

Welcome to  
WEST LAKES SHORE KINDERGARTEN  
**Information Booklet**



*We look forward to being part of you  
and your child's learning journey.*

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### **Staff**

**Director:** Mandy Klessens  
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### **Kindergarten Sessions**

There are 2 separate group sessions.

Blue Group	Mon & Wed all day	8.25 am - 3.10 pm
	Fri odd weeks 1,3,5,7,9 & 11 ( in term 1)	8.30 am - 11.30 am
Red Group	Tues & Thurs all day	8.25 am - 3.10 pm
	Fri even weeks 2,4,6,8,10	8.30 am - 11.30 am

### **Kindergarten Fees**

The parent contribution for our kindergarten is \$700 per year. You can choose to pay the total amount at the beginning of the year or pay an instalment of \$250 in terms 1 and 2. \$200 in Term 3.

All fees are due before the end of Week 5 of each term.

There is a \$10 late payment fee for any fee paid after this time.

### **EFT details are:**

Account Name: West Lakes Shore Kindergarten

BSB: 065 151

Account Number: 0090 0631

### **Information**

Information is distributed to families via the West Lakes Shore Kindergarten SkoolBag App on the 2022 Families Group. You will also need to regularly check your child's 'notice pocket' which hangs near the main entrance.

### **What to bring to Kindy (Please ensure ALL ITEMS ARE CLEARLY LABELLED)**

- A bag/backpack that can be opened easily by your child
- A sun hat (bucket hats are available for purchase)
- 'Brain Food' – fruit/vegetables for snack time am and pm
- A 'nude food' (food without plastic wrappers) healthy lunch packed in an insulated container with an icepack
- A drink bottle filled with water ONLY
- A change of clothes (multiple if necessary)
- Wet weather and mud play raincoat and gumboots

### **What to leave at home**

We ask children not to bring toys from home as they may break, go missing, 'stray' into other children's bags or cause conflict. Toys or special items need to stay at home unless they are related to the kindergarten program.

### **Arrival and Departure**

- An adult must accompany children into the kindergarten
- Please sign your child in each day
- Children to place their lunchbox and drink bottle in appropriate place inside. Their 'Brain Food' remains in their bag
- If your child is to be collected by anyone else, please write the details on the sign in sheet and inform a staff member
- Please be punctual when collecting children, as they may become distressed if you are running late
- The gate remains closed until 8.25 am (Fridays 8.30 am) to allow staff time to set up equipment and plan for the day
- The gate locks soon after departure time

### **Covid- 19 Hygiene practice**

We encourage families to engage in Covid-19 hygiene practices as recommended by SA Health.

### **Absence**

Children are to be kept at home if they are unwell. Please contact the kindergarten if your child will be absent. Sometimes a sick child can 'insist' on coming to kindergarten. It is important that your child stays at home to reduce the spread of infection. When there is a case of an infectious condition such as chicken pox, head lice etc. families are notified via the SkoolBag App along with information about the condition.

### **Birthdays**

At this kindergarten we acknowledge your child's special day by singing and giving a card and birthday sticker on behalf of the children and staff. We discourage the bringing of gift items i.e. sweets, stickers balloons etc.

### **Attendance**

Research shows that success in learning is directly proportional to regular attendance and participation in education programs.

### **NO JAB NO PLAY!**

Please ensure that you provide the kindergarten with your child's updated immunization statement as soon as possible after having the 4yo immunisation.

### **C&YH Screening**

The Child and Health Service offer 4 year old screenings at the Kindergarten once per term. You will be notified when your child is due for a screening by a staff member. If your child is not screened, then it is your responsibility to book a time through your local branch of C&YH or your GP, before your child turns 5.

### **School Enrolment**

We recommend you contact the school of your choice to enroll as soon as possible. This allows the school to plan ahead for expected enrolments and class sizes. West Lakes Shore Primary School send out offers during Term 2 each year.

Please remember that enrolment at the Kindergarten does not automatically entitle children entry into West Lakes Shore School. West Lakes Shore School R-7 has a different zoning policy to the kindergarten.

## **Kindergarten Program**

Our kindergarten program encompasses your child's interests, knowledge and abilities. The observations we collect each day about your child and the conversations we share with you form the foundation for our program.

Each fortnight the educators discuss, reflect, review, evaluate and plan for individual and group learning and play experiences. The fortnightly program is a combination of educator and child initiated activities and provides learning that follows the children's interests.

Our program is based on the National Early Years Learning Framework. '**Belonging, Being and Becoming**'. This framework is designed to support our curriculum decision making to extend and enrich children's learning from birth to five years and through the transition to school.

The Early Years Learning Framework identifies that positive attitudes and competencies in **literacy and numeracy** are important aspects of communication and are vital for children's successful learning. At West Lakes Shore Kindergarten our kindergarten program reflects literacy and numeracy in the planning, teaching and monitoring of children's literacy and numeracy development.

Play is the primary pedagogy for preschool learning. In the Early Years Learning Framework, play-based learning is defined as 'a context for learning through which children organize and make sense of their social worlds, as they engage actively with people, objects and representations' (p49). At West Lakes Shore our outdoor and indoor learning environments encourage children to explore, discover, imagine, improvise, solve problems, create and construct. Play is the vehicle for children to learn.

A big focus in our program planning is nature play. We encourage mud play, water play and risk taking behaviours (climbing trees etc).child WILL get dirty and have opportunities to try a wide variety of experiences.

A summary of the program is sent out on the SkoolBag App and is displayed near the main entrance noticeboard. We welcome your feedback on our program via our weekly journal and suggestion box which are located near the sign in sheet.

Our weekly journal is displayed under the verandah and sent out on Skoolbag. When possible we create videos of your children learning through their play for families to view at the end of each day.

Embedded in our kindergarten program are:

### **1. Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum**

KS:CPC is a child safety program for children and young people from age 3 to year 12. It teaches children to:

- Recognise abuse and tell a trusted adult about it
- Understand what is appropriate and inappropriate touching
- Understand ways of keeping themselves safe.
- The KS:CPC is a mandated program.

There are two main themes;

***We all have the right to be safe***

***We can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust***

The program covers

- The right to be safe
- Relationships
- Recognizing and reporting abuse
- Protective strategies

### **2. 'You Can Do It' Program**

This program teaches children the social and emotional skills they need to be confident and relate to other people; to be persistence, be organised and cope with life's disappointments and strong emotions. The 'You Can Do It' Program uses puppets to teach its social-emotional skills. These are: Connie Confidence, Pete Persistence, Oscar Organisation, Gabby Get Along and Ricky Resilience.

### **Keepsake Folder and Statement of Learning**

Your child receives a Keepsake folder and in this folder you will find:

- Samples of the your child's work
- Photograph of your child's participation in the kindergarten program and events
- Observations that demonstrate your child's developing skills, understandings and the dispositions that are essential to learning.

When your child transitions to school we will provide a Statement of Learning that summarises your child's developing skills, understandings, dispositions and knowledge. We keep in touch throughout the year in formal and informal conversations about how your child is progressing. At the beginning of the year we invite families to complete a 'Getting to Know You' profile so that we can begin planning for your child's learning.

### **Parents are Important**

At West Lakes Shore Kindergarten, parents and staff work together for the benefit of all children. We respect that parents are the first and most important educators in a child's life. In order to meet the needs of your child and to plan appropriately for them we ask that you pass on any information about your child that you consider to be important. All information will be treated confidentially.

### **Parent Donations**

We always need materials for pasting and woodwork. Boxes, material, lids, corks, feathers, gum nuts, cards, wrapping paper, shells, ribbons, leather and so on are welcome. (The exceptions with boxes are washing powder, cigarette and match boxes, toilet rolls and medical boxes.)

### **Parents and Friends Governing Council**

The Parents and Friends Governing Council consists of parents, educators and interested community members. We welcome new members at the Annual General Meeting, held in the first term.

Parents and Friends Governing Council meetings are twice a term. Currently we meet at 6:30pm on a Monday of week 2 and week 7. All parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend meetings and we encourage parents to join the Committee and be part of their child's education. It is an excellent way of finding out about many aspects of the kindergarten, and also to meet other parents.

### **A Washing Roster**

We ask families to assist by taking home washing at least once while their child is at kindergarten. Washing pick up day is Friday, a washing roster will be sent out to all families.