



## Kindergarten 2017 - Frequently asked questions...

### **When will I know what days my child will be attending?**

The 2017 kindergarten classes will be made known to parents by the end of the year. Your child will be in either Group A or Group B (see table on page one of the kindergarten booklet).

### **What are the kindergarten start and finish times?**

Kindergarten doors will open at 8.30am and the program will commence at 8.40am.

As this is your child's first school experience it is important that you help your child settle before leaving, while still allowing them to carry out their before school responsibilities independently. Please always say goodbye to your child. If your child gets upset when you leave a helpful strategy is to hand your child over to a staff member (teacher or education assistant) to minimise the 'being left' feeling. The Kindergarten day finishes at 2.45pm.

### **Will there be a transition at the beginning of next year?**

Children will attend 5 days per fortnight from the commencement of the year.

### **Will you call me if my child is upset?**

Yes, but only after trying all our strategies to help your child settle in. They usually settle reasonably quickly, even if they appear quite upset when you leave. If your child goes from being upset to being distressed we will contact you.

### **How does parent help work?**

Each class teacher will organise parent helpers to best suit their program. Your child's teacher will discuss this at your first parent meeting next year. Parent help usually commences in week 3 or 4 after the class has settled into a routine.

### **When I come in on parent help may I bring my toddler?**

We understand how hard it is to get younger siblings taken care of. Speak with the classroom teacher who will seek permission from the Principal.

*Your kindergarten child will get a lot more out of the experience if they have your full attention.*

Please always remember that when helping out in your child's classroom you are not to share information about other children. Your support and help with the school programs will enrich learning for all students.

### **How do I join the Parents and Citizens Association?**

The P & C always welcomes new members. Further information and meeting dates can be obtained from the front office. Meeting dates for 2016 will be advertised in our newsletter.

### **What are voluntary contributions used for?**

The \$55 contribution from parents is used for important resources for the students to support your child's education. The school greatly appreciates parent support with prompt payment of voluntary contributions.

### **Does the school require items to be brought in such as egg cartons, cereal boxes, recycled materials?**

At certain times, yes. Please check with the teacher before bringing in these items. We also have a community chest and will advertise for items in the newsletter.

### **Do the kindergarten children share fruit?**

No. The kindergarten children bring in their own fruit for lunch and recess. We also have a crunch and sip time. Cut up fruit is helpful.

We are a health promoting school and would ask that you limit lollies and chocolate. We will always promote healthy lunch boxes and ask parents to supply snacks low in sugar, fat or salt. A good rule of thumb that we try to promote is no more than one packaged item per day.

Parents, in consultation with the classroom teacher, can provide birthday cakes. Individual serves (cupcakes or muffins) is preferred over a whole cake. Please avoid lolly bags for birthdays.

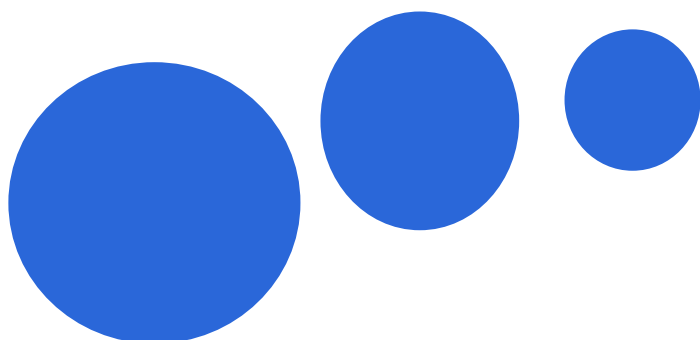


### **How do you deal with food allergies?**

Children may have a range of allergies and are encouraged not to share food and to wash their hands frequently. If your child has any form of food (or other) allergy, please let us know so that an action plan can be arranged. Please coach your child with what you expect of them.

### **How long do I keep my child home from school if they are sick?**

If your child is unwell please give them plenty of time to get better. We prefer your child is fully recovered before returning to school (colds and infections can spread quickly). We promote hygiene by regular hand washing.



**I am worried about my child having a toileting accident at school because even though they are toilet trained they are still learning.**

A lot of children at kindergarten get busy and forget to go to the toilet. We remind children to go to the toilet frequently during the day. We ask parents to provide spare clothes in their child's bag. We will deal with accidents with as little embarrassment to the child as possible. If your child is not fully toilet trained, we ask you make an appointment with the teacher to discuss an action plan for the start of the year.

**Does my child attend assemblies?**

They will attend special assemblies or events. You will be notified of these events.

**Do kindergarten children go on excursions?**

Kindergarten children do go on excursions. This usually happens in the second half of the year. They also attend incursions (on the school grounds) during the year, with several already booked for 2017.

**Will my child be placed in a sports faction?**

If your child has older siblings in the school they will automatically go into the same faction group. Kindergarten students will be placed into factions to maintain a balance of numbers. We currently have three factions – Marri (green), Jarrah (red) and Wandoo (yellow).



**What do you mean by 'early intervention'?**

The school has access to a variety of services such as Speech Therapists, Occupational Therapists and Psychologists. The class teacher will speak with you regarding any requirements.



**A speech & language screening is done for all kindergarten students at Golden Bay Primary School. My child can speak fine. Does my child need to complete the screening?**

Yes, all children will be screened. This screening is a useful assessment for all students and provides the school with valuable whole school data. There is a cost for this assessment which the school shares with the parents. It has been included in the contributions and charges outline.

**If my child has a suspected learning difficulty or disability when do I let the school know?**

As soon as possible. This will assist us to put strategies and support in place and determine if there are specific resources that will assist your child's learning. Your child will be identified and placed on an Individual Education Plan as soon as possible. Information about your child's learning will be communicated regularly.

**Do you have an early recognition 'gifted' program?**

All kindergarten children will undergo screening assessments. Each child will be given the opportunity to reach their physical, intellectual and social/emotional potential. We also have a clear focus on developing critical and creative thinking and learning through The Arts.

**I have heard about 'Positive Behaviour Support' (PBS) at Golden Bay Primary School. What is it?**

PBS has a focus on recognising and rewarding positive behaviours. Clearly communicated *Behaviour Expectations* based on our school values of *Excellence, Respect and Integrity* will support student learning and social behaviour.

**Can you tell me about before and after school care for my child?**

Outside School Hours (OSH) Club operates on our school site. They provide care before school from 6.45am and after school until 6.00pm. Further information can be obtained from the front office.

**How does Golden Bay Primary School communicate information?**

- The early childhood classrooms have a noticeboard outside their classroom.
- Excursion / Incursion notes will come home with your child. Copies will also be available on our website.
- Our school newsletter is published fortnightly through email and on our website. Hard copies can also be obtained from the front office.
- Our website has links to lots of important information about our school. Please visit [goldenbayps.wa.edu.au](http://goldenbayps.wa.edu.au)
- You can also find *Golden Bay Primary School* on Facebook.

Classroom teachers will provide you with more information and answer further questions at the parent meeting in 2017.

