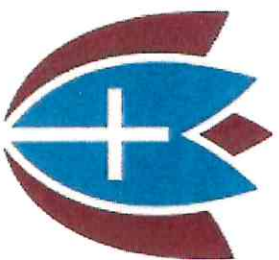




# Parent Meeting Kindy 2024



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# Kindy: Classes



## Class Allocation for 2024

- ▶ We will have two Kindergarten classes in 2024 sharing the same classroom environment
- ▶ The timetable for each class is as follows:
  - ▶ Kindy G: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday on odd weeks of school term.
  - ▶ Kindy M: Thursday, Friday and Wednesday on even weeks of school term.

## Class Times

- ▶ 8.50am until 9am - Children transition into Kindy with their parents
- ▶ This time provides parents with the opportunity to come into the classroom and prepare their child for the day. During this time there will be books, puzzles or table top activities for parents to complete with their children.
- ▶ Kindergarten concludes at 2.50pm.



# Kindy: Term Dates



## Term Dates

- ▶ These dates are subject to change.
- ▶ Please refer to the school newsletter for more information
  - ▶ **Term 1: Wednesday 31 January 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024**
  - ▶ **Term 2: Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 28 June 2024**
  - ▶ **Term 3: Monday 15 July 2024 to Friday 20 September 2024**
  - ▶ **Term 4: Monday 7 October 2024 to Friday 6 December 2024**
- ▶ The first day of Kindy:
  - ▶ Children will begin kindy via a "staggered start".
  - ▶ For each group, half of the students will attend in the morning on Day 1, the second half in the afternoon on Day 1. All students will attend together on Day 2.  
(Information for your child's specific start day is included in your envelope.)



# Kindy: Attendance and Change in Collection of Child

## Attendance

- ▶ Please keep your child home if they are unwell. If your child is not going to be at school, please email [admin@smg.edu.au](mailto:admin@smg.edu.au) or call the school on 6279 2000 to advise of their absence.
- ▶ To comply with school policy, it is required that all absences are to be accompanied with a written note explaining why your child is absent. An email fulfils this requirement.

## Change of adult collecting your child

- ▶ If anyone besides a parent is collecting a child please notify the classroom teacher. This can be done through an email or class communication book. Photo identification will need to be shown to collect children for the first time.



## Kindy: Transition from Home to School



- ▶ Even the most confident child may be a little hesitant about starting Kindergarten. A few tips for a smooth start might include:
  - ▶ Driving past the school over the holidays and being excited for your child about going there.
  - ▶ Talking about the teachers and activities that they could do there.
- ▶ On the first day:
  - ▶ Explain to your child that you will be back for them soon.
  - ▶ Be confident and reassuring.
  - ▶ Always say goodbye to them before you leave. Never sneak off!
- ▶ If your child is distressed direct them to an activity (for example, puzzles or books) or to a staff member.
- ▶ If your child is so distressed that he or she won't settle we will contact you. (This very rarely happens!) If you don't hear from us, it means your child is absolutely fine.

# Kindy: What to bring



- ▶ Bag
  - ▶ A backpack is essential to carry home belongings, school work and notes.
- ▶ Hat
  - ▶ A hat is compulsory all year round and will be left in the classroom.
- ▶ Clothing
  - ▶ Spare changes of clothes in case of accidents (accidents include water play and paint).
- ▶ Morning Tea and Lunch
  - ▶ Each child is required to bring morning tea and lunch every day. Please only send what your child likes to eat.
- ▶ Water bottle
  - ▶ Please send a water bottle to school every day. We can refill these when needed.
- ▶ Library bag
  - ▶ A bag to carry a library book needs to be brought to kindy. There will be a designated day every 2 weeks that we will go to the library to change books.



# Kindy: Lunchboxes and Canteen Orders

## Lunchboxes

- ▶ Parents often ask "what should be in my child's lunchbox"?
  - ▶ **The answer is: "whatever your child eats!" (Have a practice with the lunchbox over the holidays! Can your child open it?)**
- ▶ If your child doesn't eat much- they don't need much in their lunchbox.
- ▶ On average a child will have a sandwich/wrap/some pasta or rice a piece of fruit/vegetable and an extra snack or snacks for example crackers, cheese, a piece of cake or biscuit.

## Canteen Orders

- ▶ We have a canteen available on Tuesday and Friday.
- ▶ Orders can be completed online, for lunch only. Kindy students aren't able to have recess from the canteen.



# Kindy: Clothing



## Early Learning Years Tee Shirt and Windcheater.

- ▶ Our school uniform shop sells Early Learning Years T-Shirts and jumpers. These T-Shirts and jumpers are **NOT COMPULSORY**. The Uniform Shop is located on the school site and is open every Monday before school.

## Clothing

- ▶ Kindergarten is a very active place to be, therefore children need to wear comfortable and practical clothes each day.
- ▶ Please ensure your child is dressed in suitable clothing that they are able to remove and put back on independently when going to the toilet.
- ▶ Every child should have spare clothes in their bag in case they require changing. Please check the clothing is suitable for the current season and still fits!
- ▶ Please clearly label all articles of clothing.
- ▶ Ideally children wear shoes they are able to take off and put on independently. As children climb and run whilst at school, shoes need to be suitable for play.





# Kindy: Independence, Toys, Booklist and Birthdays

## Independence

- ▶ We encourage children to be as independent as possible, as this makes them take responsibility for their possessions and actions. On arrival in the morning, allow your child to carry their own bag and place it in their cubby hole. They may take a little longer to complete this, but they are learning to do things for themselves.

## Toys

- ▶ Please don't allow your child to bring toys to Kindy. They may get lost or broken.

## Booklist

- ▶ The Kindy booklist is included in your envelope. Items on the booklist can then be purchased and brought to Kindy during the first week. The stationery is shared by everyone, so there is no need to label.

## Birthdays

- ▶ Birthdays are very special. If you would like your child to celebrate with his/her Kindy friends please feel free to bring along simple cupcakes or biscuits.
- ▶ Please remember not to send any foods to school that contain nuts.

# Kindy: Health and Rosters



## Health

- ▶ Please do not send your child to school if he/she is unwell. In the case of infectious diseases, (chicken pox, measles, eye discharge, school sores) please ask about quarantine periods.
- ▶ Head lice are a common occurrence at all schools and especially in this age group. We ask that if you discover that your child has head lice, advise the school and treat before returning to school.
- ▶ If your child has a **medical action plan**, please notify the school so we are aware of your child's condition. If a child becomes ill or suffers an accident whilst in attendance, the parent or guardian will be notified immediately. You may be asked to take your child home or in the case of an accident be notified of the situation. Therefore we ask that all telephone numbers be kept up to date.

## Laundry Roster

- ▶ A laundry roster will be put on the notice board. If you are able to help out, please add your name to the roster. The laundry contains items such as towels, tea towels and art smocks. We ask that you return the laundry the following week.





# Kindy: Home Situations and School Parent Communication

## Home Situations

- ▶ Home situations have a great influence on children. Please notify the teacher of any change to the normal routine. For example a parent is away or in hospital, moving house etc.
- ▶ The school is obliged, and needs, to keep accurate records of all pupils. Therefore any change of address, telephone number etc. needs to be communicated to the school office immediately.

## School Parent Communication

- ▶ The primary mode of communication is the school newsletter which is emailed to you.
- ▶ The school calendar is available at [www.smgcschool.com](http://www.smgcschool.com).
- ▶ You can follow our school's excitement and journey on:  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/smgcschool](https://www.facebook.com/smgcschool)
- ▶ Seesaw: We use the Seesaw App for communication.
- ▶ A file box will be located near the entrance to the classroom. Please, always check the file box for children's activities that need to be taken home. All items will be filed in front of the child's name.
- ▶ Email: [Fiona.fowler@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Fiona.fowler@cewa.edu.au) [carmen.gatcum@cewa.edu.au](mailto:carmen.gatcum@cewa.edu.au)







# Kindy: Playdate

## Playdate:

- ▶ We will be having an informal “playdate” at Kindy towards the end of this term.
- ▶ Kindy G: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 3.30 - 4.30
- ▶ Kindy M: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 3.30 – 4.30
- ▶ This is an informal visit to allow your child to meet the teaching staff and become a little bit more familiar with the Kindy environment.
- ▶ A parent will need to stay with the child.





# Kindy: What did I do today?



Yes I played the whole day through

I played to learn the things I do

I seek a problem, find a clue

And work out for myself, just what to do.

My teachers set the scene and stay near by

To help me when I really try

They are there to pose the problems

And to help me think,

I know they will keep me floating

And never let me sink

All this is in my head and not my bag

It makes me sad to hear you say "Haven't you done anything today?"

When you go to your work today,

I will remember not to say to you

"What, nothing in your bag, what did you do?"