



Flagstaff Oval Kindergarten Update

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Welcome to Flagstaff Oval Kindergarten. We trust you have a rewarding year with us and we look forward to getting to know you all and working closely with you and your child throughout the year.

It is at this time of the year that we ask our families to reflect upon the learning outcomes you have for your child. What is it that you want your child to learn this year and how can we as educators support you. Staff will be working with individual children over the coming weeks to build relationships and develop a sense of belonging within the Kindergarten learning environment. Part of this process will be establishing small groups in which each staff member will be supporting connections and guiding individual learning outcomes.

- ❖ We apologise for the state of the kindy at the moment as we had a severe water leak last week and have had to remove carpet and furniture out of the office. We hope this causes as little disruption as possible.

Fire Safe Policy. Everyone will receive our Bushfire Policy brochure in your communication pocket located opposite the red lounge chair. Please read through this brochure as it provides you with information in the case of a bushfire in the area as well as important contact numbers. You will all have signed an emergency bushfire notice upon enrolment which will support us in case of a bushfire in our area. Please also be aware that if it is declared a CATASTROPHIC day in our area the Kindy and local schools will be closed and no staff will be in attendance. Media alerts are the best way of finding out prior to the day but staff will endeavour to contact you also prior to the day.

Labels! Please, please clearly label everything including jocks and socks. If staff find items with labels on then we can hand them back or place them in your communication pocket. All other items are placed in the lost property box near the sign in folder. Please check this regularly. We encourage children to be responsible for their own belongings and recognising their own names on items supports this learning.

Family Stories. If you have not already returned your Childs single page story can you please make sure this is done asap. Once we receive them children will share this in the small groups as a way of getting to know each other. They will then be placed on the wall and shared for the remainder of the year. If you are unaware of what to do; we are asking each child to bring in an A4 page with photos of themselves and family including pets with a short comment about your child's interests, family names, experiences etc to share with their peers.

How can you be involved? We have a strong community connection with our families and love when families ask how they can be involved. Here are just a few ideas:

- ✓ Governing Council member or just offer to help out with particular events.
- ✓ We have a cooking and washing roster beside the sign in folder for you to add your name to.
- ✓ Offer to share your skills and knowledge ie last year we had a police family who supported our focus on community safety.

Sun Smart Policy. During terms 1 and 4 children are required to wear a hat outside to play. The Kindy does not provide spare hats and we encourage children to be responsible for their own health and safety. If children do not have a hat they will be required to stay inside or on the verandah. We also ask that you apply sunscreen to your child prior to attending Kindy and staff will support children to reapply at lunch time.

Issues or concerns. Please make sure that if you have any concerns or issues arise that you make a time to chat with myself or a member of staff. We are here to help your child to be the best they can be and to do that we need to work together.

Koala group

Children who attend Kindy on Mon and Wed will attend for half days on Friday on these dates:

Wk 1	3 rd Feb
Wk 3	17 th Feb
Wk 5	3 rd Mar
Wk 7	17 th Mar
Wk 9	31 st Mar
Wk 11	Easter

Kurraka Group

Children who attend Kindy on Tue and Thurs will attend for half a day on Friday on these dates:

Wk 2	9 th Feb
Wk 4	24 th Feb
Wk 6	10 th March
Wk 8	24 th March
Wk 10	7 th April