GLENCOE

KINDERGARTEN

INFORMATION

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HELLO AND WELCOME

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We prefer to be addressed by our first name by adults.

SESSION TIMES

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<td>Tuesday</td>
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Change to normal routines . . . Any time that your child is to go home with someone else please tell us or ring or record on daily attendance sheet.
Staff must be told of any changes by an adult. We can not rely on your child telling us.

FEES
Session fees are $60 per term for child attending 3 sessions / week
$20 per term for child attending 1 session / week

It assists our treasurer and budgeting if all fees are paid within the first two weeks of term.
If it suits you, fees can be paid for calendar year.

SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAMME
In the term prior to your child starting school at Glencoe School, visits to the class will be arranged. These visits are normally arranged on a non-kindergarten session. If your child is to attend another school you are responsible for negotiating visits.

PROFILE FOLDERS
Throughout each child’s kindergarten year many of his/her experiences and tasks will be recorded and compiled in a Profile Folder. It is available to you at anytime. It will be sent home once per term.

PLAYGROUP
Meets each Friday 9.00 – 11.30. This is an opportunity for parents / carers to meet others with young children and for the children to play and socialise with others. A small weekly fee applies and bring a piece of fruit.

QUERIES
If you have any queries, do ask one of the staff. We will attempt to provide you with a prompt and appropriate response. Should the matter raised require further investigation or necessitate a lengthy discussion we may need to determine an appropriate time convenient to both staff and yourself.
CURRICULUM

We hope that you and your child/children enjoy your association and involvement in Glencoe Kindergarten. You are most welcome to join in our sessions whenever you can. All staff have their own philosophies which help determine the general atmosphere of their centre. We believe that the children learn most effectively when they are relaxed, happy and have lots to think about and do.

Our curriculum is planned using Belonging, Being & Becoming The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia.

The five Learning Outcomes are designed to capture the integrated and complex learning and development of all children across the birth to five age range.

The outcomes are:
♦ Children have a strong sense of identity
♦ Children are connected with and contribute to their world
♦ Children have a strong sense of wellbeing
♦ Children are confident and involved learners
♦ Children are effective communicators.

The diversity in family life means that children experience belonging, being and becoming in many different ways. They bring their diverse experiences, family life means that children experience belonging, being and becoming in many different ways. They bring their diverse experiences, perspectives, expectations, knowledge and skills to their learning.

Children’s learning is dynamic, complex and holistic. Physical, social, emotional personal, spiritual, creative, cognitive and linguistic aspects of learning are all intricately interwoven and

Children’s early learning influences their life chances. Wellbeing and strong sense of connection, optimism and engagement enable children to develop a positive attitude to learning.

Play is a context for learning that:
♦ allows for the expression of personality and uniqueness
♦ enhances dispositions such as curiosity and creativity
♦ enables children to make connections between prior experiences and new learning
♦ assists children to develop relationships and concepts
♦ stimulates a sense of wellbeing

The most powerful way young children learn is through play. Play is active and interactive, and within it children develop relationships, experiment, imagine, create, practice, problem solve, escape, role-play and learn together in their exploration of new and familiar things around them.

YOUR CHILD WILL NEED
Fruit
♦ Fruit
♦ Water bottle
♦ Nutritious lunch
♦ Practical clothing

Sun hat (terms 1 and 4)
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♦ Kindy bag

Fruit / Snack Policy
1 piece of fruit
Or
1 piece of fruit and some dry biscuits and cheese
Or
2 pieces of fruit
Can be vegetables carrot, celery etc or dried fruit.
Please no sweet biscuits, cakes, chips

Nutritious lunch – is required. Chocolates, lollies, roll-ups or chips etc. do not make up a nutritious lunch and are discouraged.

Drinks – your child needs to bring a water bottle each day, preferably filled with water. Their bottles are readily available throughout the day. Drinking water is strongly encouraged. Plain cool water is the best source of fluid for active children and in fact all people.

Practical clothing - in which your child can freely and safely play. Clothing that can get dirty!!! Clothing which children can manage themselves e.g. for getting to the toilet and in warm weather, jumpers they can pull on or off themselves.

Footwear - must be suitable for climbing, jumping and running … Rubber boots only when very wet weather. Thongs and loose floppy sandals are hazardous when playing so we strongly discourage their use.

Hat -. We practise the policy ‘NO HAT - NO PLAY’ in terms 1 & 4, strongly encouraging the children to develop the habit of wearing a hat when outside. Maroon bucket hats are available to purchase for $7.

Kindy bag - needs to be suitable for all your child’s belongings. Please ensure that the bag is big enough and readily opened and closed by your child. (Some bags are child proof!)

A thought . . . . . Birthday Cakes
Birthdays are significant occasions for a child. It is a time to look forward to - a time to feel special. Whether your child’s birthday falls on a kindy day or not your child may like to bring some cake or little cakes to share.
HOW CAN YOU HELP AT KINDY

♦ Take full responsibility for your child travelling to and from kindergarten & advise staff of any variations.
♦ Note the time that sessions begin and finish and try to be punctual to avoid stressful situations
♦ Bring your child regularly.
♦ Please inform staff of any change of address or phone number, or any other relevant information e.g medical conditions, family circumstances.
♦ The Governing Council has the Responsibility for keeping the kindergarten in good repair and an attractive, safe place for your child/children. It needs the help of all parents.
♦ Sharing your time, interests, skills and knowledge. You are most welcome to come in at any time to join in the days activities and indeed, take a small group for a cooking activity, construction activity, read a story or do a puzzle . . ..
♦ Take your turn on the washing roster and cleaning roster. Usually each family has a turn once. This roster appears on the monthly calendar. If your allocated week is inconvenient, please arrange a swap with another family and let us know. Cleaning duties are displayed in the kitchen at kindy.
♦ Support fundraising ventures. These are very few, since by having a cleaning roster we are effectively reducing our need to raise money by cutting operating costs.
♦ Assist at working bees.

GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Governing Council assists in the management of the kindergarten making decisions which affect how the centre operates, identifying our priorities are in terms of developing resources for the children and the maintenance of our resources and facilities and contributing to the curriculum offered. Since Department of Education and Children’s Services (DECS) only partially supports us financially the remainder of our costs are met by term fees and fundraising.

Council meetings are open to all parents of kindergarten children. Since we have children starting kindy at the beginning of each term our parent group is constantly changing. You do not need to have been elected onto the council at the A.G.M. to attend and indeed participate in the meetings.

Meetings are held twice per term, usually on Thursdays from 12 o’clock in the 3rd & 7th week of the term.

Coming along to the meetings is a good way to meet other parents and find out more about Glencoe Kindergarten. We hope you can join us sometime.

Governing Council 2010

Chairperson: Anglea Whennan
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