



# Welcome to Bateman Kindy!

## Welcome to Term 1

The Kindy children have settled in well in their first week at Bateman Kindy. We have all enjoyed learning about each other and the routines of Kindy through lots of hands-on activities, singing and storytelling. Some children may take a while to settle in the mornings and this is normal; rest assured, we will contact you if your child continues to be distressed. We happily welcome you to complete puzzles, books and tabletop activities with your child in the morning. We ask that you and your child use hand sanitiser on entry and that parents wear a mask when inside the classroom.

Our doors open at **8:30am** and our **Kindy Program begins at 8:45am**. Our Kindy day concludes at **2:45pm**. Please pick up your child promptly after school. Should someone other than a parent be picking up your child, please let their teacher know in writing.

## Kindy Staff

Kindy Kangaroos: Mrs Alanna Ayton and Miss Marilen Sabaria (Ms M) - Monday, Tuesday and Odd Wednesdays (Week 1, 3, 5, 7, 9).

Kindy Koalas: Mrs Jasmine Munro and Mrs Candy Ravlich - Even Wednesdays (Week 2, 4, 6, 8, 10), Thursday and Friday.

All Kindy staff work collaboratively to plan a fun and engaging program for the students. Mrs Munro and Mrs Ayton also work closely with Mrs Sonja Katnich, Deputy Principal, who has a wealth of knowledge and experience in both Early Childhood and Students at Educational Risk. If you would like to speak with a teacher regarding your child's progress, please contact us to schedule a suitable meeting time.

## Orange Kindy Bags

Orange Kindy Bags are for sale in the classroom for \$3 each. These bags are used in the classroom for transporting work and notes home from Kindy. If you would like to purchase one, please see your child's teacher.

## Important Dates

- 7 March: Labour Day Public Holiday (No Kindy)
- 22 & 23 March: School Photos



## Kindy Curriculum

This term, the Kindy themes will include Self, Family, Emotions, Community and Easter. These themes will integrate our Literacy, Maths, Fine Motor, Science, Health and social skills this term.

In **Literacy**, we will focus on sound discrimination (environmental sounds, instrumental sounds and body percussion) and introduce the six pre-writing shapes. We will also focus on pre-reading skills including the parts of a book and on developing the children's fine motor skills to get their fingers ready for writing. Next term, we will begin *Cracking the Code*, a phonological awareness program that will focus on the development of children's oral language skills.

In **Maths**, we will focus on daily routines, shapes, sorting, positional language, numbers 1-10 (identification, counting, partitioning), ordering by size and the five counting principles. Mathematics is ingrained into the daily routines of Kindy, and the children will be exposed to numeracy skills in both explicit and incidental ways.

Library will commence for both classes in **Week 3**. The children will have the opportunity to choose from a range of book packs which include a set of reading comprehension activities. Your child must have a library bag to borrow from the library.



In Terms 1 & 2, the children will participate in **Kidz N' Sport**. This fantastic program develops the children's gross motor skills and coordination. The children will be exposed to a wide variety of sports. These sessions are timetabled for Tuesdays (Kindy Kangaroos) and Thursdays (Kindy Koalas).



If you have any queries, concerns or comments, please feel free to talk to us or send us an email. The best educational journey for your child is one that involves the child, the family and the school all working together to give the best possible outcome. We value being part of your child's first year of school.

The Bateman Kindy Staff