

Mansfield Kindergarten

February 2020

Welcome



Mansfield Kindergarten offers a quality education within a safe, nurturing, stimulating and caring environment. The kindergarten relies on children's families for our management committee, working bees and fundraising, and we believe this is one of our main strengths.

The focus of our education and programming is the child. We strive to empower children, by using their thoughts and ideas to develop the program.

We encourage each child to reach their full potential in accordance with their individual ability. We encourage exploration and creativity and the importance of the process, not the product.

We have a strong focus on sustainable practices and encourage children to learn through interaction with their environment. Our indoor/outdoor program uses natural materials where children are encouraged to explore, create and invent.

Our program supports the five learning outcomes of the Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework and we welcome family and community involvement in our daily programs.

Term 1

Throughout the first term we wish to work closely with our families to ensure –

- that your children begin to build secure attachments with their educators
- that your children openly express their feelings and ideas in their interactions with others

We have therefore, set up our rooms with

- easy tactile experiences which help to relax and stimulate the senses
- a large, (dramatic play) home corner, which lays the foundations of many facets of learning through play
- areas for the children to feel safe and secure
- varied opportunities of interest and intrigue, creativity and challenge.

Settling in

Learning to trust is an enormous step for children to take and we want it to be as easy as possible. Your teacher will be happy to guide you if you are unsure when to separate. Always tell your child when you are leaving.

2020 Term dates –

Term 1 - Jan 29th – 27th March

Term 2 -14th April – 26th June

Term 3 - 13th July – 18th Sept.

Term 4 - 5th October – 18th December

Please note there are 3 curriculum days per year which are child-free, and the kindergarten will be closed. Dates to be advised.

Staff for 2020 –

4- year -old kindergarten

Green Group – Anja Wondra,
Adele McCormick, Beth Reeves
(Student – Wednesdays only)

Additional Educator – (Earth
Kinder) Teagan Hopgood

Red Group – Nicola Beautyman,
Liz Scales, Trish Clark

French Teacher – Anja Wondra

3 year old kindergarten

Niece Smyth, Jenny Gleeson,
Claire Cuthbertson

Kindergarten Director

Nicola Beautyman

Administration

Kirsty Schiller –
Tuesdays and Thursdays only.

Committee

All parents are welcome to our next Committee
meeting which will be held on Tuesday February
18th

7.00 pm at kinder.

Please ensure that your children's
clothing is labelled clearly. Lost
property is located in the foyer!
Broad-brimmed hats are
compulsory in Terms 1 and 4!

NOTICES

Please ensure that you check your pigeon
hole in the bathrooms each session for
important notices regarding social activities,
fundraising, excursions etc.

MANSFIELD KINDERGARTEN IS NUT FREE

**Please note that we have children with
anaphylactic reactions to nuts. We are
therefore nut free!!!**

At this stage, **Earth Kinder** is expected to
commence for our 4- year- old's on Monday
24th Feb. A separate notice will be sent out
prior to this with full details.

Fruit Matters! All children require a piece
of fruit/vegetable for morning (**and**
afternoon tea for 4- year old's). We will
supply milk/water.

Some suggestions: Fresh fruit or vegetables,
yoghurt, dried fruit, carrot sticks, cheese ,egg, celery,
tinned snack fruit (not jellied fruit) air-popped
popcorn

***Please avoid pre-packaged foods, lollies
and chocolate coated items in lunch
boxes.***

Remember that Sushi orders
are available for lunch for
our 4- year old's. Just place
your order on a Tuesday for
delivery on Wednesday or
Thursday . Please see staff
for a copy of the menu.
Good healthy food!