

Term Two, Week 2

WAYAPA PROGRAM

In 2024, Alexandra & District Kindergarten's School Readiness Funding plan includes the Wayapa Program. Throughout Term 2, all of the children (Pre kinder and Year before school groups) will participate in these sessions. The Wayapa Wuurrk Early Years Education Program is a strength based, multi-layered approach that aims to increase a service's capacity in cultivating meaningful pathways that facilitate embedded practices of wellbeing, connection and inclusion for all staff, children and families/carers.

Within education, Wayapa provides a springboarding platform for a variety of learning experiences and holistic wellbeing opportunities.

Wayapa provides an authentic framework for:

Holistic Wellbeing

Earth Connection

Inclusion

Reconciliation

Sustainability

Upcoming Important Dates

ANZAC DAY- Kinder **Closed** Thursday 25th April

GV Water Incursion YBS Friday 3rd May – 1.00pm
Thursday 16th May – 1.00pm

Kinder **CLOSED** for Professional Development Thursday 9th May

Library Excursion YBS Friday 10th & Thursday 23rd May - 9.45am

Wayapa Incursion Both Groups

Friday 17th: YBS-10.00am PreK- 11.00am
Monday 20th YBS-10.00am PreK- 11.00am
Friday 24th YBS-10.00am PreK- 11.00am
Monday 27th YBS-10.00am PreK- 11.00am

Colds.....

As the colder weather approaches and as children start to get more colds and runny noses, remind your child to blow their nose appropriately when they need to. At Kinder we will be asking the children to;

Go and get a tissue, wipe/ blow your nose, put the tissue in the bin when you've finished, then go and wash your hands. These are good habits to teach your child.

If your child does become ill with an infectious or contagious disease please contact kinder and let us know so we can inform all our families to check their child for any symptoms. Your child's name will remain confidential.



From May put sun gear away.

Vitamin D is essential for healthy bones, muscles and general wellbeing.

The best natural source of vitamin D is the sun's UV.

From May to August when UV levels are low (below 3), we are advised to put sunhats and other sun protection gear away and ensure our staff and children get some sun for vitamin D. At this time of the year, people need to expose their face, arms and hands (or equivalent area of skin) to midday winter sun for 2-3 hours spread over the week. Those with naturally very dark skin may need 3-6 times this amount. Sun protection is not required at this time of year, unless near highly reflective surfaces such as snow, outside for extended periods or when the UV reaches 3 and above.

Fundraising

We have a wonderful Mothers Day Fundraiser this Year, First Prize is an

iRobot Vacuum i2



Raffle tickets are \$5 each and raffle will be drawn on Friday May 10th.

Each family will receive one ticket to purchase with more raffle tickets available online at this link-

<https://square.link/u/9k4gTgZE>

Happy Mothers Day to all our kinder Mums and Grandmums!

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Community Resource Guide

TO FAMILY VIOLENCE



Click above image to access link to information.

Happy Mother's Day



Enrolment information.

Please be sure to keep your enrolment form up to date by notifying us if you change your address or phone number. If you are sending someone other than your self to pick up your child please make sure they are listed as a pick up person on your enrolment form. If you are not sure just give us a quick call to check.

Collection of children

Please remember if someone other than the usual person is collecting your child from kinder they must be on your child's enrolment form as an authorised contact.

If they are not, please ring or email the office to give verbal permission.

Please also remember to collect your child on time from kinder– once sessions are finished our staff have to clean up the room, set up again for the following day and complete any reflections and documentation. The Committee of Management reserves the right to implement a late collection charge when parents/guardians are frequently late in collecting their child (\$10 for every 10 minutes they are late in collecting their child). Refer to fee policy.

Wet Weather



We encourage children to wear their gumboots to kinder for outside play . If they are bringing gumboots please send an extra pair of shoes or slippers for them to wear inside. Please also remember to send a full change of clothes for your child in case they do get wet and a waterproof coat. We have a limited supply of spare clothes and often don't have a spare change if your child needs one.

If your child has come home in kinder clothes can you please remember to return them to kinder.

Quality Improvement Plan

We are continually reviewing quality improvement at our centre as part of the of the National Quality Standard by the Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority (ACECQA).

It is intended that the National Quality Standard set a new national benchmark for the quality of children's education and care services and gives families a better understanding of a quality service. This enables families to make informed decisions about the services providing education and care to their child.

The National Quality Standard was informed by research about best practice and the way in which high quality education and care contributes to positive outcomes for children. It comprises quality areas, standards and elements.

THE SEVEN QUALITY AREAS ARE:

1. Educational program and practice
2. Children's health and safety
3. Physical environment
4. Staffing arrangements
5. Relationships with children
6. Collaborative partnerships with families and communities
7. Leadership and service management.

The National Quality Standard is linked to national learning frameworks that recognise children learn from birth and outline practices to support and promote children's learning.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR OUR FAMILIES?

- The development of a Quality Improvement plan with clear information about Alexandra kindergartens strengths in the seven quality areas and planned improvements
- More information about what we do and what we are planning
- More input from parents/guardians into our centre, our planning and strengths and weaknesses.
- The chance to participate in the Quality Improvement Plan for interested parents and carers
- Seeing positive changes around the kindergarten that have evolved from staff. Parent and carers suggestions and input in the Quality improvement plan.

Look out for our QIP Display which will give you the chance to contribute your feedback.

Alternatively you can forward all comments , thoughts and suggestions to: Alexandra.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au