COTTESLOE PRIMARY SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN 2016

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Dear Parents

Welcome to our Centre for 2016. Here are a few bits of information to help us all make a smooth transition into the new school year.

Your child is in ____________ group

SCHOOL TERMS - 2016

**Semester 1**
Term 1 Mon 1st Feb – Fri 8th April
Term 2 Mon 26th Apr – Fri 1st July

**Semester 2**
Term 3 Mon 18th Jul – Fri 23rd Sept
Term 4 Tues 11th Oct – Thurs 15th Dec

(Please note - These dates are subject to change by the Department.)

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2016
January - Thursday 28th January and Friday 29th January
March – Friday 4th March
June - Friday 3rd June
August – Friday 19th August
October – Mon 10th October
December – Friday 16th December

These are days when students do not attend school – only staff attend school.

SESSION TIMES

(Please refer to the enclosed staggered start sheet for the first four weeks of Kindergarten 2016.)

2 WEEK PLAN

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(Note; Each group has 5 sessions per fortnight)

IMPORTANT:

Please bring everyday:
BAG, HAT, FRUIT, PACKED LUNCH, PILLOW, AND SPARE CLOTHES.
DROP OFF and PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

- Please make sure the children are delivered and collected from the Centre at the specified times in order for the Sessions to function smoothly. An adult must collect children. Parents who are not picking their child up personally are asked to write in the Communications Book as to which adult it will be.
- No child will be allowed to leave with anyone else unless we have been previously informed.
- Please wait with your child until the door is opened.

WEEKS 1, 2 and 3 2016 onwards

The Kindergarten will be staggering session times so students adjust gradually to their teachers, new friends and learning environment.

Please refer to your individual timetable for specific times and days. Shortened session times Weeks 1 & 2, and full program Week 3 onwards.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

A voluntary contribution of $50.00 per child has been set. This money is used to purchase enrichment materials for all children. An invoice will be sent home in Term 1, 2016.

INCURSIONS

There is a charge of $60.00 per child. This provides for the invaluable inclusion of visiting performers and groups at the kindergarten. An invoice will be sent home in Term 1, 2016 and should be paid direct to the school office along with the voluntary contribution. *(Charges refer to any costs for which payment is compulsory)*

FRUIT

The children are to bring two or three pieces of fruit each week. This may be brought on one day for all pieces or a piece each day. This will be cut up and shared each day. Other acceptable foods to bring are cheese, sultanas and other dried fruits, celery, carrots, dry biscuits and plain popcorn. Please do not send lollies, sweet biscuits, cakes or other sugary foods. *Also, please note that we are an “Allergy Friendly” school.* Please do not bring food containing nuts to kindergarten. You are welcome to bring a birthday cake or small cupcakes on your child’s birthday if you wish.

ROSTERS

A parent roster will commence in Term 2. Children need to get used to staying without their parents first, adapting to routine and the control of someone other than their parent. Mothers, Fathers, Grandparents are all welcome as is anyone else who is important to the child. It is a special time, if possible to have one on one with parent and child but not always possible or practical, therefore younger siblings are welcome but parents are requested to watch them carefully as they move about the Kindy. Participating in the roster enables parents to observe our program in operation and to see their own child’s involvement and progress.
CLOTHING

Please be aware that many of our activities are messy and “hands on”. Aprons are provided but we suggest no “good clothes” be worn. It is school policy that children wear hats all year. Please check that your child has a hat every day in their bag. Please provide a change of clothing to be kept in child’s bag at all times. It is strongly advised that all articles of clothing are marked with the child’s name.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Occasionally an emergency arises when it is imperative that we are able to get in touch with you or a person designated by you. You are asked to keep us up to date with your:

- Address
- Telephone number (work & home)
- Mobile number
- Emergency contact persons

HEALTH

If possible we would appreciate a note if your child is going to be absent for more than one day. However please ring if the absence is due to one of the infectious diseases. The following diseases require exclusion:

- Chicken pox
- German measles
- Ringworm
- Influenza
- Impetigo (school sores)
- Slap cheek syndrome

- Head Lice
- Mumps
- Measles
- Whooping Cough
- Scarlet Fever

*If your child is not well please do not send them to school – even if they beg you!
THE KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Cottesloe Kindergarten offers a balanced developmental program that caters for the physical, emotional, social, cognitive, language and creative needs of each child. Children learn through play, therefore activities are play based. Play is an accepted and valued part of the Early Childhood Program.

The children participate in activities in the following areas to achieve the goals of the curriculum frameworks:

- Language – talking, listening, pre-reading, pre-writing.
- Maths – counting, sorting, classifying, and measuring.
- Music & movement, songs & finger plays.
- Large muscle activities – running, climbing, etc.
- Small muscle activities – cutting, drawing, playdough
- Social sciences – the world near home and faraway,
- Care, concern and awareness of nature,
- Technology
- Social and emotional developmental program.

Our program aims to provide a wide variety of experiences for the children. They will explore the areas of painting, creating with recycled materials, investigating puzzles, blocks and other manipulative equipment, home corner, playing with dough/clay. They will also experience large and small groups, e.g. discussion time, music & movement and story time.

The children will gain control over large and small muscles, learn co-operation with others, understand facts about the world around them, use their imagination and creative ability, and respect the rights of others.

Our primary concern is to make the Kindy an enjoyable place where your child will feel safe and happy to learn and develop at his/her own pace.

PARENTAL SUPPORT

Personal interviews with the teacher are welcome. You are urged to use the interview time to clear misunderstandings, discuss your child’s progress and discuss any other matter, which may be causing concern. It is in your child’s best interests that a good communication exists between school and home.

Please talk to the Teacher during Roster times, after sessions or at a mutually convenient time. Friday is a good day for more formal discussions.

Thank you.

Welcome to Cottesloe Kindergarten and we look forward to a fun and happy year.