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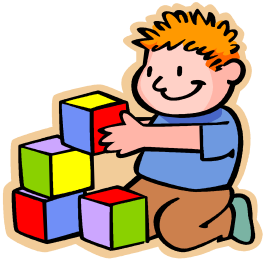

INFORMATION BOOKLET
PRE-PRIMARY
2019

EMBLETON PRIMARY SCHOOL PRE-PRIMARY

Welcome to Embleton Primary School Pre-Primary. We hope that the coming year will be happy and rewarding for both you and your child.

What children learn in Pre-primary

Literacy and numeracy are a key focus in Pre-primary. Development of critical and creative thinking skills, social and personal skills, as well as monitoring your child's physical wellbeing is also extremely important.

The **English learning area** focuses on developing your child's listening and speaking skills by engaging them in group discussions, as well as learning about rhymes, letter patterns and sounds. They learn the basic rules of writing, and begin to understand the alphabet and the sounds each letter represents. Reading is also important as it shows your child that stories are about ideas and feelings, and have characters and events.

With the **Maths learning area**, your child begins to connect number names, numerals and quantities. They learn to count forward and backwards, and begin to understand and solve number problems involving adding, removing, grouping and sharing. They learn about time, patterns and positions, and compare objects using the language of maths (for example, How much and How long).

Your child also develops skills in technology, the arts, science, humanities and social sciences, and languages. Physical activity is also planned for.

It is important that you continue to reinforce what they learn at school at home. A number of ways you can do this:

- Read to your child every day
- encourage your child to draw, write and tell stories
- practise using numbers together
- encourage your child to observe things in nature and to ask questions

CONTACT NUMBERS
Room 18 – 9370 4525
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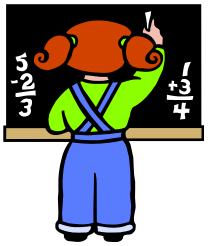
2019 TERM DATES

Term 1	4 Feb – 12 April
Term 2	30 April – 5 July
Term 3	23 July – 27 Sept
Term 4	15 Oct – 19 Dec



SESSION TIMES
Monday – Friday 8.50am – 3.00pm

ATTENDANCE

Pre-primary is the first compulsory year of schooling building on the exciting things children learn in Kindergarten and with you at home. Western Australian law stipulates that all school-aged children must go to and attend school every day. Developing the habit of going to school every day is vitally important so your child does not miss out on important ideas and skills they need for future learning. Did you know:

- missing half a day of school each week equates to one month of missed learning per year
- the attendance habits set by your child when they first start school continue throughout their school life
- if your child misses half a day of school each week between Pre-primary and Year 10, they would miss almost one full year of learning
- learning is cumulative – if your child misses a day, it is harder for them to catch up.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Your child will benefit by being punctual on arrival at each session. Children arriving before the session remain in the care of the parent until handed over to the Teacher or Education Assistant. Please be prompt in collecting your child when Pre-Primary finishes avoiding any distress to your child.

We would kindly ask that parents please remember that other students in the nearby classrooms are still working while you are waiting to pick up your child.

Children stay inside the centre until collected. In cases of emergency please contact the classroom so that suitable arrangements can be made for your child.

Please provide written notification of any changes in a person collecting your child from school. Pre-Primary staff cannot dismiss children to other adults without parental consent. People dropping off or collecting children need to be over 18 years old.

EARLY PICK-UP

Please note the following procedure if you wish to collect your child before 3pm.

If you need to collect your child during school hours for appointments **parents must come to the school office FIRST to obtain a permission slip and then collect their child from the classroom. (**Children will not be released from the classroom without a yellow slip) indicating they have been through the front office. Parents are asked to send a note with their child stating the time and reason for the early departure.

WHAT YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO BRING EACH DAY

LARGE BAG — A large school bag is essential to fit a lunch box, water bottle, change of clothes, school work and jumpers etc.

HAT — A wide brimmed hat is compulsory all year round. This will **stay in your child's bag.**

CLOTHING — A spare change of clothing in a plastic bag. The children will feel more comfortable in their own clothing in case they have an accident. Please ensure that spare clothing is suitable for the season. Please name the clothes and the bag and give it to the teacher in week 1.

FOOD — Each child is required to bring their own **cut up** fruit/vegetable for morning tea. (There is no shared fruit time).

Each child is required to bring a healthy lunch everyday. Please teach your child to open and close their containers by themselves. Please provide spoons etc if necessary.

WATER BOTTLE — Please bring a water bottle filled with **water only** every day. Water bottles will go home at the end of each day.

Please don't send chips, sweets, lollies or soft drinks.

CLOTHING
School uniform is encouraged.

Children are involved in a daily physical education program, music, movement and other play activities. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate footwear for safety and ease of movement and skill development.
Running shoes with Velcro straps are an ideal shoe for Pre-Primary. **Thongs are not permitted.**

HELPER ROSTER
Parent help is required in the Pre-Primary classroom. Please come and spend some time with your child. Once or twice a term is usually adequate (and of course this includes Dads as well as Mums, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles too). We need to ensure that we have parent involvement at each session, as parents assist staff with the preparation of children's work and helping with set activities.
Roster days are a special time for you and your child. The children love to show off their classroom and feel very proud to have their parent helping. Therefore, we ask that younger siblings are cared for and alternative arrangements made so that you and your child can fully enjoy this precious time together.

HOME SITUATIONS
Home situations have a great influence on children. Please notify the teacher of any change to the normal routine if you feel it necessary (eg Parent in hospital, illness in the family, parent working away, separation/divorce).

The school is required to keep accurate records of all students. Therefore, any change of address, telephone numbers etc needs to be notified to the school office immediately. Parents' work numbers should be kept up to date.

SCHOOL/PARENT COMMUNICATION

The school newsletter is sent home to each family every fortnight. It will keep you up to date with the school's activities. A term calendar is also published at the beginning of each term, which advises of important dates during this period.

Please look at our notice board on the veranda displaying the concepts we will be covering for each week. Please try and reinforce these at home to enhance your child's acquisition of these new concepts.

You can also visit the school website www.embletonps.wa.edu.au for more information.

PARENT AND CITIZENS

The main purpose of the P&C is to support the school for the benefit of all students. The Embleton P&C consists of enthusiastic parents, teachers and other interested community members who contribute their ideas and skills to the school in a variety of different ways.

All parents are encouraged to become members of the P&C as it offers parents the opportunity to be aware of what is happening in the school and what is being discussed by the parents so they can contribute if they wish. The more opinions we have, the more rounded and helpful our combined suggestions, ideas and visions will be to the school community.

SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board is made up of the principal, school staff, P&C Members and interested parents. Parents/caregivers and community members must form the majority of the School Board. The Board assists in

- The establishment and review of school priorities & directions.
- The planning of financial arrangements necessary to fund those priorities.
- The evaluation of the school's performance in achieving its outcomes.
- The development and presentation of cultural awareness in the school community.
- Approving Voluntary Contributions and Charges.
- Providing the school with direction and support in achieving long term goals.
- Promoting the school in the community.
- The development of school policies and processes (eg. attendance and participation strategies, codes of conduct for students and dress code for students)
- Promoting partnerships between school; community; parents; other schools and other agencies.

SCHOOL FEES
There is a School Fee of $50.00 for the year. The option is available to pay in instalments of any amount you choose, for example $12.50 each term. These funds are used to buy consumable resources and equipment to assist in making learning activities as valuable as possible for your child. The Early Childhood Classroom is a material based, hands-on learning environment. Young children are enthusiastic and motivated to learn when immersed in a rich, stimulating environment. Modern, exciting resources and equipment makes learning fun!

School Fees can be paid at the Front Office in cash or Direct Deposit BSB: 016 363 ACC: 3409 16795.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEW
If you would like to discuss an aspect of your child's progress or behaviour or the Pre-Primary program, please contact the Pre-Primary teacher to arrange a convenient time for an interview. On some occasions teachers may request that you visit the school to enable them to discuss your child's progress and development with you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please discuss these things with the classroom teacher.

GENERAL INFORMATION

HEALTH AND MEDICINE
For the sake of your child and the health of others, please do not send your child to Kindy if he/she is sick or unwell. In the case of infectious diseases, (chicken pox, measles, eye discharge, head lice, etc) please ask about quarantine periods. Or visit your doctor.

If your child suffers from asthma or allergies, please notify Kindy staff of your child's condition. It is vital that you inform the School Office as well so that this information is updated on your child's enrolment records and a Medical Response Plan can then be devised in case of emergency.

If a child becomes ill or suffers an accident whilst in attendance parents or guardians will be contacted immediately. You may be asked to take your child home, or in the case of an accident, will be notified of the situation. Therefore, it is vital that all telephone numbers and emergency contacts be kept up to date.

It is also preferred that Kindy staff are not made responsible for giving medicines to the children if they are sick eg. Antibiotics, eye drops etc. It is an added responsibility for staff and they may forget to administer the medication while actively involved in delivering the learning program.
However, if this is absolutely unavoidable, please fill in a permission form that is available from the School Office.

CUSTODY
If only one parent has legal custody of children, he or she must inform the School Office and Kindy staff of access provisions and provide a copy of the Court Order to the School Office. We are unable to refuse access by another parent unless we have a copy of Court Orders relating to custody.

TOYS AND JEWELLERY
For Safety reasons, please discourage your child from wearing jewellery.
Children are allowed to bring in ONE toy on their 'News Day' but are not allowed to bring toys or items from home on other days as this often leads to envy, arguments and tears if the toy is broken or lost.

BIRTHDAYS
Birthdays are very special to all children. If you wish your child to celebrate with their class, please feel free to roster yourself for this session. You may like to bring a simple birthday cake – cupcakes or other small cakes/biscuits.
Please remember to ask staff if there are any students with food allergies in the class.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT & SUPPORT
Starting Pre-Primary is an important step in your child's school life. If you show you are confident and happy about school, your child picks up on this. This is important in encouraging a love of learning and enthusiasm for going to school each day.

- Show an interest in the activities your child engages in. What your child brings home, whatever the end result may be, represents time and effort and indicates their level of development. Appropriate praise and interest will give your child confidence to venture further next time.
- Talk to your child about the day's activities and listen. Don't presume that because there is no 'work' to bring home that no work was done.
- Read to your child often. It is an excellent way to extend language and promote reading readiness.
- If you have worries or doubts about the program or your child's performance, please discuss them with the teacher and not with others – or in front of your child. The teacher will be happy to make an appointment with you.

WHAT YOU CAN DO AT HOME

- Read books aloud, point to pictures and talk with your child about the story.
- Draw and write with your child and talk about what you are doing.
- Encourage your child to use trial and error to learn and complete tasks. Be patient and let them have a go.
- Your child begins to hear and see how numbers are used at home and begins to match number names to very small groups of objects just by looking. You can help by talking through what you are doing. For example: We need four plates, so if I get two plates and then get two more, we'll have four plates.
- A great way to help with maths skills is through everyday activities – bath time, when playing outside and while cooking together. Counting with your child using items they can see and touch, measuring items and comparing items help them hear and use maths ideas.
- At this age your child also learns about measurement by using everyday words like: full and empty, big and small, tall and short, and heavy and light. Using words to describe position such as: in, on and under, and talking about whether something is near, far and upside down, help your child learn about location.
- Number songs and rhymes help your child learn about counting. Spend time together singing songs like: One, two, three, four, five, once I caught a fish alive and One, two, buckle my shoe. Number books that you read together and talk about are also great ways for your child to learn early ideas.

We welcome you and your child to Embleton Kindy and look forward to an enjoyable, successful and rewarding year.

IS THERE ANYTHING IN YOUR BAG TODAY?

Today I did my maths and science,
I toasted bread.
I halved and quartered, counted, measured,
Used my eyes and ears and head.
I added and subtracted on the way
I used the magnet, blocks and clay.
So, please don't say
"Anything in your bag today?"

I've learned about a snail and a worm,
Remembered how to take my turn.
Helped a friend when he was stuck
Shared and played with the blue tip-truck

Looked at worked from left to right,
Agreed to differ, not to fight.
So, please don't say
"What, nothing in your bag today?"

You see I'm learning as I play,
I learn to listen and how to talk,
To run outside, and when to walk.
To wash my hands and put my pasting brush away.
So, please don't ask
"Did you only play today?"

Yes, I played the whole day through,
I played to learn the things I do.
I discovered a problem, found a clue,
And worked out for myself just what to do.
But all of this is in my head,
And not in my bag, like you said.
So from now on could you just please say
"Tell me all about your day today?"

Our School Creed

Embleton is a place of Happiness.
Happiness comes from caring, sharing and respecting everyone.
It takes more than one person to make a good school.
Consider others, be polite at all times and enjoy your friends in our beautiful surroundings.
Have faith in yourself and your school.
Let us be a community of children learning and having fun.
Here at Embleton our special home.