COTTESLOE PRE-PRIMARY 2016

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Welcome to Cottesloe Pre-Primary. We hope you and your child will have an enjoyable and rewarding year with us.

**SCHOOL TERMS 2016**

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(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 – staff only.**

**Term 1**
Pre-Primary is now a compulsory year of schooling. In the interest of effective transition for children and parents, we have made provision for a transitional start to Week 1, Term 1. The transition start provides you and your child the opportunity to meet the staff and become familiar with the classroom environment. If you would like to discuss the adjustments made to Week 1, Term One please contact the school.

Week 1
Group A Mon/Wed/Fri
Group B Tues/Thur/Fri

Week 2 Children will attend full time Pre-Primary 8.50am – 3pm

**Terms 2, 3 and 4**

Monday - Friday...8.50 a.m. – 3.00p.m.

Please make sure the children are delivered to and collected from the Centre at the specified times. Parents are requested to wait with their child until the doors open at 8.50am. Punctuality is important in order for the sessions to function smoothly. Parents who are not picking their child up personally are asked to let us know in writing at the commencement of the session as to who will be picking them up. No child will be allowed to go home with another adult unless we have previously been informed.
**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION**
A voluntary contribution of $60.00 per child has been set. This money is used to purchase enrichment materials for all the children. An invoice will be sent home in Term One, 2016

**INCURSIONS/ EXCURSIONS**
There is an incursion charge of $80 per child. This provides for the valuable inclusion of guest speakers and groups to perform at the school and for excursions. There is an additional amount of $42 for term 4 swimming lessons. An invoice will be sent home in Term 1 and should be paid direct to the school office along with the voluntary contribution.

**FRUIT**
The children are to bring a **piece of fruit each session** and this will be cut up and shared. We welcome a selection of snacks including dried fruit, raw vegetables, cheese, dry crackers and popcorn.

Information has been brought to our attention about some of the additives contained in a number of **flavoured rice crackers** (which are also similar in other biscuits and potato chips), and the possible side effects on young children’s health. It would be appreciated if you could check the savoury biscuits you bring to Pre-Primary to share for the following numbers and avoid bringing them.

**Additives 621 320 627 631**

Many thanks for your co-operation.

**LUNCH**
We ask that lunch is provided in a lunch container. We do encourage ‘healthy’ eating. Please be aware the Cottesloe Primary School is an “Allergy Friendly” school. Items containing peanuts such as Peanut Butter, Nutella and various muesli bars have been removed from the lunch menu due to several students having a severe allergy to peanuts. It would be appreciated if you refrain from giving these to your children in their lunches as well.

We aim to promote Nude Food Day on Tuesday’s to reduce packaging and plastic.

**WATER BOTTLES**
Please provide a labelled water bottle for your child to use in the classroom. The bottle will be sent home each day with your child to be cleaned and refilled.

**LUNCH ORDERS**
Lunch orders will not be permitted at the Pre-Primary. The organization, phone calls and follow-ups for lunch orders in the past have proven to be a non-viable option!

**ROSTERS**
A morning roster will operate in the centre from 8.50am to 12pm. Participating in the roster enables parents to observe our program in operation and to observe their own child’s participation and progress.
PHONE
The phone for the Pre-Primary centre is an extension from the school office. The Pre-Primary does not have a direct line. Urgent calls will be directed to the Pre-Primary centre.

ATTENDANCE
Pre-primary is now a compulsory school year. In collaboration with parents, we are always able to give consideration to children’s individual needs as to their days of attendance. If children are absent from pre-primary a note or phone call is required.

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. Your co-operation is necessary in keeping us up to date with your:

a) Address
b) Telephone Number - work and home
   (Please include any mobile phone numbers).
c) Emergency contact persons

PARENTAL SUPPORT
Personal interviews with the Pre-Primary teacher are welcome. You are urged to use the interview 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 between school and home exists.

CLOTHING
As a P & C initiative, it has been decided that Pre-Primary children will wear the school uniform. Please be aware that many of our activities are messy and 'hands-on'. Aprons are provided at the Pre-Primary.

It is school policy that children wear hats to school, so please ensure your child brings a school hat to Pre-Primary each day (Terms 1 – 4)

It is school policy that children wear footwear during school time. Please note that in our outdoor Pre-Primary environment, it may be more appropriate for children to play without shoes due to climbing on equipment and free movement play.

Please ensure all your child’s belongings are clearly labelled.
CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS
You are welcome to bring a birthday cake on your child's birthday if you wish. Please ensure that the cake is large enough to share with 27 children, or alternately, cupcakes are a good option. Please do not ask us to give out invitations at Pre-Primary unless all children are invited!!!

HEALTH
If possible, we would appreciate a telephone call or message if your child is going to be absent for more than one day, particularly if it is due to one of the infectious diseases.

The following diseases require exclusion from Pre-Primary:-

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If your child is not well, please do not send him/her to Pre-Primary. During the year, a medical check will be provided for your child. We will try to give prior notice of the visit.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST AND SCHOOL NURSE
The School Psychologist and School Nurse visit the school regularly. Parents who wish to contact either of these people can do so by telephoning the school for an appointment.

SWIMMING LESSONS
In term 4 students will be given the opportunity to participate in swimming lessons in the afternoon, over a 2 week block.
LEARNING PROGRAM
The pre-primary program is based on the West Australian Curriculum & Assessment Outline and also encourage the continued development of the child on the outcomes of the Early Years Learning Framework. It is designed to allow your child to engage in self-directed and teacher-directed play experiences in conjunction with formal learning that will help them to develop in all areas.

The children will participate in activities associated with the seven learning areas– The Arts, English, Health and Physical Education, Mathematics, Science, History and Technology.


The outcomes of the Early Years Learning Framework that children are continuing to work towards:
Outcome 1 Children have a strong sense of identity.
Outcome 2 Children are connected with and contribute to their world.
Outcome 3 Children have a strong sense of wellbeing.
Outcome 4 Children are confident and involved learners.
Outcome 5 Children are effective communicators.

Your child will have many new experiences and learn many new skills. These opportunities include:
Developmental Play– including painting, drawing, building, puzzles, games, creative art, play dough, sand and water.

Language– including oral and written language. Our introduction to formal written language is presented through the Jolly Phonics program. This is a synthetic phonics approach, which is a fun way to introduce sounds and how they are used in reading and writing.

Physical Education– outdoor play makes up a big part of each day in pre-primary and we will encourage each child to progress in their gross and fine motor skills.

Our prime objective is to foster the children’s confidence, resilience and happiness in a fun and engaging environment.

Any other queries? Please don’t hesitate to ask.
The Pre-Primary is always keen to collect these items:

- Computer paper
- Blank paper
- Coloured paper
- Buttons/sequins
- Cards
- Corks
- Material/lace/felt
- Paper doilies
- Polystyrene trays
- Shoe boxes
- Cotton reels
- Sponges
- Lino offcuts
- Baby food jars
- Dress-up clothes/shoes
- Spare children’s clothing
  (Especially shorts, tracksuit pants)
- Magazines
- Stamps

Anything else you may have … please send it along!