

welcome to Kindergarten

Important Dates

Labor Day: 4th March

ANZAC day: 25th April

WA day: 3rd June

Term 1: 31st January – 28th March

Term 2: 15th April – 28th June

Term 3: 15th July – 20th September

Term 4: 7th October – 12th December



HELLO!



Kindy Attendance

Term 1

Monday & Tuesday

Term 2

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Term 3

Monday & Tuesday

Term 4

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

My name is Mrs Jordan Geaney and I'm delighted to welcome you to Kindergarten!

This will be my 8th year teaching at Maddington Primary School and my 4th year teaching Kindergarten.

I'd also like to introduce Mrs Winnie Thomson, our wonderful Education Assistant.

Both myself and Mrs Winnie are extremely passionate about teaching Early Childhood and are thrilled to share this year with you and your children.

We realise that the first year of school is a huge transition for everyone, and we would like to assure you that we endeavour to make this big step into school a happy and positive experience.

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School policies

Behaviour Management

On the first day of school, we established a set of classroom rules together and set these up as a display for everyone to see. At Maddington Primary School, students are also expected to demonstrate our three core values of Respect, Responsibility and Care. As a class we made a promise to each other to comply with these rules and make "Green Choices" every day, but we also agreed that if we choose to make "Red Choices", there would be consequences. Maddington Primary School follows a whole school behaviour management strategy called Red and Green choices which is designed to teach and reinforce expected behaviour and discourage unexpected behaviour. Please feel free to come and see me if you would like more information on how this is used.



Uniform

All students are required to wear our school uniform at all times. This consists of black bottoms, a maroon polo shirt and a maroon jumper for those slightly colder days.

A gentle reminder that long hair should be tied back, and jewellery should be kept to a minimum with small hoops or studs, if your child wears earrings.

Hats at our school are a compulsory part of our uniform and must be worn when outside at recess and lunch. Maddington Primary School follow a whole school policy of "No hat, play in the shade" so unfortunately if children don't have a hat, they will need to stay under cover during play times.

Attendance

The Kindy classroom doors will open at 8.30am. Our learning time begins at 8.45am and we end our day at 3.00pm. School finishes earlier at 2.10pm on a Wednesday. Please note that we cannot supervise early arrivals. We understand that sometimes certain events can cause you to run a little late, but you must provide a reason. If they arrive after 9.00am, they must obtain a late note from the office, before coming to the classroom. We like to stress the importance of your child arriving at school on time, so that they do not miss out on any valuable learning time. If you wish to collect your child earlier than 3.00pm, please obtain a Leave Pass from the office, before collecting them.

Please also note that all vacations during the term are considered an "Unauthorised Absence" by the Department of Education and will impact your child's learning. If you intend to take your child on a vacation during the school term, you are required to fill in a travel form (at the front office), and provide a return date.



Crunch and sip

The school day is long for our Kindy children, and it's a lengthy wait between breakfast and recess. After we complete our morning obstacle course, we will be having a small fruit snack at 9.30am. This is in addition to our fruit at recess.

Please provide an extra piece of fruit or vegetables every day for your child to snack on during this time.

School programs

Phonics

Maddington Primary school supports the "Promoting Literacy Development" Program (otherwise known as PLD) by Diana Rigg, as our whole school approach to Phonics. This is an evidence based program and the results from the use of this phonics program throughout the school has been very effective. In Kindy, we provide a balance of play and child based learning and explicit targeted instruction. In the Early Years, PLD's programs focus upon pre-literacy skills such as phonological awareness and the alphabet sounds. PLD also provides opportunities for children to develop their fine and gross motor and oral language skill development.



Maths

In order to promote numeracy development we will be teaching the following concepts:

Number will provide opportunities for children to count, identify numbers to 10 and compare collections using language like more and less.

Measurement will teach children to compare and identify objects based on their size and weight, sort and recognise 2D shapes, and expose children to the language of time.

Statistics and probability teaches children how to collect information and respond to questions using a yes or no answer.

Home Reading

At Maddington Primary School, we like to promote reading for enjoyment, therefore we would love if our parents could help us to promote it too. In Term 2, your child will be given a personal home reading folder. Inside this folder will be a book which they will bring home and read with you. Your child will have the same book for 1 week and is encouraged to complete various activities to improve their comprehension skills. Please return the book and folder every **Monday** and a new book will be provided.



Communication

Each child has a personalised communication folder. This folder is to be used as a form of communication between us as teachers and you, the parent. This folder is where we will deliver important letters, among other notes.

Please bring this folder every day!

There will also be a communication book for messages us. Please feel free to write anything that you think we need to know about your child in there. We will also do the same. That way, communication between us is not lost.

I am more than happy to answer any questions you may have at any time of the school year. Please don't hesitate to catch me at the start or end of the day and we can arrange a telephone meeting, or otherwise, you can email me at jordangeaney@education.wa.edu.au

Thank you for choosing to spend your time in Kindergarten with us. We are very excited about the year ahead.

Best wishes,

Mrs Geaney