



# Flagstaff Oval Kindergarten Update

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Issue 2, term 1.

What a week. I have been impressed by the way our children have settled in to their new learning environment and quickly established connections with both peers and staff. I want to thank all of you as parents for supporting this first week at Kindy, and trusting us to work with you and your child over the coming year. Staff are very excited to get to know the children and work with them to be the best they can be. To experiment and explore, investigate and challenge, fail, make mistakes, grow and flourish through all of the experiences and opportunities that arise.

**Small Groups/exercises.** This week we will commence our exercise programme in the morning and small groups both in the morning and at the end of the day. Now that children have settled in and have a better understanding of the routine it should be a smooth transition for many of the children. A list of teachers and children's names are located outside the double doors for you to look at in order to help you locate your child at the end of the session.

**Learning stories.** As the term progresses, you will receive learning stories in your child's pocket from time to time. At the back of them will be a feedback sheet for you to fill out with your child after you have read the story together. Please return the feedback sheet to the basket provided on the kitchen bench and keep the copy of the learning story. We will place a coloured copy of the story in your child's folder along with the returned feedback sheet after we have used it to support our ongoing programming.

**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.

If your child comes home with something that belongs to another child can you please ensure it is returned to the lost property box asap as other families will be searching for it.

**Spare Clothes.** Please make sure your child has spare clothes in their bags in case of accidents. Often children at kindy forget to go to the toilet because they are so busy and so accidents happen. This can be upsetting for some children so having their own clothes in their bags can help them to feel better about the situation.

**Family Stories.** Thank you to those families who have brought in their family stories. The children have been very excited to share their own photos with their new friends. Next week when we go into our small groups children will have the opportunity to share them in more depth.

Staff have also appreciated the emails that have come in about individual children also as this has provided staff with insight to children's individual learning needs. These have been shared at staff meeting so that all staff are made aware of all children.

**Encouraging independence.** Please encourage your child to hang their own bag up at kindy so they are aware of where to find it when needed. Talking with your child about what is for snack and lunch will also help make this time easier and stress free.

Warmest Regards:

Meegan, Sue, Kerry, Ruth, Rosalie, Krysten, Monica, Sue L, Toni and Pamela.

## 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.

## **No Nuts !**

We have children that are allergic.

## Diary Dates:

Governing Council Meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 3.30

Parent afternoon tea: Tue 21<sup>st</sup> / Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb at 3.30pm all welcome.