



GOLDEN BAY

— PRIMARY SCHOOL —

EXCELLENCE, RESPECT, INTEGRITY

**Kindergarten
Parent Information
Brochure 2015**



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Welcome to Kindergarten!

We warmly welcome you and your child to our school community. We look forward to sharing this exciting and important journey with you.

Our Vision:

***Creating the Future through a Community of Learners
focused on Excellence, Respect and Integrity.***

When can children start Kindergarten?

Children can start Kindergarten if they turn four years of age on or before 30 June 2015.

How often do children attend Kindergarten?

In 2015 Golden Bay Primary School will offer a 15 hour a week Kindy program. This is provided through 2 days one week and three days the next.

The model for provision is outlined in the table below:

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Group A	Group B	Group A	Group A	Group B
Week 2	Group A	Group B	Group B	Group A	Group B

Attendance

Regular attendance is strongly encouraged at Kindy. Regular attendance helps the settling in process, the making of friends and fully benefiting from the sequential education program offered. Please help your child get the best out of their year at Kindergarten by ensuring they attend regularly.

Absences

Please let us know if your child will be absent for any reason. Please phone the school office or write a note to the teacher either on the day or when your child returns to school.

Golden Bay Primary School also has an SMS service where you will be contacted by SMS when your child is away, if you have not already notified the school. You can then reply to the text message with the reason as to why your child is absent.



Arrival and Dismissal

Doors open at 8.30am (this is time for parents to spend with their child). At 8.40am the siren sounds to commence classes. Parents are asked to leave at this time. School finishes at 2:45pm.

Parents are requested not to bring children earlier than the starting time and to collect children promptly at the end of the school day. In the interest of safety ALL students must be dropped off and picked up on time from the kindergarten by a parent or a nominated adult.

Young children can become very upset if a parent is late. Please ensure that you are on time at the end of the day to collect your child as waiting a few minutes can seem like long time if you are 3 or 4 years old. If an emergency occurs and you will be more than 15 minutes late, please phone the school, so that supervision arrangements can be made. We do have on-site after school care where your child will be placed. A cost will be incurred by you when your child is picked up.

Due to safety reasons, please keep your children off the playground equipment before and after school. Your help in this regard is most appreciated. Before and after school parents will be considered to have the duty of care for their own child.



Late to School

If you are late to school (8.40am or later) please take your child straight to class.

Early Release

If you need to pick up your child earlier than 2.45pm you need to call into the office to sign out your child before going to the classroom.

Custody Matters

Please see a member of the School Executive if there is a custody matter we need to be aware of. The Principal will notify the Classroom teacher.

What happens at Kindergarten?

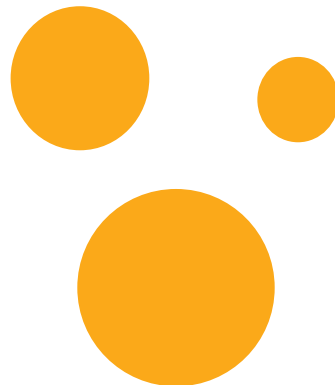
Golden Bay Primary School Kindergarten provides a safe, stimulating and supportive environment where children can grow socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually.

We aim to capture children's natural love of learning while developing literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for future learning.

Children learn through playing and being actively involved in experiences planned by their teachers. Children are encouraged to explore, discover, improvise, create, question, discuss and construct.

Learning is hands on and takes place through touching, seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, exploring and experimenting. Some of the activities children may participate in include:

- Designing and creating
- Dressing up
- Dancing
- Doing puzzles
- Making collages
- Listening to and playing music
- Painting and drawing
- Cooking
- Reading books and storytelling
- Playing with clay, play dough, blocks, sand and water
- Using outdoor play equipment



What does my child wear?

We encourage all children to wear the Golden Bay Primary School uniform and a school hat throughout the year. These items can be purchased through the uniform shop. Children should wear suitable enclosed footwear to school. Children will keep their shoes on for most activities including outdoor play. We are developing independence and we would appreciate shoes that your child can manage independently.

A list of items that your child will need for the classroom has been provided. Kindergarten is about shared experiences and stationery items don't need to be labelled.

Quality Golden Bay Primary School bags are also available from the uniform shop.

What does my child bring to eat?

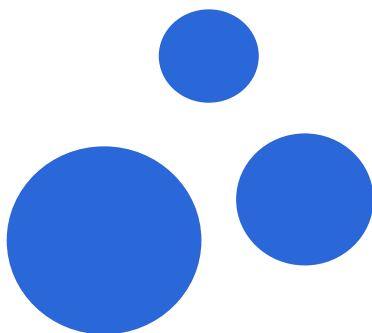
At Golden Bay Primary School we follow the Department of Education's Healthy Food and Drink Policy.

Every day your child is encouraged to bring:

- a drink bottle filled with water
- snacks for Crunch'n'Sip - fruit, vegetable sticks, cheese, crackers (nutritious snacks).
- lunch – sandwiches, salad wraps etc.

**** All items, including spare clothing (in case of a mishap), must be named.***

**** Please do not send toys from home.***



Toileting

Typically, Kindy children are able to go to the toilet independently. This means your child is able to:

- realise when they need to go to the toilet
- adjust their clothing accordingly
- use toilet paper
- wash their hands after using the toilet.

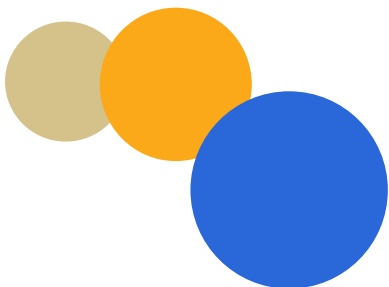
Accidents do happen and staff are there to help develop these skills independently. You can help by getting your child to practise these independent toileting skills so they are ready for Kindergarten.

Preparing for Kindy

The first day of Kindergarten can be an anxious experience for both you and your child. Preparing your child for kindergarten by answering all their questions honestly and in as much detail as they can understand can help prevent potential anxieties.

Here are some tips to get ready for starting school in February 2015:

- Read stories with your child about starting school
- Go past the school and talk to your child about how they will soon be going there, the exciting things they will do, and the friends they will make
- Check that your child can open and use their lunch box and drink bottle by themselves and help them to practise this
- Explain that Mummy/Daddy or Day Care will drop them off and then pick them up when school has finished.



Preparing For Kindergarten

A month before:



- ❖ Talk positively about kindergarten.
- ❖ Discuss what it will be like and read books about starting school to your child.
- ❖ Encourage your child to ask questions about kindergarten.
- ❖ Talk about the new and known friends that will be at kindergarten.

A few days before:



- ❖ Discuss the kindergarten routine with your child (what time will they start, when they will eat their lunch, what time they will come home).
- ❖ Show your child their school belongings and talk to them about what they will need at school (hat, lunchbox, drink bottle).
- ❖ Choose a first day outfit in advance.
- ❖ Ensure your child has everything they will need for their first day (see list in kindergarten booklet).

The first day:



- ❖ Make sure your child has everything they might need for the first day, including spare clothing, just in case.
- ❖ Arrive with your child on time and set aside enough time to help them settle in.
- ❖ Introduce yourself and your child to their teacher and make sure they know where the toilets are.
- ❖ Make sure your child knows who will pick them up.
- ❖ Don't be late picking up your child.



Reading Books about Starting School

These books all cover the theme of starting school for the first time. They may be a useful way to prepare your child through story telling.

- Billy and the Big New School by Catherine and Laurence Anhold (Orchard Books)
- Buzzy had a Little Lamb by Harriet Ziefert and Emily Bolam (Blue Apple Books)
- Fiona the Pig's Big Day by Leigh Hobbs (Penguin/Viking)
- First Day by Margaret Wild and Kim Gamble (Allen & Unwin)
- I am Too Absolutely Small for School by Lauren Child (Orchard Books)
- Meet the Barkers: Morgan and Moffat go to School by Tomie de Paula (Putman)
- Mr Ouchy's First Day by BG Hennessy and Paul Meisel (Putnam)
- Tom goes to Kindergarten by Margaret Wild and David Legge (ABC Books)
- When an Elephant Comes to School by Jan Ormerod (Lincoln)
- Who will go to School Today? by Karl Ruhmann and Miriam Monnier (North-South)



There are many programs that allow children to practise reading in a fun way.

Try betterbeginnings.com.au,
readingeggs.com.au
and bookadventure.com.

