3 Year Old Programme Information Booklet

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Attendance & Participation

- $5 to attend each session. Please try and bring the correct money as it will be easier to handle on the day.
- Make sure to sign in and tick paid, on arrival.
- Parent/Guardian must stay for the whole 2 hour session.
- Younger siblings are welcome, keeping in mind that the 3 year old children should be the priority.
- The children don’t have to complete the activities on the tables. These activities are set up for your child to explore and experience things they may have not seen, heard, smelt or felt before.
- We ask that there be only 4 children to an activity at one time. This helps to make it less crowded for your children. It is also a great way to teach children to share and wait their turn.
- There is a 3 Year Old notice board up on the door. Please check it for any messages you may need to know.

NOTE: If your child is turning 3 after June 30 of this year they will have to repeat the 3 year old programme in 2016, as they don’t qualify to commence Kindergarten at the start of next year. Please come and join in the fun again next year 😊
Routine

• We will try to have a simple routine where there will be 15 minutes free play as we wait for people to arrive.
• We will ring a bell when it is time to pack up and to come over to the mat.
• We will have a small mat session at the beginning and end of the 2 hour session where we will say welcome and goodbye to everyone. We may also have a song or story, if time permits.
• If you are having difficulties getting your child to pack up or come over to the mat, we are happy to lend a hand at your request.

Some Simple Rules

• When your child is outside it is essential that they wear a hat. Sun safety is very important and this will carry across to their formal schooling years.
• During the 2 hour session we ask that your child keeps their shoes on. Closed shoes would be more comfortable for your child due to the sand pit and hot pavers outside.
• Please be mindful that we are sharing the Kindy classroom. Please help us to keep it clean and tidy.

Shared Fruit & Crunch and Sip
• We ask that your child brings in one fruit or vegetable to share with the group and their own personal water bottle.
• We ask the other parent/guardians to help the children pack up when the bell rings.
• We will help assist the children to wash their hands before we all sit down for our shared crunch and sip session.
• Please let us know if your child suffers from a food allergy. It is important to remember that we are an allergy-aware school and that nut and nut products should not be brought to school.

Other Information

• Behaviour - While your child participates in the 2 hour session it will be the parent/guardians responsibility to administer discipline as needed.
• Paint - The paint we use is water based so if your child happens to get some on their clothes it should come out in the wash. We will supply art shirts, however, they may be a little big for your child. You may want to dress your child in clothes that you don’t mind getting a little dirty.
• Play dough - All the ingredients in our play dough are edible in case your child decides to try and eat some. Although we wouldn’t recommend it!
• Mat Time - During mat time, especially when reading a story we ask that you try and keep the noise level to a minimum. This is to help the children listen and focus. You will also be helping to model what quiet mat time should look like.
• Mobile Phones - Please be mindful of using your mobile phones when attending playgroup. This is a special time to spend with your children and to help their minds and body grow.

• Social Media - You are welcome to take photos of your children to capture their special moments. We ask that you use discretion when posting any photos on social media regarding other people’s children, unless you have been given consent.

The main idea of our 3 Year Old Programme is for your children to have fun and expand their social skills. It is also a time for your child to learn through sensory play. It can also be a great time for the parent/guardians to get to know each other and maybe have a social chat as well.

We look forward to getting to know you and your children. 😊