

ST VINCENT'S KINDY BOOKLET 2010



UNITY

I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young child's mind,
And they fashioned it with care.
One was a teacher; the tools he used
Were books and music and art;
One, a parent with a guiding hand,
And a gentle, loving heart.
Day after day the teacher toiled,
With touch that was loving and sure,
While the parent laboured by his side,
And polished and smoothed it over.
And when at last their task was done,
They were proud of what they had wrought.
For the things they had moulded into the child
Could neither be sold or bought.
And each agreed he would have failed
If he had worked alone,
For behind the parent stood the school,
And behind the teacher, the home.

Welcome to St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Kindergarten. If this is your first involvement with St Vincent's I'm sure that you will soon recognize the care that we show for each and every child. This year should be a very happy experience for your child and yourself. If at any time you have concerns please speak to the teacher.

SESSION TIMES

Monday and Wednesday 8.35 to 2.45 or Tuesday and Thursday 8.35 to 2.45. Children must be walked into class and picked up from the classroom by a parent or guardian.

Children will not be released into the care of anyone under the age of 18. If another person who is not on the enrolment form is picking up your child you will need to let the teacher know in writing.

SETTLING IN EACH DAY

Your child is a very important person to us, and we want the settling in period to be as gentle as possible. Please do not leave the Kindy when your child is not looking. This is not helpful or fair to your child. It is much easier for the child to cope with the parent leaving when he or she is being held, or standing beside one of the Kindy staff. Once you have said good bye, it is important that you leave quickly and calmly. We will always contact you if your child is extremely distressed or inconsolable and an alternative longer term plan will be implemented.

SICK CHILDREN

Please do not send your child to Kindy when he or she is unwell. This is not fair on the sick child, or on the rest of the class and teachers. If your child becomes ill during the day, you will be contacted by the school.

WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL NEED TO BRING EVERYDAY

- A school bag.
- During the day the children have fruit time at 10.00 and lunch at 12.00. We ask that you bring a piece of fruit or a healthy snack that can be shared at fruit time e.g. cheese, polony or dried fruit. No nuts or eggs please due to allergies. Children also will need to bring a lunchbox with their lunch.
- A water bottle preferably with a pop top.
- A hat.
- A change of clothes (in case of an accident).

CLOTHING

Please send your child in play clothes which are comfortable and are allowed to get a bit messy. For safety reasons please have your child wear sandals or shoes, rather than thongs. Please label your child's clothing and footwear to limit loss.

BIRTHDAYS

It is exciting for your child to have a little celebration for his/her birthday at Kindy. If possible, we ask parents to bring a cake or cupcakes to share with the children.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Please discourage your child from bringing personal items or toys to Kindy as they can get lost or broken. Special items related to our theme for e.g bird nests are encouraged to be brought in.

PARENTS ON ROSTER

Parents, Aunts, Uncles, Nanás and pops are invited to put their names down on the roster and join in. You may come as often as you like, but we'd appreciate it if you would let us know when you are unable to come on your rostered day, so that we can get someone to take your place. (Please note that we are unable to accommodate toddlers/babies).

PARENT HELPERS GENERAL DUTIES

- Joining in the activities with the children (always allowing the children to complete the activities on their own).
- Assisting with the indoor and outdoor activities.
- Assisting with cleaning at the end of the session
- Most of all come and join the fun!

We look forward to getting to know you and your child.

Kindergarten Teacher: Miss Kate Niedzwiecki (Miss Ned)

Teacher Assistants: Mrs G and Mrs Gaffaney

School Principal: Ms Kalet