Staff
Director:
Teachers:
Early Childhood Workers:
Support Staff

* An updated copy of our staff details will be provided at the 'Information Session' when your child commences Pre entry

* SESSION TIMES
Preschool
Group 1
Monday & Thursday  8.30am to 2.55/3.15pm
Wednesday (odd weeks)  8.30am to 11.30am
Group 2
Tuesday & Friday  8.30am to 2.55/3.15pm
Wednesday (even weeks)  8.30am to 11.30am

Playgroup
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at the Child & Youth Health building next to the Kindergarten.
Please enquire regarding vacancies.

Curriculum
In order to support your child's development to reach his or her full potential, our staff plan and implement programs based upon the Australian Early Years Learning Framework - ‘Belonging, Being & Becoming’
This curriculum promotes the development of valuable life skills and competencies in children through directed play.
- In addition we have a strong focus on the development of literacy and numeracy skills
- Our routine provides for a ‘group time’ during which teachers focus on these skills
- At the end of each session all the children come together to sing songs and do some movement/dance prior to dismissal

We do keep records of an individual child's progress and samples of their work as it develops. As each child moves on to school we provide a summative report for the parents and school.
Each term the teachers add samples of work to the children's portfolios as a visual record of the "distance travelled" for each child. These are available to you to view in the last week of each term, and the children take them home when they move on to school.
If at any time you have questions about your child, or are concerned with any aspect of his/her development, please feel free to approach our staff to discuss it. The general program is displayed on the parent notice board.
We hope the time you and your child spend with us at Settlers Farm Campus Kindergarten is happy and rewarding.

Parent Governing Council
All parents are invited to attend and become members of the Kindergarten's Governing Council. We meet monthly on Friday mornings, and you are welcome to bring your children with you. Anyone can join, you do not need to have any special skills. We are grateful for whatever contribution you can make, and it can even be quite fun. Please see Paula if you think you might like to come along.
Other Services
Extensive transition program to Settlers Farm School:
Kindy children attend Junior Primary Assembly and use the school playground supervised by their teachers each week. From time to time activities are arranged with different school classes.
Resource Centre Visits: Children have at least 1 term of weekly visits to listen to a story and borrow books.
Additional services for children with special needs: speech pathology, special education advice, social work and psychology.

How to enrol your child
Please call in or phone the centre to give the staff your child’s details up to 2 years prior to your child’s fourth birthday. You can also enroll via our website. In this way we can plan for future staffing needs.
Generally speaking children begin pre-entry at approximately 3½ years of age, but this is dependent on their school entry date. Staff will be able to give you a better idea of starting dates based on your child’s birthday. Children usually have a term of pre-entry prior to beginning the kindergarten sessions.

Website:
Please look at our website if you wish to access further information.

What your child needs to bring to Kindergarten
- A bag labeled with your child’s name on the outside
- A named hat
- Lunch in a small named lunch box
- A piece of fruit, vegetable, dry biscuits, cheese or sandwich for snack time. Please don’t send fruit bars and muesli bars, chips, roll ups etc.
- You may wish to send along a drink of WATER (NOT cordial or juice) in a pop top type of container.
- All bags, shoes, hats and clothing items should be clearly marked with the child’s name.
- In accordance with our Sun Protection Policy, the children are required to wear hats at all times during outdoor play.

Kindergarten Notices
Please check you child’s pocket and our notice boards regularly so that you will always remain informed about activities in our Kindergarten.

Kindergarten Fees
Pre-entry $15 a term
Kindergarten $50 a term
At the beginning of each term when paying fees, please place money inside a named envelope. The envelope should then be placed inside the red letterbox by the kitchen counter. Fees can be paid by installments if required, please contact our staff if this is more convenient. Although we do receive a grant from DECS, we need a contribution from each family so that we can pay for cleaning, ETSA, the phone, art materials and any new toys etc, etc.

Safety
Kindergarten staff should be notified when anyone other than a regular care giver will be bringing your child to, or picking him/her up from Pre-school. Please try to punctual for the start and finish of each session.
If you will be detained, please ring and advise our staff to avoid undue concern and your child’s peace of mind.
Generally families who arrive early wait outside with their children until the session starts, as our staff are frequently involved with setting-up the sessions activities.
Please notify our staff if your child is unlikely to attend pre-school, particularly if he/she is unwell for any reason, especially in case of infectious disease or illness. Children with infectious diseases such as weepy cold sores, diarrhoea or head lice must not attend sessions until they have recovered completely.
We always encourage parents to spend time at our Kindergarten. If you have a skill you are willing to share with us, please tell us, please tell us about it. Any time you can give us, particularly to help with tidying up and cleaning at the end of sessions and the end of the term, is much appreciated.

Transition
We offer an extensive transition program to our co-located school - Settlers Farm. Children join the Junior Primary children for assemblies and special events, as well as participating in joint curriculum initiatives. Each week the kindergarten children spend a short time in the Junior Primary playground with their teachers. The reception teachers visit the kindergarten to meet the children prior to their first formal school visit. This promotes a smooth transition to school.