



2018 Kindergarten Parent Information





Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the East Hamersley Primary School community. The 2017 school year promises to be challenging and very rewarding to you as parents of children entering the Kindergarten programme. Every effort will be made to ensure that all students will receive the very best introduction to school life.

We as a school staff have ensured that a comprehensive programme will operate for Kindergarten children. We focus on the foundations of literacy and numeracy and to meet their developmental needs through age appropriate activities. There are five key principles that we believe form the basis of successful development in children's understandings. These are:

- Play and exploration are essential for effective early learning.
- Children develop and learn at different rates and in different ways.
- Children's learning is integrated and related to their development.
- A child's attitude and feelings towards learning are developed in their early years.
- Judgements about children's educational progress and achievement are based on regular observations in a variety of situations and settings, using a variety of information sources, over time.

The kindergarten year of school is very special. This is a time for children to learn that school is a fun and safe place to be. It's also a great time for parents and caregivers to meet each other and become part of the school community. The Kindergarten staff are looking forward to working closely with you and your children as they grow and learn through our play based programme.

I look forward to developing strong partnerships with parents and students.

Ms Lyn Dawson
Principal

Welcome to East Hamersley Kindergarten

- Learning is fun.
- We have a warm, friendly and safe environment that caters for the individual child.
- The program focuses towards the development of the whole child, in all domains: physical, social, emotional and cognitive.
- The children also learn through play, both structured and free.
- Learning is based on the children's interests.
- Learning experiences encourage exploration, discovery and problem-solving.
- High parental and family involvement enhances your child's learning.
- The teacher and assistant work as a team which enhances the warm learning environment.
- The teacher works collaboratively with other early childhood teachers both within the school and surrounding areas.
- The program is based on the developmental learning philosophy supported by the Early Years Framework, Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines and the Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline.
- The centre is well resourced.
- Kindergarten is an important part of East Hamersley Primary School. The children are involved in many whole school events.



KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION 2018

Your child's time at Kindergarten establishes a strong foundation for the development of the whole child. The Kindergarten program provides experiences to develop physical, social, emotional and cognitive growth. The program is designed to cater for each individual child, encouraging a natural progression through developmental learning, enhanced by stimulating and fun learning experiences.

The Kindergarten program operates every Tuesday and Thursday, and every second Friday (even weeks) throughout the school terms.

First Day at Kindergarten Group 1– Wednesday 31 January 2018

First Day at Kindergarten Group 2– Thursday 1 February 2018



Attendance Times

Attendance Group A	Drop-off and pick-up times
Monday and Wednesday	8:45 am – 3:00 pm
Fridays (Odd Weeks)	8:45 am – 3:00 pm

Attendance Group B	Drop-off and pick-up times
Tuesday and Thursday	8:45 am – 3:00 pm
Fridays (Even Weeks)	8:45 am – 3:00 pm

For duty of care reasons, if you are unable to pick up your child and someone else is coming in your place, please let us know. There is a permission form for you to list the names of adults for which you have given consent to pick up your child.

Please phone the school on 9342 2002 if you are delayed.



WHAT YOU NEED FOR KINDERGARTEN

- One piece of fruit, vegetable, dried fruit or rice crackers to share every day.
- A large bag, that they can open and close themselves;
- A broad-brimmed hat; (The school has a “No Hat, No Play in the Sun” policy. Please label hats with your child’s name and keep it in your child’s school bag.);
- A change of clothes, just in case;
- Joggers or sandals with a grip sole to climb with. Velcro fasteners are easy; (Students need to be able to tie their own laces if wearing shoes with laces)
- Named drink bottle;
- Lunch when attending full days. (healthy food is encouraged)

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

- 2 x Hand Towel
- 1 x box of tissues
- 1 x note bag (From Uniform Shop)
- 1 x hat
- 1 x plastic drink bottle (for daily use)



PERSONAL ITEMS LIST (sent separately)

These items can be sourced from Campion Education or your local stationery supplier. **Please do not label these items as they are for shared use.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

School Uniform

The children enjoy wearing the East Hamersley school uniform, developing a sense of pride and belonging. Uniforms can be purchased at the administration office.

Newsletters

Our newsletter is sent via the “Skoolbag” app each fortnight on Wednesday, as well as being posted on the school website:

easthamersley.wa.edu.au

Our newsletter is a very important way of communicating with families, so please download this app to your phone. (An instruction sheet is included in this folder.) You can also let the office know if you would like a copy emailed to you.

If you would prefer a printed copy, these are available in the front office.

Student Information Sheet

An information sheet has been attached for parents to fill out and return to the Kindergarten teacher. This is to help the teacher learn a little about the children before they start Kindy and to plan a program that caters to their needs.

Parent Teacher Meetings

You are invited to attend individual parent meetings to meet the teacher and for friendly discussions. These are held in Term 2, but you are also encouraged to see the teacher for a meeting anytime, if you have a concern.

Communication

Partnerships between school and home are essential to help build a positive learning environment for your child. Parents and teachers working together ensure the development of learning outcomes for your child. Communication between parents and teachers is always valuable, particularly for the exchange of information that can help us understand your child. If at any time of the year you have any questions regarding your child's education, please feel free to contact us. If you would like to come to the Early Childhood Centre to discuss your child's progress, please be aware that this cannot happen whilst teaching is in progress but you are welcome to make an appointment.

Attendance

It is essential for your child to attend Kindergarten to establish regular attendance at school. It is vital that if your child has any problems settling into the Kindy routine that you discuss this with your child's teacher. We want to make your child's start to formal education a special one. If your child is away you must provide a note with a reasonable excuse for not attending.

Sick Children

Children who are unwell are best kept away from school. Kindergarten does not have a sick room or a quiet corner. The room is always a hive of activity and constructive noise. Should your child become sick or have an injury we will phone you.

Addresses, phone numbers and emergency contacts

Please ensure that we always have your **up to date** contact details.

Sign In

Please sign in at the office if you are visiting the school or collecting a child during school hours. This register is for health and security reasons. Thank you.

Birthdays

When a child has a birthday, you are welcome to bring small cakes to school to share.



Toys

Please do not send toys to school; this will avoid arguments, loss and breakages. We do have a News system which enables all children to bring in special items to share with the class. Each child will have a turn to tell News each term.

Parent Participation

This will be offered to you in many forms:

- Parents and family will be invited to help in the Kindergarten. Please place your name on the roster. Your help is greatly appreciated.
- A Laundry roster is also available on a weekly basis.
- During Special Days when you will be invited to join us.
- As a resource person collecting cardboard boxes, cylinders, wool bits, dress-ups and other valuable junk material for us.
- Fundraising will be ongoing throughout the year combining school, P & C and separate Kindergarten fundraising activities.

Your help:

- Enhances the learning program.
- Models to your child the importance of education.
- Strengthens the bond between school and home.
- Informs you of your child's development.
- Is enjoyed by your child.



School Contributions

In order to enrich the opportunities available to your child there is a voluntary contribution on the booklist. You are encouraged to make this contribution to assist the school with providing equipment and resources.

Reports

A Kindergarten report detailing your child's successes will be sent home in terms two and four.

P&C

The school has an active Parents & Citizens Association, which assists the school in various ways, including fundraising. New members are most welcome.

Parking

Parking is available at the front of the school. Please **do not** park in the staff car park.

Please be considerate of parents with prams and not park over the footpath.

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD BEGIN KINDERGARTEN

Here are some easy ways you can help your child. It takes time but it's worth it.

- Provide some experiences where your child is accustomed to spending a little time away from you, knowing that you will return.
- Encourage your child to independently use a toilet and wash and dry hands
- Encourage your child to be able to open and close their lunchbox and school bag
- Encourage your child to be able to put on their shoes and socks.
- Encourage your child to wipe their own nose.

East Hamersley Kindergarten Daily Routine

8.50 am	Doors open/Family Time
9.05 am	Greetings/Roll/Mat Session
9.30 am	Indoor Activities
10.40 am	Fruit Time
10.50 am	Outdoor Play
11.45 am	Mat Session – news, story time, game
12.20 pm	Wash Hands
12.30 pm	Lunch
1.00 pm	Relaxation/Quiet Reading
1.30 pm	Afternoon Session
2.40 pm	Preparation for Home/Story or Game
3.00 pm	Home time

