

# Parent involvement

Parent and family involvement is essential to any kindergarten, not only is it important for the daily operation of the kindergarten, but it is also vitally important for your child's education. Families participate and get involved in many different ways from talking positively about the kindergarten experience and kindergarten staff, to joining the Governing Council and getting involved on many levels.

## Governing Council

The Kindergarten Governing Council is elected annually and is made up of a group of interested and dedicated parents/caregivers working for the benefit of all children at the kindergarten.

Some of the activities they engage in include:

- Financial management of the kindergarten
- Encouraging parent involvement
- Organising and running fundraising activities
- Supporting the children and staff in organised activities
- Maintenance work on the kindergarten building and grounds
- Attending meetings to keep informed of the latest developments in early childhood education
- Having valuable and valued input to the kindergarten's curriculum and other areas of its day to day running
- Policy development

The Governing Council meets monthly during the term and welcomes involvement of *all* parents. They work for the benefit of *your* child, but can only achieve maximum effectiveness with the support of all families attending the kindergarten. Please help in any way you can.

We encourage you to consider becoming a member of our Governing Council.



In the morning we could always use your help in setting up the kindergarten and packing up at the end of the day. There is a list of jobs to be done, if you can help, or you can ask the staff what they would like done. You may like to commit to a session a week or maybe a regular 1 or 2 hours per week. Let staff know if you can help us at any time.

We would love your help in carrying out our educational program. Here are a few ways you can get involved:

- Do some craft activities
- Gardening
- Reading stories
- Cooking
- Block building and board games
- Support fundraising events
- Help on excursions
- Help with the rosters (laundry)
- Prepare craft materials
- Demonstrate a hobby, craft, or play a musical instrument
- Assist with the end of session clean up
- Volunteer for sewing or mending



Your involvement will help to make our kindergarten a better community service.