

Welcome to kinder!



Alexandra Kindergarten Newsletter

A warm welcome to all our Kinder families. We hope that you have an enjoyable association with us and we all look forward to working with you and your child. The children have settled really well and had a beautiful first week at kinder. We have enjoyed some lovely conversations with the children over lunch and can see some beautiful new friendships already forming.

After only 2 sessions of kinder the children are well into the routine of hanging up their bag, finding their name tag, signing in and sitting beautifully for meeting time and the end of day story time.

We are all very excited about this kinder year. Please feel free to come to any of us if you have any questions or concerns.

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Admin (Sally) can be reached at alexandra.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

* Prior to sessions starting our educators are busy preparing the room for that day's session, please only arrive at kinder a couple of minutes prior to start time so our educators are ready.

- Please be sure to read the chalkboard near the sign in book when you are dropping off your child at kinder as it contains important information about the day's session.
- Please make sure your child has their lunch and fruit snack, a bottle of water and a full change of spare clothes. Please apply sunscreen on your child before kinder.

*When you arrive to collect your child at pick up time we invite you to come into the playroom and join your child for meeting/story time. You don't need to wait in the hallway.

*During the sessions our co educators are busy with the children and often don't have time to do the cleaning. We ask parents if they wouldn't mind helping with clean up at pick up times. We ask if you could sweep the floor, wash the paint brushes or make sure our kitchen is clean (do dishes, wipe benches). Your help is much appreciated.

Kinder Photos

Please pop in your diary the following kinder photo dates.

Koalas– Monday April 20th

Possums – Friday April 24th

Jolly Joeys– Thursday April 23rd

A photographer from Treasured Impressions has been booked to take your child's kinder photos. Orders will be done online. More information will be distributed prior to the photo day.

Book club has been distributed– all orders are due in by February 14th.

Orders can be paid for at the office with cash or cheque—made out to Scholastic otherwise you can login to Scholastic and complete your order online and have it sent directly to kinder.

Thankyou to :

Nate Broadway's family for having the guinea pig over the Christmas holidays and to Matilda Kerr's dad for the new top on Speedy Steve's tank.

General Photos are taken regularly of kindergarten happenings. These photos often appear in the children's portfolios. It is possible that in many instances your child will be present in other children's photos. Please let us know if you do not wish your child to be present in other children's photos shared in the portfolios.

If you would like to take photographs or videos (with a camera or mobile phone) of our kindergarten children you will need to alert staff. We respect the privacy of all our families and staff and do not permit the use of photos taken at kinder on social media sites.



Children are encouraged to borrow library books weekly. **Two** books may be borrowed at a time, commencing from the 2nd week of term. Please provide some type of library bag (not plastic) for your child to protect the books. Assist your child with the borrowing process by helping them to choose their own books. There will be a library borrowing folder near the library for you to sign in and out your child's books.



Books available to borrow are in the book shelf in the Foyer. Please do not take books off the library shelf in the kinder rooms, as these are the books that are currently being read to children during the session.

Illness

If your child is unwell we ask you keep him/her at home, despite the desperate 'but I want to go' cry. Kindergarten cannot provide the comfort and attention that a sick child needs and sending him/her to kindergarten not only puts an unfair burden on your child but also puts other children at risk. Health department exclusion times are on display at kindergarten in the foyer and apply to children suffering from a contagious condition or infectious disease. Please notify kinder immediately if your child becomes ill from a contagious condition or infectious disease.

In the event of your child becoming ill at kindergarten, you will be contacted and may be required to take your child home. If you are unable to be reached, your emergency contact will be notified – Please ensure that your child's contact numbers are **always up to date**.

Head Lice

Unfortunately head lice will occasionally be a problem at the kindergarten. If lice are noticed in your child's hair it is important to treat them immediately. Lice treatments are available at the pharmacy. It is helpful to tie long hair up or in plaits. Please notify the kindergarten if your child has lice, as families need to be aware to check their child's hair.

This information is confidential.

Queries and Concerns

The staff and committee are happy to answer any queries you may have concerning children, equipment or teaching. Any concerns regarding your child or the teaching program needs to be directed to your child's teacher. It is also beneficial to talk to your child's teacher about anything you feel is worrying or could worry your child. Our Teachers are available for Parent/Teacher interviews at the end of sessions, please see Sally if you would like to make an appointment with one of our Teachers.