

**North Beach
Primary School**



**Kindergarten
Information Book
2016**

Welcome to North Beach Primary School. We look forward to an enjoyable and enriching year with your child. This booklet contains information about your child's attendance at kindergarten. Please keep it handy for future reference.

General Information:

School Office: 9447 1249
Principal: Penny Halleen
Deputy Principal: Michael Black
Kindergarten Staff: Lisa Perry
Gemma Cleghorn

The school year commences on Monday 1 February 2016.

Session Times:

There will be two kindergarten groups in 2016. Blue Group will attend on Monday, Wednesday and alternate Fridays. Gold group will attend on Tuesday, Thursday and alternate Fridays

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Week 1	Blue	Gold	Blue	Gold	Gold
Week 2	Blue	Gold	Blue	Gold	Blue

Hours: 8:45am—2:50pm

Term Dates for 2016

Term 1:	Monday 1 February	Friday 8 April
Term 2:	Tuesday 26 April	Friday 1 July
Term 3:	Monday 18 July	Friday 23 September
Term 4:	Monday 10 October	Thursday 15 December

School Development Days (student free) are still to be confirmed. Parents will be advised well in advance in the newsletter.

Personal Items, Contributions and Charges

The North Beach Primary School Board has endorsed the 2016 Contributions and Charges Schedule and Personal Items lists. Families are asked to contribute the following per child: \$60.00 for your first child, \$50.00 for your second child and \$40.00 for your third child. It is used to purchase resources including equipment, books and cooking ingredients. Please visit the School Office to make your payment if you haven't included it on your Personal Items List. Charges for special activities such as excursions and incursions may occur throughout the year but will not exceed the amount indicated on the Contributions and Charges Schedule.

A Personal Items List is a list of the stationery items your child will need for kindergarten. You are welcome to purchase the items from a supplier of your choice or take advantage of our school supplier Champion Education which has been endorsed by the School Board.

P&C Fundraising

The P & C organises fundraising events to provide additional resources for the school to support the learning program. The fundraising is undertaken on a class by class basis with every year group conducting an event each year. Apart from raising much needed funds, it has become a great way to get to know other parents in the school. The P&C will ask for a voluntary levy of \$120.00 per family or \$70.00 per child.

If you have difficulty paying the voluntary contributions or charges please contact the school office to make suitable arrangements.

Arrivals and Departures

It is important for your child to arrive on time in the morning to enable him or her to be prepared for the commencement of the day and to avoid interrupting the class. The kindergarten doors will be opened at 8.30 am. Likewise it is important to collect your child on time as he or she could become distressed if left waiting. If you are running late it is important to call the centre. Your child will not be released until a parent or responsible caregiver arrives. Please send a note or write in the "Pick-Up-Book" if your child is to be collected by someone other than yourself. As the end of each session is often hectic, please wait for your child outside the kindergarten. The children are dismissed after the school siren on an individual basis as parents/caregivers arrive.

The Kindergarten Program

The Early Years Learning Framework-Belonging, Being and Becoming (EYLF) describes the principles, practice and outcomes essential to support and enhance a young child's learning from birth to five years of age, as well as their transition to school. The principles of the EYLF underpin practice that assists children's learning and development. The five learning outcomes in the EYLF aim to capture the integrated and complex learning and development of all children from birth to age five. They 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
(Commonwealth of Australia, 2009)



The *Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines* guide educators to develop kindergarten curriculum for Western Australian children. It draws from the key ideas and related content from the EYLF to construct curriculum to ensure that all children in kindergarten experience quality teaching and learning.

Kindergarten children are connected to family, community, culture and place. Their learning takes place through these relationships. As children participate in everyday life, they develop interests and construct their own identities and understandings of the world. Children's learning is not predictable and linear, so children will progress towards the outcomes in different ways and at different rates.



What to Bring

- A large bag to take work home. Please ensure the bag is big enough to hold spare clothes, jumpers, lunch boxes and all the work your child may bring home. A bag that is easy to open and close is best. If you buy the school bag please make sure your child's name can be easily seen.
- A broad brimmed or legionnaires hat for outdoor play (all seasons). Please note we have a "No hat no play policy". We encourage children to leave a hat at school in their workboxes or their school bags. Please make sure the hat is labelled with your child's name.
- Spare clothes in a plastic bag (in case of accidents). All items of clothing should be labelled.
- A piece of fruit per session or some other nutritional food (carrot, capsicum, sultanas, cheese, polony, rice crackers). Please no nuts.
- Your child will need to bring their lunch in a lunch box and a drink in a plastic bottle, both clearly labelled with their name. Please endeavour to get an easily opened lunch box, so your child can manage it themselves. Remember, we are a nut free school so please do not send peanut paste or other nut derived foods.
- A library bag will be needed as the children will be borrowing books on a weekly basis from the school library.

What to Wear

- It is most important your child feels comfortable and free to play. We suggest appropriate clothing such as t-shirts and shorts. Themed clothing, hire costumes or good clothing are not appropriate. Please be aware that some activities are messy and sometimes children may come home with paint etc. on their clothes. Please ensure all hats, jumpers, shoes and bags are clearly marked with your child's name. We will offer the opportunity to purchase custom designed Kindy t-shirts and jumpers during first term.
- It is school policy that all children wear a hat for outdoor play. A broad brimmed hat or legionnaire's hat is required. Hats are available for purchase at the Uniform Shop.

Shoes

- Children are encouraged to wear shoes or sandals that they can remove and replace independently. Thongs, party shoes and rain boots are not appropriate. The most suitable shoes are slip-on sneakers, sandshoes or rubber-soled sandals.

Car Park

Please be aware the parking area outside the Kindergarten and Pre-Primary area is a staff car park. The drive through is there for those people needing to drop off and pick up children quickly.

Birthdays

Children are very welcome to celebrate their birthday at school. You are welcome to send in cakes (we prefer small cupcakes rather than a large one that needs to be cut up) for your child to share with their friends. We will provide the candles and the fun. Please remember that North Beach School is a 'Nut Free' school so please don't use nut ingredients in your cooking.

Toys

Please do not allow your child to bring toys to kindergarten unless requested by the teacher. Toys break, get mislaid and often cause disruption.

School Newsletter

The school newsletter is produced fortnightly and issued on Thursday. It will be emailed as a PDF to your email address. It is also available for viewing on the North Beach School App and Website:

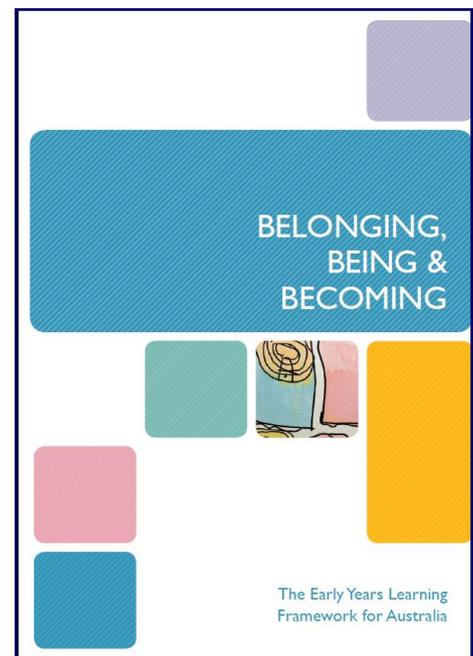
www.northbeachps.wa.edu.au

Attendance

Research indicates that good attendance habits established in the early years of schooling translate to successful learning, beginning with Kindergarten.

Therefore, if your child is absent for any reason, please notify the school by one of the following methods:

- Telephone the school on 9447 1249
- Email to NorthBeach.ps@education.wa.edu.au
- Use the absentee form straight from your phone (download the North Beach Primary School APP from the school website www.northbeachps.wa.edu.au/)



Health

When children are unwell, parents are requested to keep them at home until fully recovered. Early return to school usually results in the quick spread of infection to other children in the group and to teachers. If a child becomes unwell at school, we will notify the parent or the emergency contact. It is vital that parents keep the teachers and office aware of any changes to contact numbers, both at home and at work. If your child is vomiting or has diarrhoea, please keep them at home for at least 48 hours after the last episode.

Allergies, Asthma and Medication

If your child suffers from allergies or asthma please notify teachers so appropriate medical plans can be instigated. Any child who requires medication to be administered at school, parents will need to complete paperwork available from the school office.

Infectious Diseases

When children have an infectious disease they cannot attend school. The exclusion periods for the most common infectious diseases are as follows:

Chicken Pox: Contact with an infected person or with articles freshly soiled by mucus or sores from an infected person. Scabs do not spread the infection. Incubation Period – from 13 to 17 days.

Measles: Spray or droplet infection: or indirectly through articles freshly soiled by discharges from nose or throat of infected person. Incubation period 7 – 18 days (usually 10 days).

Mumps: Spray or droplet infection: or indirectly through articles freshly soiled by discharges from nose or throat of infected person. Incubation period 12 – 25 days.

Rubella: Spray or droplet infection; or indirectly through articles freshly soiled by discharge from nose or throat of infected person. Incubation period 14 – 23 days.

Ring Worm: Contact with infected persons, articles or animals – especially cats. Incubation period 4 – 14 days.

Head Lice: Children with head lice infestation are required to have their hair cleared of lice before returning to school. There are Head Lice fact sheets available on line at the Health Department which outline the best methods are treating and preventing head lice.

For further information about health and communicable diseases visit the Health Department web site at <http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/>

Parent Roster

A term calendar is displayed on the parent noticeboard inside the Kindergarten for the parent roster. Please write your name on a suitable day. Roster duty is usually from 8.45am to 12.00pm. Parents are welcome to help on a regular basis, or as the occasion suits. Parent helpers are responsible for supervising and assisting with the learning of small group activities, preparing the fruit, helping with cleaning, etc. There are guidelines on display in the kindergarten regarding responsibilities and we ask that you familiarise yourself with them when you arrive.

Younger siblings are welcome to attend with their parents if other arrangements can't be made, as long as the parents can still assist with supervising a small group. Grandparents, aunts, uncles etc are also welcome. All help is greatly appreciated.

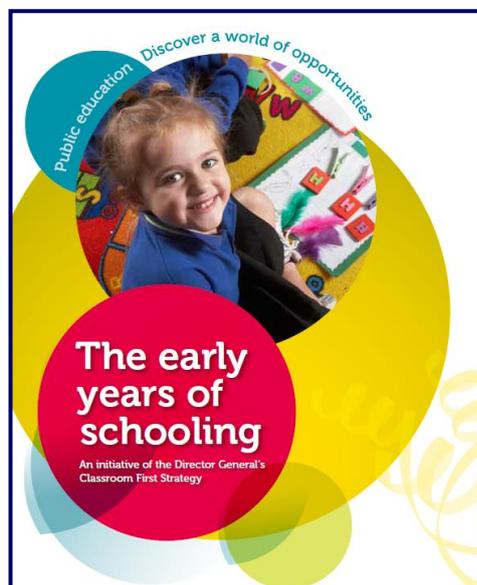
Communication

If at any time you have any queries or concerns, please contact us. We look forward to working with you and your child to provide a happy, caring and stimulating learning environment.

Contact Details:

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School Fax: 9447 0072
Lisa Perry: Lisa.Perry@education.wa.edu.au
School email: northbeach.ps@education.wa.edu.au
Web: www.northbeachps.wa.edu.au

Once again welcome to the North Beach Primary School community. We trust the years ahead at our school will be rewarding and enjoyable for your family.





Students will develop their letter formation using foundation font.

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