2023

Mosman Park Primary School

# KINDERGARTEN HANDBOOK

Listen
Learn
Lead

## Our Vision

At Mosman Park Primary School we empower students to achieve their personal best, to become confident and creative life-long learners and to make a valued contribution to the wider community.

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## Term Dates:

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| Term 1: | Wed 1 Feb – Thurs 6 April |
| Term 2: | Mon 24 April – Fri 30 June |
| Term 3: | Mon 17 July – Fri 22 Sep |
| Term 4: | Mon 9 Oct – Thurs 14 Dec |

## Public Holidays:

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| Labour Day | Mon 6 March |
| Good Friday | Fri 7 Apr |
| Easter Monday | Mon 10 Apr |
| Anzac Day Holiday | Tues 25 April |
| WA Day | Mon 5 June |
| Queen's Birthday | Mon 25 September |

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

Mon 30 January and Tues 31 January
Mon 24 April
Mon 17 July
Mon 9 October
Fri 15 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.

# Early Childhood Philosophy

Our school aims to provide a quality Early Childhood program focusing on whole of child development, incorporating a balanced academic program with play-based opportunities for learning.

We believe intentional teaching, child directed play, and guided play are important elements of our program. Our programs are evidence based (what can children do, say, write, create now and where do they need to go) and guided by the Early Years Learning Framework, West Australian Curriculum, and the West Australian Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines. At MPPS, we are striving to successfully meet all the standards and elements of the National Quality Standards.

We believe that quality teaching is as important as the curriculum itself and are constantly reflecting on our own teaching. We work collaboratively to improve teaching and learning experiences for all stakeholders.

We believe that our teaching pedagogy and assessment practices need to be connected and cohesive to ensure a comprehensive learning program is developed for each child. We strive for consistency across our classes and for staff to work collaboratively to develop ECE policies, documents, programs and protocols.

We acknowledge the importance of collaboration with families, supporting our common purpose of advancing children's learning inside the classroom and beyond. We include time for family involvement in program development and implementation.

We aim to foster a strong sense of community through our connection with Mosman Park School for Deaf Children, outside agencies, local community organisations, the Town of Mosman Park and our network schools.

We believe that quality interactions and positive, respectful relationships are key components of a successful curriculum.

We embed principles of inclusion and cultural respect, following our Reconciliation Action Plan and working with our Aboriginal families and local elders.

MPPS staff are committed to improvement, endeavouring to provide the best environment and learning experiences possible for each child.

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

# *Listen, Learn, Lead*

*We respectfully acknowledge*
*the past and present*
*traditional custodians of this land,*
*the Whadjuk Noongar people*

## KINDY SESSION TIMES

Two groups of children will be operating at Mosman Park Primary School Kindergarten for 2022.

### Group One "Koalas"

The "Koalas" will attend Kindy
**Monday, Wednesday and alternate Fridays (even weeks)**
**8.45am – 3.00pm**.

### Group Two "Possums"

The "Possums" will attend Kindy
**Tuesday, Thursday and alternate Fridays (odd 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 mosmanpark.ps@education.wa.edu.au Ph: 6458 7711. If your child is unwell, please keep them home until they have recovered. Bringing an unwell child to Kindy may cause other people to become ill through contact.

## 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.
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. Rest assured if your child cries or if they continue to be distressed, we will always phone you and let you know.

**Please supply and label the following for your child <u>if you have not already purchased through Campion Education</u>:-**

- 1 Book Bag
- 1 Display Book A3 20 Inserts With Insert Cover
- 1 Document Wallet
- 2 Glue Stick Bostik Blu 35g 2
- 1 Marker Artline 70 Black
- 2 Marker Connector Faber Jumbo Wallet 12
- 1 Marker Whiteboard Faber Bullet Black
- Marker Whiteboard Staedtler 351 Bullet Black
- 1 Pen Artline 210 0.6mm Black
- 1 Scrap Book 330x280mm 120 Page
- 1 large box of tissues (soft) – *additional to booklist*
- 1 refill bottle of "liquid soap" - – *additional to booklist*
- 2 roll of paper towel - – *additional to booklist*

## YOUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

At MPPS Kindy we really value our partnership with Parents and Carers. There are several ways you can be an active participant in your child's learning:

Parent Help

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 or play in the home corner. 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

Fundraising

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

Meetings

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.)

Please note that Parents & Carers 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

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| 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 |
| 10.15 - 10.30 | Fruit & Veg time (Crunch & Sip) |
| 10.30 | Outdoor/Physical Education |
| 11.20 | Language activities |
| 11.45 – 12.40 | Lunch |
| 12.40 | Rest & Relaxation |
| 1.10 | Music – soundwaves, 'You Can Do It' |
| 1.30 | Art & Craft |
| 2.00 | Learning Centres |
| 2.15 | Fruit & Veg time (Finish off lunchboxes) |
| 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 wk 2 of 1st term.
- Water bottle (non drip) & Lunch box (sandwich, drink, healthy snack).
- A small Pillow/small Blanket for relaxation time.

## DRESS

- Play clothes are a must at Kindy as 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 wash.
- It's a good idea to have a spare set of clothes always packed in your child's bag in case of accidents.
- A "wide brimmed hat" is also essential for outdoor play.
- Shoes that children can independently put on and take off easily, are ideal.

- A MPPS Kindy shirt is available to purchase from the school uniform shop if you wish. The uniform shop is located at the main school and is open Friday mornings 8.40 – 9.15am.

## 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

We love celebrating Birthdays at Kindy. Children are welcome to celebrate at Kindy with a small item (such as cupcakes, biscuits or icy poles) that can be shared among the group. Please be aware we are a nut free school.

## 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 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 after receiving a statement. Payment methods are cash, EFTPOS Payment (Visa, Mastercard or Debit card) at the main school office 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 - $50
- Voluntary Contribution - $60 P&C Contribution (per family) - $80

The total is $290 (includes voluntary 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 116 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.

In 1919 Mosman Park Primary School 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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