

## School Creed

This is our school  
In these rooms and on these playing  
fields  
We fit ourselves for the future  
Let us not throw away these precious  
years  
But gain from them all we can  
Let us always remember that a school is  
not a building  
But a gathering of minds and hearts  
And a place of friendly guidance and help

### *Lancelin Primary School Vision Statement*

*Lancelin Primary School will provide an inclusive learning environment that empowers individuals and develops core values so as to establish an ethic of life long learning.*



# Lancelin Primary School

## Kindergarten Handbook



2017

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## Kindergarten Days

Thursdays & Fridays - Term 1 & 2

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - Term 3 & 4

## Please Notify Us If...

- Your child is ill. Keep him/her home and notify the School.
- Your child has an infectious illness or any medical condition or allergy we may need to know about.
- You wish for anyone other than yourself to collect your child. If this is to be a regular arrangement, please inform us so that we can record it on your child's information card.
- You change your address or **telephone number** throughout the year. This is very important, especially in emergency situations. The Kindy contact number is 9655 1077.
- There is any change in the child's normal routine, health etc. Often things such as a parent in hospital, death in the family, grandparents visiting can affect the child's behaviour.

## P&C

You are invited to attend the Lancelin Parents and Citizens Association meetings held each term. Notification of dates and times are published in the fortnightly school newsletter and displayed on the Kindergarten class notice board. Parents are encouraged to become involved in the association as this wonderful group do many good things for our school.

## School Fees

The Kindergarten fees are set at \$60.00 per child for 2016. This contribution makes up a large part of the Kindergarten budget. This year, we are not asking parents to provide a stationery list. Under sections of the Education Act 1999, schools are required to indicate to parents all fees, charges and contributions that the school may ask for during the course of a normal school year. It is also included in the main Parent Handbook. The amounts nominated for the activities below represents the maximum amount of money that may be asked for over the 2016 school year. Excursions/Incurtion \$80.00 per child.

It is highly unlikely that any family will incur the total costs estimated. However, it is certain that you will not pay more.

## **Bag/Books/Belongings**

All children are required to bring a large school bag to make it easy to carry their work home each day. Parents of Kindergarten children are not required to provide books or stationery in 2015 but to make the parent contribution from which most supplies are purchased. However you will be asked at the start of the year to provide some consumables such as tissues, household goods and so on.

Kindy children also visit the library each week starting towards the end of Term 1. Please supply a large library bag for your child to transport big books safely.

Label all of your child's belongings clearly. This includes jumpers, bags and drink bottles.

## **Parent Roster**

Parents are welcome at the Kindergarten Centre at all times. We also urge parents to take an active interest in their child's education by participating in our 'Parent Roster'.

The roster chart will be near the front door. Please place your name on the chart on a date that is convenient.

Parents are not encouraged to bring younger siblings when on roster. However, if you need to bring a younger child, you are asked to supervise the child.

There will be no roster for the first five weeks of Term 1. This is to help the children separate from their parents and settle into a new environment.

## **Scrap Materials**

We want your junk!

Items considered to be junk can be turned into amazing, creative works of art so please save your junk. Dress-up clothes including bags, hats, scarves, jewellery, shoes and ties are also needed. We especially need clothes suitable for boys.

This handbook is intended to provide you with important information regarding the Kindy program and daily operation of the Early Childhood Education Centre at Lancelin Primary School. If you have any queries or concerns or suggestions for future editions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

# **Early Childhood Education Program**

## **AIM**

In 2017 there will be a combined Kindy/Pre-Primary class due to the decline in numbers. The early years of schooling from Kindergarten to Year 2 are the platform from which every child can become a successful student. We believe that there should be a seamless continuum of quality educational provision for students between ECE year levels.

## **FOCUS**

In Kindy we believe a play based program is an appropriate approach for your child's first year of formal learning. This program is implemented with care, planning and deliberate learning goals in mind.

## **PROCESSES**

- Early Childhood Education is a priority of the Department of Education and Training. Staff at Lancelin Primary School see the importance of the early childhood years as crucial to the educational development of your children.
- Kindy is located on the main school site on Thursday & Fridays in Terms 1 & 2 and Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays in Terms 3 & 4. A calendar will be provided at the start of the school year.
- Where necessary, consultation with parents/caregivers and subsequent interventions by specialists (medical, speech, educational and psychological) maximise student learning and welfare.

## Term Dates

### Semester 1

Term 1 Monday 1 February - Friday 8 April

Break Saturday 9 April - Monday 25 April

Term 2 Tuesday 26 April - Friday 1 July

Break Saturday 2 July - Sunday 17 July

### Semester 2

Term 3 Monday 18 July - Friday 23 September

Break Saturday 24 September - Sunday 9 October

Term 4 Monday 10 October - Thursday 15 December

## School Times

Class begins 8:50am

Morning Break 10:40 - 11:00am

Lunch Break 1:00 - 1:40pm

Dismissed to Parents/Delivered to bus 3:00pm except Wednesday at 2:30pm (early close)

On Wednesday in odd weeks of Term 3 & 4 (Wk 1,3,5,7,9), Thursday & Friday.

## Food

As a Crunch and Sip School children are required a piece of fruit in natural form for recess and a bottle of water. A second healthy snack may be included.

We run a breakfast program for students who either do not eat breakfast at home or who eat a very early breakfast due to bus timetable. Breakfast is served at 8:30am.

Lancelin PS does not operate a full time canteen. However, on Mondays and Fridays the Student Councillors sell healthy eating pies and sausage rolls as a fundraiser. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunches can be ordered from the canteen menu. These orders are to be placed at school and will be delivered in time for lunch. Menus will be sent out early in the school year.

## Bus Service

Kindergarten children may use the school bus service. The same rules apply to all children: Please help your child to remember these rules:

- Children must be seated at all times.
- No eating or drinking is allowed on the bus.
- Children must speak quietly.
- Driver's instructions must be obeyed.

Notify the bus driver or school if your child will not be traveling by bus as usual. If your child does not normally travel by bus, but would like to (e.g. to visit a friend), please contact the bus driver and provide a written note.

## Clothing

Children are required to bring a change of clothes and underwear every day in case of toilet or water-play mishaps.

School uniform is not compulsory, however, we do encourage children to wear it. Uniforms help build a sense of belonging and reduces the stress of deciding what to wear. You can purchase uniform items from the Lancelin Primary School P & C Association Uniform Shop situated in the school administration block. The uniform consists of:

- Navy blue pleated skirt, shorts, track or jazz pants.
- Navy polo shirt with school emblem. (The white Polo is being phased out in 2016)
- Navy Track Top
- School hat. (New students receive their first hat free of charge)

Suitable shoes include sneakers, boots (lace-up or pull-on) and rubber soled sandals. Students are to wear shoes at all times - unless participating in an activity that requires bare feet at the discretion of the teacher.

In first term children have a rest period at the teacher's discretion. Please supply a towel for your child to lie on for this time.

## Parent Interviews

It is helpful for the teacher to talk with parents about their Kindergarten child. We see the education of your child as a three way partnership: student-teacher-parent. Information regarding your child's development, personality, fears, interests, health issues and your expectations as a parent is very important in assisting teaching staff to know your child. We aim to make your child's transition from home to school as enjoyable and supportive as is possible. Parents will be contacted early in the year regarding parent interview times.

## Assessment

Reports to parents twice a year will keep you informed of your child's progress