Educators at the centre this year are, Rita, Roxanne, Anna and Ali.

We ask that you observe our start and finish times. It is important that you are punctual. If you arrive earlier than 8.30 (for the morning session) or 12.00 (for the afternoon session) you will need to stay with your child. We are often still preparing activities for the day.

Children who are booked in to start in the afternoon will start their session outside while the educators and children finish having their lunch.

Our session times are as follows: -

Morning session: 8.30 - 11.30

Afternoon session: 12.00 - 3.00

Lunch: 11.30 - 12.00

If for some reason you are running late please give the kindergarten a call.

It is very important that children are picked up on time; especially at 11.30 am as this affects the educators 20-minute lunch breaks. Late pick up will incur a lunch care fee.

We are confident that we will have a wonderful start to the term settling in, making friendships and learning new routines.

Please provide fresh, healthy snacks and lunches for your children. We aim to reduce the amount of landfill and plastic at kindergarten so please think of alternative ways to pack your child's snacks and lunch. Avoid squeezey yoghurts, processed snacks, chips and sweets etc.

It has been wonderful to see so many beautifully packed lunch boxes in week 1.

ROSTERS

If you can spare some time to help us out, rosters for washing smocks, washing toys, and sweeping will be out on the wooden table in the front veranda area. Please put your name on the roster of your choice if you can help.

ALLERGY REMINDER: NUT FREE

At this stage we have 3 children enrolled with a nut allergy. Do not bring any food items containing NUTS. Avoid packing processed food in your child's lunch box as many of these contain nuts.

Please ensure that you let us know if your child's circumstances change.

DAILY ROUTINE

Information on the daily routine is displayed with our program and the front veranda. Please take a look.

PROGRAM

We plan for learning based on the children's needs and interests and use our Early Years Curriculum; 'The Early Years Learning Framework.' Our term overview plan is displayed on the notice board next to the sign in area. Please take the time to take a look.

FLOORBOOK

To communicate the children's learning we document weekly photos and stories which highlight learning in a 'Floor book.' This will be available daily for you to look at. Please feel free to put your comments in the Floor book. We value your feedback.

INFORMATION POCKETS

Check your information pockets daily. They are located inside as you walk through the doors.

SUN SAFETY

Broad brimmed or legionnaires hats need to be worn in terms 1 and 4.

We apply sunscreen on children after lunch.

The UV rating for the day is displayed and updated as needed.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

We will invite you to a discussion early in the term so that we can answer any specific questions you may have, get to know you better and touch base about your child. These will be held on an individual basis and a booking sheet will go out next week.

BIKE DAY

In term 1 bike day will be Thursday. On bike day, the children use the bike track in the front garden during session time; (morning and afternoon). We teach the children about bike safety and involve them in a risk benefit assessment.

We will start this program in week 2 - February 8th. Your child can bring their bike/scooter/tricycle to kindergarten. A helmet and closed shoes are required for safety reasons. If your child doesn't own a bike or trike we have a number of tricycles at the kindergarten which can be used on the day.

The side gate will be open for you to park your child's bike in our bike racks.

IMMUNISATION RECORDS (Vaccine Procedure)

If we have not sighted your child's immunisation records, please bring your blue book (or other evidence) with you before the end week 2. Your cooperation with this matter will be greatly appreciated.

If we do not have a record of your child's immunisation we must assume that your child is not immunised and your child will be excluded from the kindergarten if there is an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease.

LITERACY PACKS

On Tuesday of week 3 we will have literacy packs out for borrowing. This is part of our literacy program to help promote reading and oral language at home. You may keep the pack for the week, return and re-borrow. Each term the day that they are available will change.

YOGA AND RELAXATION

This year Bec from 'Shining Bright Kids Yoga' will come in on Mondays, even weeks, to implement a yoga session specially designed for children. Bec is an occupational therapist and practising yoga teacher and we are very fortunate to have her as part of our ongoing program. A relaxation program is run for the children every other day by the educators at the end of the morning session.

If you are unsure about anything, please feel free to ask the educators. We are sure that there will be many questions at the beginning of the year as we all get used to new routines.

Kind Regards,

Rita, Roxanne, Anna and Ali