



## St Anthony's Kindergarten Information 2024

*'A light beneath our feet'*

### **Early Years Learning Framework Outcomes**

Outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of identity

Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world

Outcome 3: Children have a strong sense of wellbeing

Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners

Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators

### **WHAT WILL YOUR CHILD DO AT KINDERGARTEN? Learn through PLAY!**

Exploratory play, dramatic play, creative play, manipulative play, language play, constructive play, physically active play, co-operative play...

...with blocks, paint, glue, play dough, water, sand, jigsaws, story books, dress-ups, games, balls, cubbies, swings, climbing frames, beams, slides and many other materials and pieces of equipment.

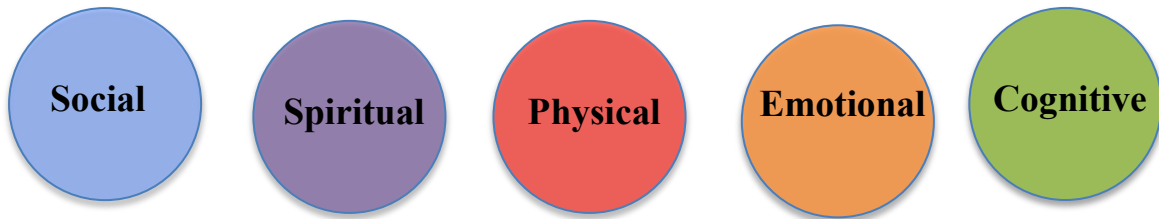
### **The numerous types of play provide the children with opportunities for:**

- Speaking and communicating
- Listening, observing, exploring
- Manipulating and discovering
- Achieving success
- Relating to the environment
- Sharing and trusting self and others
- Developing creativity, problem solving and imagination
- Co-operating and socialising

### **Out of which grows the child's:**

- Knowledge and understanding
- Conceptual development
- Personal development
- Resilience
- Sense of self and self esteem
- Attitudes, appreciations and values
- Skills and abilities
- Self-expression and independence
- Fine and gross motor control
- ***Love of learning***

## **Learning Domains:**



### **Kindergarten Program**

The aim of our Kindergarten is to encourage all children to develop socially, physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually in a safe and happy environment. The Kindergarten program is structured so that learning experiences link to each child's individual level of development and interest. At Kindy, the children learn primarily through **PLAY** and **IMMERSION**.

### **Kindergarten Days and Times**

Our 2024 Kindergarten days are **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays** (Kindy Blue and Kindy Gold). These will be our Kindergarten Curriculum days. Kindy White children will also attend on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, and these will be engaged in play based, inquiry learning days.

School commences on Wednesday the 31st of January 2024.

**Kindy Blue:** Mon/Wed/Fri

**Kindy Gold:** Mon/Wed/Fri

**Kindy White:** Tues/Thurs

All children will be in either the Kindy Blue or Kindy Gold class. Those children attending 5 days a week will **also** be in Kindy White on Tuesday and Thursdays.

### **Teachers**

**Kindy Blue:** Mrs Karen Cadd (Mon/Wed/Fri)

**Kindy Gold:** Louise Smith (Mon/Wed/Fri)

**Kindy White:** Mrs Stevens and Mrs Groenewegen (Tues/Thurs)

### **Uniform**

Kindergarten children need to wear a red Kindergarten shirt, black school shorts, black Velcro sneakers and school sports socks. School hats are also compulsory. In winter, children will need a blue school tracksuit. This uniform will help your child to differentiate between the routine of a Kindergarten Day compared to that of a non-Kindergarten Day. **All clothing that children are likely to remove during the day (eg. shoes, socks, jackets, hats, etc) should be clearly labelled.** Hair accessories must be school colours or red is also allowed in Kindy. Please, no large bows as children need to be able to wear their hats. Please ensure that a change of clothes, suitable to the season, is always kept in your child's school bag. Children need to be able to take off and put on their own footwear so no lace-up shoes unless your child can do up their own shoelaces, please.

### **Hats**

The school has a "No hat - no play" policy. It may be worthwhile leaving a spare school hat at the bottom of the bag for emergencies.

### **Fruit Box**

Children are asked to bring their own fruit each day in a small container. This is to be **clearly marked** with your child's name and placed in the basket provided for your child to eat at recess. Other healthy foods such as cheese cubes or vegetable sticks may be included. No sugary snacks or nuts please.

### **Healthy Lunch**

We ask that packed lunches only contain the amount of food that the children would normally eat for lunch. One round of sandwiches is probably sufficient for most children. Please note that cakes, chocolates, chips, biscuits, and lollies are not considered part of a healthy lunch. If your child is still hungry after eating their sandwiches, an extra piece of fruit or yoghurt could be included. **No foods containing any sort of nuts are permitted at St Anthony's as we are an Allergy Aware School.**

### **Drink Bottle**

Each day the children will need to bring a drink bottle containing **water**. As the children will be encouraged to drink water as often as possible throughout the day, please check that your child is able to open his/her drink bottle easily and close it securely. Children will be able to refill their water bottle as necessary throughout the day. Please do not send juice boxes in your child's lunchbox.

### **Birthdays**

Birthdays are special to all children, so we like to celebrate their special day. Whilst it isn't necessary for your child to bring in food items to share for their birthday, if you do choose to send something in, please ensure items are individually wrapped and are not homemade. There will be a maximum of 30 children in each class (KG and KB) Please remember treats must be **NUT FREE**. If you do not want your child to receive these treats, please inform the class teacher in writing and provide an alternative treat.

### **Car Park**

Please exercise caution when driving in the school grounds. The car park can get very busy during the afternoon pickup period.

### **Health**

For the sake of your child and the health of others *please do not send children to school if they are sick*. Children who have runny noses or persistent coughs should remain at home until well.

### **Arrival**

The Kindergarten doors will be opened at **8:35 am**. Children are **NOT** to play on playground equipment before or after school. Kindy parents will come into the school grounds to drop off and collect children via the Kindy gate. The Kindy school day will finish at **2:55pm**.

### ***Confidentiality***

All children develop at different rates and have different strengths and areas that are yet to develop. When on roster, you will observe the many varying abilities within the Kindergarten group. Please do not discuss these observations outside the classroom. If you have any concerns about what you have observed while on roster, please see the classroom teacher. Likewise, if you have any concerns about your own child's development or experiences at Kindy, please make a time to discuss these directly with the teacher.

### ***Parent Communication Book***

If another person (besides the child's parent) is picking your child up from Kindy, please record this in the Special Arrangement Book. Staff members will refer to this book when releasing children at the end of the day. If your circumstances change during the day and you are unable to pick up your child as planned, please telephone the school office and leave details of the new arrangements.

### ***Parent-Teacher Interviews***

During the first **two weeks** of the school year, the **Kindy Gold** and **Kindy Blue** teachers would like to meet with each child's parent/s for a brief parent-teacher interview. These interviews will be conducted in the afternoons on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** and Kindergarten sessions will finish at **2:00 pm** on these days.

**Kindergarten White** children will finish at **2:55pm** from the first day of school.

The purpose of these meetings is to discuss any information about your child that you think may be significant to his/her development or experiences at Kindy. Any information discussed will be treated as confidential. At the start of the year, an interview timetable will be posted near the door. Please select a suitable time slot for your interview. If, for any reason, you are unable to attend during the times given, please see your child's teacher to make alternative arrangements.

### ***SEQTA messaging and Seesaw***

Seesaw will be used as our main communication platform. The Seesaw app can be downloaded onto your device and a login code will be given at the beginning of the year. Photos and classroom information will be uploaded onto Seesaw on a regular basis. Teachers are unable to check messages on Seesaw during the classroom day therefore if it is important, please call the office.

### ***Library***

Children will require a school library bag (as per uniform order form) for book borrowing from the school library.

### ***Sport***

Children will participate in 3 sports lessons with our sports teacher each week to develop gross motor skills.

### **Kindergarten Times**

School commences on Wednesday the 31st of January 2024.

### **Kindergarten Blue and Gold:**

Weeks 1-2: 8:35am - 2:00pm

Week 3 onwards: 8:35am - 2:55pm


**Kindergarten White (Tuesdays and Thursdays): 8:35am - 2:55pm**

*Please keep this information handy so you can refer to it from time to time throughout the year, as there is a lot to remember.*



Teacher: Mrs Karen Cadd



**KINDY BLUE**  
(MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY)



**Kindy White**  
(Tuesday and Thursday)

Teachers:

Mrs Lee-Anne Groenewegen      Mrs Samantha Stevens



**Teacher: Mrs Louise Smith**

**KINDY GOLD**  
(MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY)

