



MAKYBE RISE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kindergarten 2021
Parent
Information



KINDERGARTEN AT MAKYBE RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Introduction

It is an exciting and important milestone when your child starts school. These first years are opportunities for your child to continue to learn, develop and build on the foundations that you have laid at home.

Research shows that these early years are vital in making sure children get the best start to life. Makybe Rise Primary School's Kindergarten program has been developed to ensure your child receives the highest quality

education programs in their first years at school. Our programs are informed by the *Early Years Learning Framework*, the *Western Australian Kindergarten Curriculum* and the *National Quality Standard*.



Every day in Kindergarten is very important. Our Kindergarten program is designed to ensure your child loves coming to school. Your child will learn important early maths, science, oral language, reading and writing skills as well as social skills that will help them through school.

At Makybe Rise Primary School, we know that our children are happiest and most successful when staff and parents work closely together in partnership. Parents are welcome in our classrooms and we look forward to working with you to assist your child to have a happy and successful year in Kindergarten. We encourage our parents to book an appointment with their child's classroom teacher to discuss any concerns or questions they may have at any point throughout the year.

The Kindergarten teaching staff recognise the importance of collaboration in bringing your child the best education possible. It is also important to us that your child feels safe and welcome in the classroom environment and is given every opportunity to reach their potential. One of the ways we achieve this is to work as a team, coming together on a regular basis to plan each term's lessons and assessments.

These first years of school are the essential building blocks for future learning. Every day matters and every day at school helps your child become a happy and confident learner.

We hope you find this booklet helpful as your child begins their learning journey at Makybe Rise Primary School.

Makybe Rise Kindergarten Program



Kindergarten is a wonderland of painting and story time; of talking and listening; of exploring the world; and of making new friends.

Play shapes the architecture of the brain and provides opportunities for children to learn as they discover, experiment, theorise, predict, solve problems and engage in critical thinking. Play can motivate and enhance a child's desire to know and learn. Play based

learning is a context for learning through which children organise and make sense of their social worlds as they engage actively with people, objects and representations.

Our Kindergarten program commences at 8:30am, and finishes at 2:55pm. Children in Kindy must be brought to and from class by an adult. The program is structured to make learning fun and interactive. It encourages a love of learning and helps children become confident learners. It will build on what your child has learned at home. Your child will develop their understanding of language – that language is made up of words, that written words are made up of letters in the alphabet and that spoken sounds can be written down. They will also learn about numbers, shapes and the many different ways we use maths in our lives every day.

Time	Learning Activities
8:30am	Classroom doors open Parents stay for a 15 minute morning activity
8:45am	Morning Meeting Learning Block 1
	Outside Play
10:20am	Morning Tea Learning Block 2
12:30pm	Lunch Outside Play Learning Block 3
2:55pm	End of School Day

Your child will also develop their skills in sharing, turn taking and getting along with other children. They will learn about our Four Community Agreements; Attentive Listening, Appreciations/No Put Downs, The Right to Participate and Mutual Respect. These help to establish a caring environment for learning. Each day they will participate in a Morning Meeting that will engage teachers and students in learning one another's names and greeting each other. Once this has been achieved, teachers and children will begin to learn more about one another including interests, family members and favourite things.



Daily Requirements

Hat

Every day your child needs a hat as our school has a no hat no play policy. The hat needs to be a wide brimmed hat and named please. We are a Sun Smart school so please don't send your child with a cap.



Drink Bottles

It is important that students stay hydrated so please ensure that your child has a bottle of fresh water every day. We ask that parents only put water in the water bottle. Please label the water bottle with your child's name.

Morning Tea

Each day the children will enjoy morning tea together. We ask that you bring in a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable for your child to eat first followed by an item from their lunchbox.

Lunch

We promote and encourage healthy eating habits. It is important that our students have the energy and attention to actively engage with the learning tasks throughout the day. Please pack a healthy lunch for your child. We ask that you don't include lollies, chocolates and food that is high in sugar in your child's lunch box.



The First Weeks of School



During the first weeks of school your child will be taught the routines and rules of the classroom. Your child's teacher will introduce the class to their classroom and take a tour of the playground and school. The children will learn about the equipment used within the classroom and the areas such as class library, home corner, craft table, toilets, bag rack and mat. They will be given opportunities to explore and use the different areas of the classroom and to become familiar with how equipment is used and packed away.

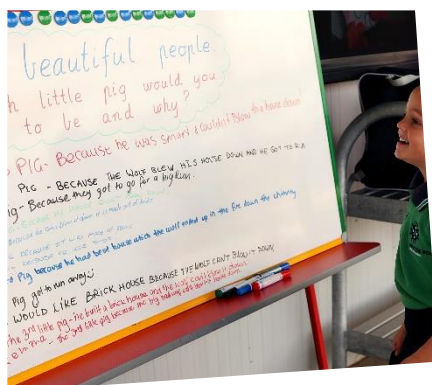


Children will learn about playground expectations and the teacher will model how to take turns and use equipment appropriately. The teacher may choose to introduce one or two areas of the playground during each play session to ensure children are given opportunities to practice correct use and turn taking.



At the beginning of the year, each teacher will hold a class meeting for parents. At this meeting teachers will introduce themselves and provide parents with information about the Kindergarten program. At the meeting we will ask you to share with us the hopes and dreams you have for your child in their Kindergarten year. This invaluable information assists us to provide a program that is practical and focused on meeting the needs of all children and their families. During orientation we send home a questionnaire that helps teachers to understand your child's strengths, interests, abilities and needs. We ask that you return the completed questionnaire on the first day of Kindy.

Each morning your child's teacher will provide information about the daily program on the class Morning Message Board. We encourage you to read the Morning Message Board with your child to prepare them for the day ahead. The Morning Message Board will also provide details about what the teacher wishes the children to do when the classroom door opens.

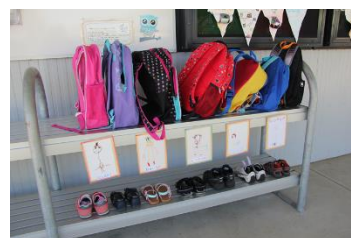




Makybe Rise Primary School is proud to be an AVID school. We believe in every child's capacity to succeed. We explicitly teach our children the skills they need to be successful at school and in life. These skills need to be practiced every day in order for them to become everyday habits. A key student success skill is organisation. In practising being organised, our children are practising being successful.

School Bags

Children carrying their own bags to and from school is essential to them developing a sense of independence and empowerment. Bags are placed on the bag rack and are zipped up. Please note that bags need to be big enough so that children can independently pack all their school materials.



Drink bottles

Placed in allocated space for bottles in the classroom.

Lunch boxes

Children will learn to open their lunch boxes and unwrap/open food items independently.



Hats

Placed in school bags or allocated space for hats in the classroom.

Jumpers

Placed inside school bag or allocated space for jumpers in the classroom.

Self- Care

Children will learn to independently; use the toilet facilities (this includes wiping, flushing and removing and putting back on underwear); wash their hands; and dress themselves (shoes, socks, zip jackets).

Lining up

2 straight and quiet lines.



Every Day Matters

Attending Kindergarten each day gives your child the best start to school. If your child attends school regularly in the early years, they are more likely to continue this in the future.

We encourage families to arrive at school by 8:30am so they can read the Morning Message Board together, and then complete a morning activity. When the bell rings at 8:45am the children begin their Morning Meeting. This is an essential part of the day when children are greeted by their classmates and have opportunities to share experiences and interests. It is essential that children are at school on time, so they can participate in Morning Meeting each day.



There are many early literacy, numeracy and social skills to be learned in Kindergarten and our teachers plan programs in a sequence. When children don't attend school regularly, they miss out on important ideas and skills that might mean they experience difficulty later.

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please send a text message to the school via our **24 Hour Attendance Notification SMS: 0437 059 830** to let us know. If your child misses a day, talk to your teacher to find out how you can help your child catch up. Every day matters and, as children get older, every lesson counts!

