

## **PARENT PARTICIPATION**

Parent involvement is not only encouraged, it is VITAL for the kindergarten to operate effectively. There are many ways in which you can be involved, including;

- Sharing your skills with educators and children - music, craft, storytelling, gardening, science, cooking etc.
- Volunteering to help on excursions or other special events
- Helping with Working Bees
- Saving useful junk / recyclable materials for the children to use
- Supporting fund-raising events and activities
- Joining the Governing Council (parent committee)
- Gardening and helping to maintain the outdoor learning environment
- Helping to clean up at the end of the day
- Taking home the Kindergarten washing
- Offering to do any mending / sewing jobs that are needed
- Administrative tasks such as typing, photocopying etc.

We have an open door policy at the kindergarten and welcome parent participation during session times.

### **The Kindergarten Governing Council**

Joining the Governing Council is an ideal way to become involved in your child's Preschool experience. A committee of parents is elected at the Annual General meeting in February. The Governing Council is the body with responsibility for maintaining the kindergarten and managing its finances.

The Council's responsibilities include:

- Planning and authorising the use of kindergarten funds
- Arranging fundraising activities
- Supporting the development and maintenance of the kindergarten
- Maintaining the buildings, grounds and equipment in a safe, secure condition
- Communicating with members of the kindergarten through the staff, meetings, informal functions, newsletters, notices etc.
- Promoting interest in the kindergarten throughout the local community
- Working with staff to develop a Quality Improvement Plan

All parents are eligible for election as a Governing Council member and all parents are invited to attend meetings (usually 2 meetings per term). Minutes of Governing Council meetings are available for interested parents.

**WE HIGHLY VALUE A COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN STAFF AND PARENTS**