



Flagstaff Oval Kindergarten Update

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Welcome to the start of a new school year and the beginning of a new journey as you and your child begin the year with us at Flagstaff Oval Kindergarten. A big welcome each and every one of you from the staff and especially those who are returning with younger siblings. We trust you will have an enjoyable and rewarding year with lots of exciting and new opportunities to learn and discover.

The first few weeks will be about building relationships and supporting the children to develop a sense of belonging to their new learning environment. Through this time there will be tears of joy and sadness but staff will be here to support you and guide you through this time. Once staff have developed an understanding of where the children are at developmentally and socially a more formalised programme for the term will be developed. This will be guided by the children's interests and needs, the Early Years Learning Framework, our Quality Improvement Plan and our play based curriculum.

Remember if at any time you have concerns or questions please do not hesitate to speak with either myself or a staff member to seek clarification or support. Our staff are highly trained and committed to working with you and your child and have years of experience.

A4 Story of your child. Last term a note was sent home for you to create a picture story with your child. We would like you to bring these to kindy with you in the first couple of weeks so that children can use them to introduce themselves to their peers and share their sense of self and family background. An A4 page is ideal for display purposes. Suggestions include a photo of themselves as a baby, a family photo, a favourite pet and any other interest or anything else you may like to share. Please include a brief description of the photos and any other comments that will support your child to share this information. Staff will then laminate the page and once your child has had the opportunity to share with peers it will be placed on display to share.

Staggered start times. A reminder that notices went out last term about staggered start times just for the first week so that staff could settle children in before others arrived, rather than all children arriving at once and feeling overwhelmed. Please take note of your start time and be aware of the busyness of the first week as children and families settle in to the new routine.

Hot weather policy. Please ensure your child comes to kindy with a hat and water bottle and suitable clothing for our hot weather. Staff will be supporting children to apply sunscreen at lunch times but we ask that you apply it prior to attending kindy in the morning. If your child is sensitive to sunscreen then please provide staff with a more appropriate brand with your child's name on for us to store at kindy for ease of access. We also ask that you provide an ice brick in your child's lunch box to ensure items of food are kept cool just as you would for school and that any items that spoil in the heat ie yoghurts are frozen. Staff will be monitoring lunches and snacks to ensure foods are eaten at the appropriate times.

Fees. Notices are located in your pockets above the floor books and children's portfolios. This is where information will be placed so please remember to check your pocket to ensure important information is not missed.

AGM. Due to the cancellation of our Annual General Meeting last term it has been set for **Wednesday the 31st of January.** If you are interested in being on the committee and being involved in the organisation and fundraising components please consider coming along to this meeting.

Diary Dates: Term one starts Monday 29th January.

Warmest Regards: Meegan, Sue, Kerryln, Ruth, Rosalie, Jo, Krysten, Monica and Sue L

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.