



# St Anthony's Kindy Parent Information 2020

**Teachers:** Kindy Blue - Mrs. Jenny Tucknott  
**Assistants:** Mrs. Samantha Garcia  
Mrs. Peta Yukich

**Kindy Gold** - Mrs. Debbie Weymouth  
Mrs. Eve Russell  
Mrs. Sharon Gater

## What's In Store!

At St Anthony's we offer a play based learning program which takes into consideration the children's interests. We follow the Early Years Learning Framework and the West Australian Kindergarten Curriculum which focuses on the key outcomes of identity, community, wellbeing, learning and communication.

## Collecting and Delivering Children

Kindy times are as follows:

<b>GOLD</b>		<b>BLUE</b>	
Monday	8.45 - 2.30	Monday	8.45 - 2.30
Tuesday	8.45 - 2.30	Wednesday	8.45 - 2.30
Thursday	8.45 - 2.30	Friday	8.45 - 2.30



We would appreciate punctuality with Kindy times. Children should be delivered and collected by an adult at all times. **Please arrive on time in the mornings so that the children are ready to join in with the morning circle routine, arriving late is very disruptive to this important lesson time.** We do not allow older siblings to drop off or collect children from Kindy. If you are unable to collect your child, please speak to the teacher and write in the communication book located near the door, about who will be collecting your child. The book is checked everyday and allows us to dismiss your child into the care of someone other than yourself. If your child is dropped off or to be collected by daycare/ OSHC, please inform the teacher.

## Duty of Care

We ask that children, including younger siblings, refrain from playing in the Kindy or Pre-Primary play grounds or with the equipment before and after Kindy sessions.

## KINDY CURRICULUM



### PATHS

The PATHS program used in Kindy is to promote the development of self-esteem and a positive classroom climate. Children need a physically safe and emotionally secure environment in which to explore and grow. The development of positive feelings about oneself (self-esteem) and about one's abilities (self-confidence) is extremely important for healthy growth, as well as social competence and academic achievement. This program runs over the whole year with many activities and stories which the children will experience as part of their normal daily routines and activities.

### LITERACY

The Diana Rigg program is followed throughout the whole school. In Kindy we focused on these elements:  
Syllables, or beats:

- the children will learn about the big sounds in words. We begin with the syllables in their name, example Jen-ny, then we move onto sounds in other words, example el-e-phant. They will learn to hear, say and think about the big sounds in words and the body actions help to reinforce their learning.





## Communication:

### **Seesaw**

One of the main ways we keep in contact with you throughout the year is through an app called Seesaw. It is a school wide system used in all year levels and will keep you up-to-date with all the happenings of Kindy life.

- The app can be accessed on your mobile, iPad or computer.
- It allows the teachers to communicate to you, the parents, about important information, notices, photos and videos of the learning that is occurring in Kindy during the day.
- It also allows for private communication between teachers and parents. These conversations will only be read by you and the teacher and gives you the opportunity to communicate confidentially with the teacher about your child.

You will receive a letter with more information regarding this Seesaw app and it will give you instructions about how to sign up to your Kindy class. If you are having any difficulties or problems with accessing Seesaw please come and see us.

### Absences

It is important to contact the school office if your child will not be attending a Kindy session. If your child has an infectious disease, please notify the teacher at once. We also stress the importance of keeping your child at home if he/she is unwell. It is nice to share, but please keep germs to yourself!

All late arrivals or early pick up must be reported to the office before coming to the Kindy room and a slip given to the teacher.

### Roster

Please add your name to the roster if you are able to help out in Kindy. The roster will begin in Week 4 of Term One. The children love to share their family members with the class and it emphasizes your interest in your child's school experience. Initially we ask that you fill your name in once on the roster to allow everyone equal opportunity to attend on a day that suits. Later in the term you are more than welcome to fill your name in on any vacancies. Please sign in at the office before coming on roster in your Kindy class.

We recommend that younger siblings not attend on your rostered day. Your rostered day is for the benefit of your child attending Kindy and siblings will have their own turn in the not too distant future!

**Please remember that anything seen or heard regarding other children whilst attending roster must remain confidential!**

### Specialist Programs

The children will be attending music with our specialist teacher Ms Lockyer. They will also visit the library with and PMP with Mrs Sparks. Each child will need to bring a library bag to school for book borrowing.

**Library ~ Kindy Gold - Monday**  
**Music ~ Kindy Gold - Thursday**  
**PMP ~ Monday for both classes**

**Kindy Blue ~ Monday**  
**Kindy Blue ~ Friday**



### Morning Fruit

For morning tea, the children are asked to bring a piece of fruit. Please ensure that the fruit is brought to school ready to eat. Any peeling or slicing is to be done at home and placed into a **small container** (not a lunch box) with their name on please. If your child brings a banana, please write their name on the peel. It seems that allergies are on the increase these days, therefore we request that you send only fruit or vegetables. Any extra little treats like crackers and cheese or popcorn should be saved for your child to eat at lunch time. *If your child has any allergies of any sort it is imperative you inform us and the school office.*

