

CURRICULUM & OUR PROGRAM

Our Kindy program is based on the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF). The EYLF focuses on the learning and development of children aged from birth to school entry (usually 5 years of age) and their transition from early childhood services to school.

The Framework has a strong emphasis on play-based learning as play is the best vehicle for young children's learning providing the most appropriate stimulus for brain development.

The Framework also recognises the importance of communication and language (including early literacy and numeracy) and social and emotional development. We program fortnightly and it is displayed in our Program book for families to view on the table outside near the entrance door. We also have information on EYLF displayed around the centre.

The curriculum is based on the following beliefs:

- Play and exploration is the most powerful way children learn.
- Parents have a unique knowledge and understanding of their child and are their first and foremost educators.
- Children have prior knowledge and abilities when starting kindergarten.
- The learning environment is stimulating, safe and enjoyable.
- There is respect for children's diverse range of knowledge, skills, values, attitudes and dispositions.
- Children develop at their own individual level and in different ways - emotionally, intellectually, morally, socially, physically and spiritually.
- Children learn when they are involved in initiating and negotiating their own.
- Learning, which is enhanced and supported by positive, challenging interactions.
- Children are encouraged to develop life skills, which foster a sense of resilience and optimism within themselves.

Children need lengths of uninterrupted time and space (space to be alone, with a friend or with a group of friends) to maximize learning opportunities.