

Rossmoyne Community Kindergarten



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Information Booklet

WELCOME TO THE ROSSMOYNE COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN



We would like to welcome all our new students and families to the Rossmoyne Community Kindergarten.

Kindergarten is a very important year in your child's education as it is often their first introduction to education away from the home. We aim to offer children a caring and stimulating environment that is welcoming and fun.

Parents are a vital part of children's education and are always welcome at our kindy. We hope that you will feel free to approach a staff member at any time to discuss your child's education or any concerns that you may have.

Session Times:- 8.50am - 2.50pm

Each Kindy group runs for 2 full days each week and a full day every second Friday, based on the week number in each term.

*Please note these alternate Fridays are based on ODD term weeks for Dinosaurs and EVEN term weeks for Dolphins. This remains the same each term regardless of the holiday break.

(2 full days one week and 3 full days the next.)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Dinosaurs 8.50am - 2.50pm</p> 	<p>Dolphins 8.50am - 2.50pm</p> 	<p>Dinosaurs 8.50am - 2.50pm</p> 	<p>Dolphins 8.50am - 2.50pm</p> 	<p>Weeks 1,3,5,7 & 9 Dinosaurs  8.50am - 2.50pm</p> <p>Weeks 2,4,6,8 & 10 Dolphins </p>



Kindergarten Contributions 2016

Rossmoyne Kindy is a Community Kindergarten. This means we are partially funded by the Department of Education but we also rely heavily on your monetary contributions to enable us to provide the best possible learning opportunities and environment for your child.

Our Kindergarten Parent Management Committee meets each year to set the contribution rates for the following year.

The table below shows a breakdown of the contributions for the year:-

Item	Amount
Voluntary Contributions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This money goes towards classroom resources and equipment required over the school year. 	\$60
Charges These charges relate to optional elements available to all or selected students but conditional on payment being made. These charges will cover the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visiting performers and excursions, special activities that involve extra costs not included in classroom consumables [up front one off payment] 	\$50
Personal Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual and class photos • Kindergarten T Shirts 	Payment on purchase
Additional Items [\$85 per term] Parent Management Committee Levy which is used as follows: * In lieu of fundraising to support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital equipment development and replacement fund • Resource development and replacement fund 	\$340
Total Contributions and Charges for one year	\$450

*Over recent years these funds have provided the following:

- Nature Play playground phase 1 = \$11 000
- Other playground upgrades \$5 000
- Equipment regeneration including touch screen smart TV \$5 500

These charges are for the whole year, and can be paid as follows:

*One Annual Payment, or	February	\$450
*Two Semester Payments, or	February	\$225
	July	\$225
*Four Term Payments	February	\$112.50
	April	\$112.50
	July	\$112.50
	October	\$112.50

**It is appreciated if you forward your payment to
the Kindy at the beginning of the school year.
Thankyou!**

There are several payment options available:

- Cheque - made out to Rossmoyne Kindergarten Inc.
- Cash - please place money in an envelope and label it with your child's name and Kindy group
- Electronic transfer - Rossmoyne Kindergarten Inc
BSB: 086-138
Account no. 874-258-838
Please use your child's name as reference.



Preparing your child for Kindy

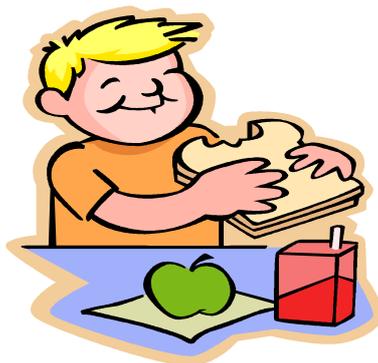
Here are some important skills you can teach your child at home before they enter Kindergarten.

Helping your child develop these skills will help them feel happier and more confident at Kindy.

Please help your child master these skills before they start the year.

- Put on their shoes (and socks).
- Toilet themselves including wiping their bottom.
- Manage a drink bottle.
- Be able to eat lunch independently.
- Dress themselves (including putting jumpers on).
- Blow and wipe their nose.
- Wash hands independently (use soap & dry hands on a towel).

Please start to teach and encourage these skills now in the lead up to Kindy and your child will have an easy transition into Kindy life.





Delivery and Collection of your child

- When bringing your child to Kindergarten you must accompany him/her into the grounds and wait for the door to open.
- When you come in please help your child hang up their bag, put their fruit in the bowl and then take them to the puzzle area - don't do it for them - help them to do it themselves - including carrying their own bag.
- You are welcome to stay for puzzle time to allow time for your child to settle. (approximately 15 minutes)
- When the bell rings it is time to say goodbye.
- At home time please wait outside until the teacher opens the door to dismiss the children.



It is very important to be **prompt** at home time as children can become upset if they wait for too long after the other children have left.

Separation Difficulties

The majority of students have no difficulties when their parent leaves them at kindy. For those few students who do experience anxiety, here are a few simple steps to remember:

- Always discuss kindy in a positive and encouraging way at home
- If your child is crying it is best to explain that you will be back at home time, kiss them goodbye and then leave QUICKLY
- The staff are very experienced at calming upset children and they usually calm down within minutes of you leaving

Remember that a calm and confident parent helps to create a calm and confident child



Parent-Help Roster

Our parent-help roster is on display out on the veranda. We encourage all parents to come in on roster as it provides a good opportunity for you to see your child socialising in the kindy environment. It also helps to form a link between kindy and home.

Grandparents, aunts and uncles are also welcome.

The children are always very excited to have their parent on roster so we hope you can all make it at least once a term!

Birthdays



Birthdays are a very important part of a four year olds life and we acknowledge each child's birthday at kindy.

You can bring in a cake or cupcakes to share (remember there are 20 children in the class) and we will sing happy birthday to your child.

What to bring to Kindy

Each child needs to bring a bag to kindy each day with the following items:



- **A piece of fruit (to share)** - cheese, plain crackers or dried fruit are good alternatives for a change. **NO NUTS** please. Allergies: Some students may suffer from potentially life threatening nut allergies. These children can suffer from anaphylactic shock even from just the smell of nuts. We therefore ask all parents to refrain from including nuts and products using nuts in lunches and snacks. Whilst such things cannot be guaranteed to be completely eliminated from schools, your support in this matter could be the difference between safety and trauma.
- **A broad brimmed hat** -please label with name
- **A change of clothes** as toilet accidents are a normal part of kindy
- **Lunch** - something healthy that you know your child will eat - no peanut butter or nutella please
- **Drink bottle** - water only and labelled with name



Kindy t-shirts & hats



You may have seen kindy children wearing our kindy t-shirts featuring our logo.

Your children will have the opportunity to purchase these t-shirts in a variety of colours at the beginning of the year. They are a great way to help your child feel like they belong and save their good clothes from being covered in paint! Order forms will be given out in the first weeks of school.





Parent Committee

Our centre is staffed by, and receives partial funding from the Department of Education but the remainder of the funding required is organised by the committee.

A COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN MUST HAVE A COMMITTEE IN ORDER TO KEEP RUNNING.

The committee is elected at the Annual General Meeting which will be held early in term 1. The committee meets twice a term on a weeknight at the kindy. In order to continue running the Kindergarten, you as parents need to elect a committee. The committee comprises of a President, Vice President, secretary, treasurer, maintenance officer, gardener/s, enrolment officer, plus general committee members.

Please give serious thought to joining the committee and help in the running of our Community Kindergarten.



Contact us

Please remember that we are here to work with you and your child so we are always available to listen to your queries and concerns.

You can talk to us at the centre or call us on 9457 1356 Monday to Friday during normal school hours, or email us using rossmoynekindy@bigpond.com.au