

# St Anthony's Kindy Parent Information 2018

**Teachers:** Mrs Elana Sparks and Mrs Jenny Tucknott  
**Assistants:** Mrs Eve Russell, Mrs Sharon Gater, Mrs Samantha Garcia, Mrs Peta Yukich, and Mrs Agnes Weymouth

## **What's In Store!**

At St Anthony's we offer a learning/play program which emerges from the children's interests. We follow the Early Years Learning Framework which focuses on the key outcomes of identity, community, wellbeing, learning and communication. To start the year, we will be sharing with each other the things that make us unique and we will share with one another our similarities and differences.

## **Collecting and Delivering Children**

Kindy times are as follows

GOLD		BLUE		PRE KINDY	
Monday	8.45~2.45	Monday	8.45~2.45	Tuesday	8.45~2.30
Tuesday	8.45~2.45	Wednesday	8.45~2.45		
Thursday	8.45~2.45	Friday	8.45~2.45		

We would appreciate punctuality with Kindy times. Children should be delivered and collected by an adult at all times. We do not allow older siblings to 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 to be collected by daycare, please fill in the name and contact number of the centre onto the daycare forms which are also located at the entrance door.

## **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.

## **Puzzle Time**

We encourage parents to stay for a few minutes at the beginning of the Kindy session to do a puzzle or read a book with your child. Time spent with your child in the morning is very important to them and shows them that you are interested in what they are doing at Kindy. Please assist your child in packing puzzles and books away to allow our teacher assistants time to prepare for your children's activities.

### **Absences**

It is important to contact us 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.

### **Roster**

Please add your name to the roster if you are able to help out in Kindy. 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.

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, Mrs Hultink and they will also visit the library with Ms Lockyer. Each child will need to bring a library bag to school for book borrowing.  
**Library ~ Kindy Gold Tuesday, Kindy Blue Friday**

### **Speech Screening**

Each Kindy child will be given the opportunity to be assessed by a qualified Speech Therapist in Term 2.

### **Laundry Roster**

A roster has been placed outside the classroom, listing who will be taking the laundry home. The laundry should be returned the following Kindy session washed and folded. Thank you.

### **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 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.

### **Allergies**

If your child suffers from Asthma and needs to bring medication to school, they will need to fill in a medication form from the schools front office as well as have an up to date Action Plan from the child's doctor.

### **Hats, Shoes and Water**

The school policy is 'no hat-no play'. Please ensure that your child has a labeled hat with a wide brim for good sun protection.

On your child's arrival at Kindy we encourage him/her to take their shoes off and place them in his/her allocated box in the trolley. We suggest that your child's shoes are simple to get on and off. Scuffs or velcro on sandals are quick and easy for the children to do by themselves and give the children a sense of independence.

Your child will need to bring to Kindy each day a water bottle filled with water. Children will place their water bottle in the trolley as they arrive and will be encouraged to drink from their bottle regularly. Water bottles are topped up throughout the day. Please ensure the bottle is labeled clearly with your child's name to avoid any confusion.

### **Lunch and Rest Time**

Our lunch break begins at approximately 12.40pm. Each child will need to bring a healthy lunch in their own lunch box. Please remember that the children are small and only need the same size lunch that they would eat at home normally. It can be distressing for a little person to be confronted with a huge box of food!! A sandwich and a piece of fruit are usually sufficient to fill their tummy. Other healthy alternatives are encouraged if they don't eat a sandwich.

At the conclusion of our lunch break the children will spend time reading quietly. Each child will need to bring to school a small child sized towel. This helps the children to learn about personal space. Please label the towel clearly with your child's name.

### **Birthdays**

It would be great to see you on roster on your child's birthday (with the camera of course!) You are very welcome to bring in a treat for each child to help celebrate your child's birthday. We would appreciate individual cupcakes or treats. These will be distributed at the end of the Kindy day. Due to allergy concerns we ask that when bringing in treats that they are individually wrapped.

### **Communication**

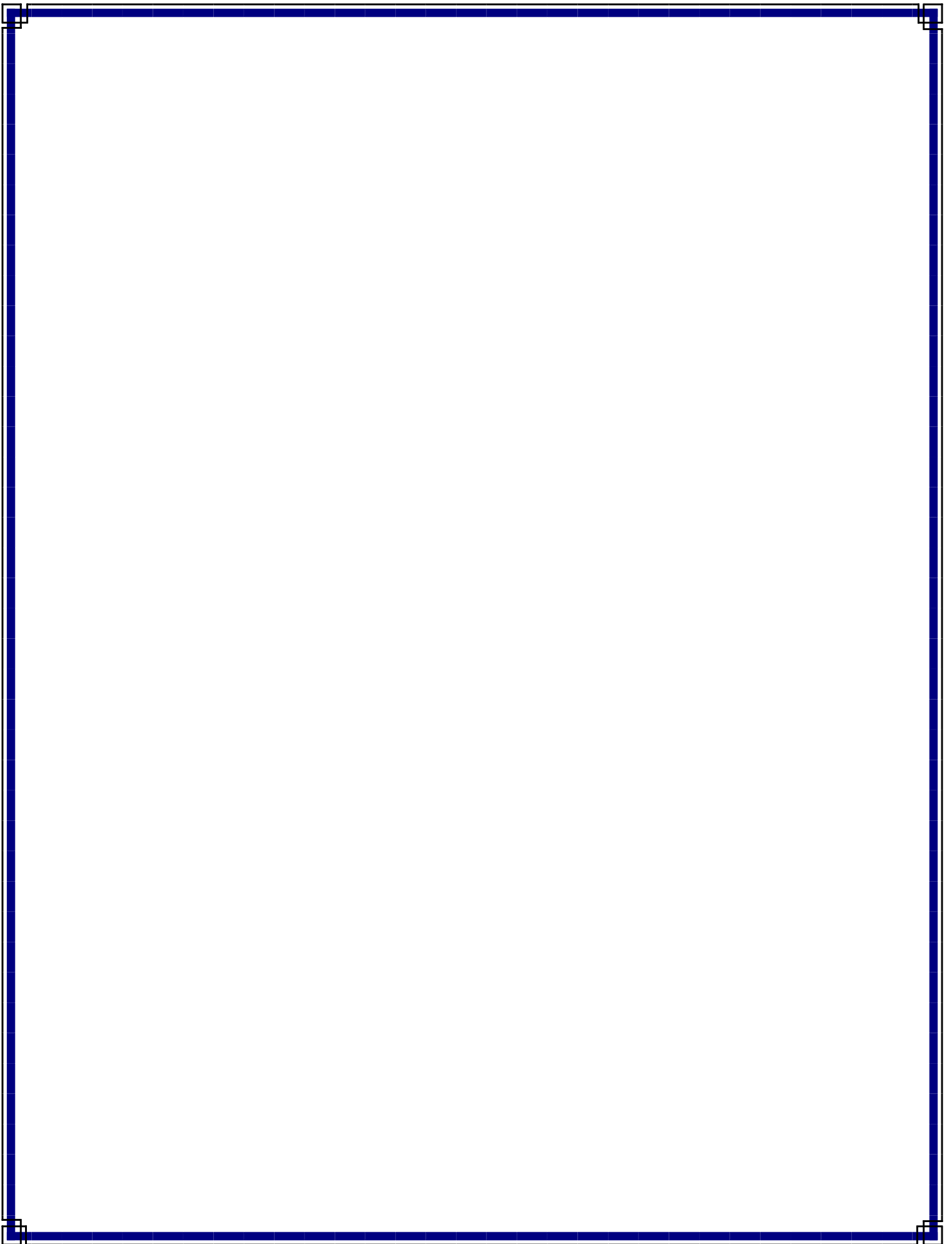
We the teachers will keep in contact with you through a school wide system called **Seesaw**. You will receive information regarding this in the next few days, you will receive an email request to join up so that you get frequent information and pictures about everything that is happening in Kindy. It also gives you the opportunity to communicate confidentially with the teacher about your child.

### **Final Word**

In closing, we are looking forward to sharing the coming year with you and your child. We understand the thrill of watching your child develop and appreciate the hard work that's involved with raising a child! Please don't hesitate to come and have a chat. We hope to see you all in the near future!

God Bless

Jenny Tucknott and Elana Sparks



# Welcome to Kindy!

Well you've made it! Our doors will open at 8.45am. While you are waiting, you might like to help your child find his/her hook to hang his/her bag. Each child has been allocated a sticker. Point out the sticker to your child because this sticker will be on all your child's things in the classroom. The sticker will help the children identify their name independently.

You will need to take these things out of your child's bag to bring inside~

1. water bottle
2. fruit
3. love heart
4. booklist items

We encourage the children to take off shoes at Kindy. You might like to help your child take off his/her shoes before you come inside. Place your child's shoes and socks in his/her shoe box.

When you go inside, your booklist items will be collected from you. While you are playing with your child I will come and say hello and ask your child where he/she would like to display his/her love heart.

When the bell rings we will come together on the mat, parents and children, to listen to a story before you go home.

Good luck!  
See you soon!

Jessica Hultink