



Salisbury Kindergarten Newsletter

Term 1 Week 1 2023



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Welcome

We offer you all a warm welcome and hope your time at Salisbury Kindergarten is an enjoyable one.

If you would like to share any information about your child or discuss any issues/concerns, please feel free to talk with an Educator at any time. We are here to ensure that both you and your child have a wonderful experience at Salisbury Kindergarten.

Staff:

Director: Susan Keane

Teachers: Melissa Todd (Monday)
Emily Victory (Wed/Thurs)

Early Childhood Worker:

Sharon Mellor

Kindergarten Session Times:

Monday and Tuesday: 8:00am-3:30pm

Wednesday and Thursday: 8:00am-3:30pm

If you are going to be late please call to let us know so that we can reassure your child.

Health and Safety

In the best interest of the health and safety of our children, educators and families please **DO NOT** send your child to kindergarten if they have a cough, cold, fever or show any signs of being unwell. If your child becomes unwell at kindy, we will contact you to collect your child as soon as possible.

Please contact the kindergarten by phone, email or Seesaw if your child is going to be absent.

Sunscreen

We are a Sun-Smart Centre and have agreed to follow the advice of the Cancer Council of SA. **Please apply sunscreen to your child in the morning before kindergarten** and staff will support children to reapply it again at lunch time.

Hats

In compliance with our sun safe policy, when the UV rays are 3 or above children are required to wear a hat for outside play. Please bring along a **named** legionnaire or full brim hat for your child. Kindy hats are available to purchase for a cost of \$10-00.

Don't forget to make sure your child has a hat in their bag everyday.



Lunch Boxes

Please remember to ask your child to place their **named** lunch box in the baskets under the verandah when you first arrive. We ask that you also place an ice brick in with the lunch to keep contents cool, especially on warmer days.

Healthy food is encouraged. Food such as chips, lollies & chocolate (even on or in muesli bars) and any other packaged food are not included in our healthy eating policy as they are high in fat and sugar. We are a "**nut aware**" kindergarten as some children and adults can have quite severe reactions to nut products. We thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep everyone safe.

Please also provide a named **water** bottle for your child. We will help children to refill their water bottle during the day if they need to do so.

Healthy Snack



Please keep your child's fruit in their bag for easy access at snack times.

Seesaw App

We will be sharing information and children's learning with families using the Seesaw app. You will receive notifications on your phone or computer when new items are added to your child's journal in Seesaw. You can also send messages, add comments to posts or provide feedback. Please speak with Susan or Sharon if you are having difficulty connecting to Seesaw.

Fees:



The payment of fees assists in the purchasing of resources, cleaning costs and the general running of the kindergarten .

Fees for all children are **\$360-00** for the whole year or installments of **\$120-00** in Term 1, 2 and 3.

Payments can be made using one of the following methods:

- Cash
- Direct Debit (details on your invoice)
- EFTPOS

Please ensure your fees are paid by Week 3 of each term.

Change of clothes:

Please provide a complete set of spare clothes, for your child to change into in case of any accidents (eg getting wet whilst playing with water/sand, not getting to the toilet on time etc). Please include underwear (including socks) and ensure items are the correct size.

Please label all items that your child may bring or take off during their time at kindergarten.

Our Learning

We look forward to becoming a community of learners as we get to know the children and their families.

This term we will be learning about celebrations of culture such as Australia Day, the Lunar New Year , Shrove Tuesday and Easter. If your family celebrates any of these events, please speak with Staff about sharing your knowledge, skills and culture with the children.

We will also be focusing on building relationships and establishing a sense of belonging. Children will develop friendships and increase their social and emotional skills as they interact with others and engage in conversations during their play.

Our Kindergarten Site Priority is to increase and extend children's understanding of number and quantification. Through songs, games and play based activities, children will further develop their counting skills and ability to name numerals and recognise quantities.

Parent Helpers:

We appreciate any help that is offered from our parent community.

Ways you can help are:

- Bring in small cardboard boxes and craft material (wool, ribbon, wrapping paper, bottle tops etc
- Share a skill such as cooking or gardening
- Cut up collage materials
- Help with end of term cleaning
- Join Governing Council

Governing Council:

Families are invited to join our Governing Council. The Governing Council plays an important part in the management and development of our kindergarten. The Governing Council ensure that the community's wishes and ideas are incorporated into the education program, and are a key body in kindergarten decision making.

Meetings are held monthly and you are welcome to attend these meetings to see how decisions are made and provide ideas.

Please see one of the staff for more information

Welcome Evening

You are invited to our Welcome evening on Wednesday 22nd February from 5:30pm until 6:30pm.

Come along and meet the teachers and other kindergarten families.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held during the Welcome Evening. Our achievements and kindergarten priorities for 2022 will be discussed and the new Governing Council will be formed.

Lost Property

If your child does misplace any items of clothing or their food or drink container please check the lost property basket located in the Parent Information area at the entrance of the