



Kindergarten and Pre-Primary Handbook 2023

Play
Inspire
Nurture
Explore

Welcome to the Pine View Primary School community.

We are very excited to have you enrol with us for your child's first experiences of school. Early Childhood education is the foundation for lifelong learning. Here at Pine View Primary School we aim to give your child authentic and holistic experiences where your child can socialise and interact with others, belong to a community and become a happy and confident learner.



OUR PROGRAM



Our **Kindergarten** planning is guided by the Early Years Learning Framework and Western Australian Curriculum guidelines. The **Pre-Primary** Curriculum follows the Western Australian Curriculum as well as the Early Years Learning Framework. Both programs are audited through National Quality Standard measures as well as in-school processes.

At Pine View Primary School play is an important role in your child's learning, it is a natural activity for children through which they can make meaning of the world around them.

Play facilitates all development and is an 'invaluable means for initiating, promoting and sustaining learning...' (Moyles, 1989). Our early learning programs are balanced with explicit teaching as well as intentional play based activities. Learning experiences are designed to stimulate each child's natural curiosity and extend their learning and development through hands-on, relevant experiences, with a fundamental focus on each child's language development. We strive to create a safe and nurturing environment by valuing each child and their experiences.



What Your Child Will Need for Kindy and Pre-Primary



Hats

Hats must be worn outside for every season. Pine View Primary School has a 'No hat no play' policy. Bucket hats are available from Uniform Concepts when purchasing your uniform. "Cap" style hats are not permitted. We recommend that you apply sunscreen to your child every day, especially in Terms 1 and 4.



- **School Uniform-** school shirt (faction shirt on Wednesday) and school hat, Velcro tab shoes are recommended. For hygiene reasons please ensure your child is wearing underwear.
- **Back Pack-** large enough for spare clothes, library book, lunchbox, notes and completed work.
- **Spare clothes** – including underwear. Even if your child does not have accidents at home school can be new and exciting, leaving little time to rush to the toilet until it is too late.
- **Footwear-** Please ensure your child arrives in suitable footwear for climbing and playing in. We are trying to promote their independence in everyday tasks, so footwear that they can remove and put on for themselves would be greatly appreciated.



- **Water bottle-** No cordial, juice, milk or iced cold tea. WATER ONLY. This will be kept in the classroom during the day.
- **A lunch box-** containing a recess snack and lunch food. It is important that your child can open and close their lunch boxes. We cannot put food or drinks in the fridge or microwave.
- **Crunch & Sip-** children need a piece of fruit or veggie sticks, cut up and ready to eat in a separate container each day. This encourages good nutrition, healthy eating and speech development. Children will only eat their own crunch and sip.
- **Nuts-** Pine View Primary School is a nut aware school please refrain from bringing peanuts, peanut butter, Nutella, nut bars etc to school.



ATTENDANCE



Kindy—Echidna

Monday, Tuesday,

Wednesday—Odd weeks

Kindy—Numbat

Wednesday—Even weeks

Thursday, Friday

Some years there will only be one Kindy class – due to enrolment numbers

Pre-Primary: Monday—Friday

8:30am—2:40pm

Pick Up and Drop Off Times

Doors open: 8:20am Please come in and help your child to settle into the classroom ready to start class at **8:30am.**

Recess at **10:40am** , lunch at **1:10pm.**

Parents/guardians must pick up and drop off their child.

Please talk to us if there are changes, including after school care. Older siblings who are at high school and will be picking up your child must be registered through the office. Afternoon pick-ups are at **2:40pm**. Parents need to wait at the front of their child's classroom in the Early Childhood area. If the children see parents prior to formal closing of the day, this can distress them and it is best that they see parents when we open the doors and call them to come to you. Please do not call your child to come because we need to make sure we handover the children to the right person.



Late

If your child arrives after 8.45am you will need to sign your child in at the office and get a late pass to give to the teacher or Education Assistant.

Leaving Early

If you have to pick up your child early you need to sign them out at the office and give the teacher the leave pass. If you are bringing them back, you will need to sign them in and out at the office.

Holidays

You will have to let the office know in writing if you are going on an extended holiday during school time. If you take a holiday for a long period of time and we do not know about it, your child's place in kindergarten may be at risk.

Sickness

Do not bring your child to school if they are unwell including; coughs, colds, fevers, rashes, upset tummies, or discharge from ears/eyes. If your child becomes unwell at school, we will contact you. Please advise the school of your student's absence via SkoolBag EFORMS "Absentee Form".



PARENT COMMUNICATION

The relationship between the home and the school plays a very important part in a child's education.

We cannot overestimate the critical role parents play in successful learning: parents contribute much to their child's development and are among the most important influences on the way in which the child approaches learning.

Two-way communication is a critical factor in the partnership between parents and the school. Where a partnership exists, it is easier for parents to feel confident about the teaching and learning taking place in the classroom and to solve problems.

How your school communicates with you:

- Reports on student progress
- Regular information about the school through newsletters
- Parent-teacher interviews
- Notes via Skoolbag
- Displays of children's work
- Assemblies
- Special events and celebrations
- Specialised learning programs
- Parent information booklets
- Notice board outside classroom
- Parent information sessions

Skoolbag

Skoolbag is an online platform to share classroom activities and notifications as well as a contact point. This is an application that you download on your phone and then you can connect with the class. We will post notices and information on this app and you can also communicate with me if there is anything urgent that you need to discuss with me.

Reports

Student reports are issued twice a year at the end of Term 2 and Term 4.

Work is assessed throughout the school year and the results of regular testing are taken into account when the reports are compiled. Should you wish to discuss the reports or your student's progress, please contact the school to make an appointment with the class teacher.

Parent Interviews

It is best to make an appointment rather than trying to catch up before or after school. These are very busy times and we may not be able to spend quality time with you to discuss your child. Please request an interview via SkoolBag or speak to the teacher directly.



PARENT COMMUNICATION



Separation Anxiety

This is common but the majority of children settle once their parents have left. If they are unable to calm down, we will contact you.

Ways to Combat Separation Anxiety

- Talking about school at home.
- Role play going from home to school e.g. a puzzle together.
- Reminding your child of other children's names in their class.
- Follow a routine in the morning e.g. helping with their books or fruit do a short puzzle or read a story.
- Give your child a kiss and leave before the bell goes (8.30am).



School Nurse and Dentist

We have a visiting school nurse who will check your child's hearing, speech, vision and general health. Forms will be given to you to fill out for consent for the school nurse early Term 1. These will need to be handed back to the classroom teacher. Once a check has been completed it can lead to referrals to specialists for further support for your child. If your child is turning five, you may also receive a consent form for the school dentist.

Birthdays

Parents are welcome to bring in cupcakes **ONLY** on these special days and we will sing happy birthday. Please note this will only take 5-10 minutes. We do not have parties in class. Please advise us of all the ingredients within the recipe prior to bringing them in and have a discussion with us regarding any child that has adverse reactions. An alternative must be supplied to that student as well. Cupcakes will be handed out at the end of the day.

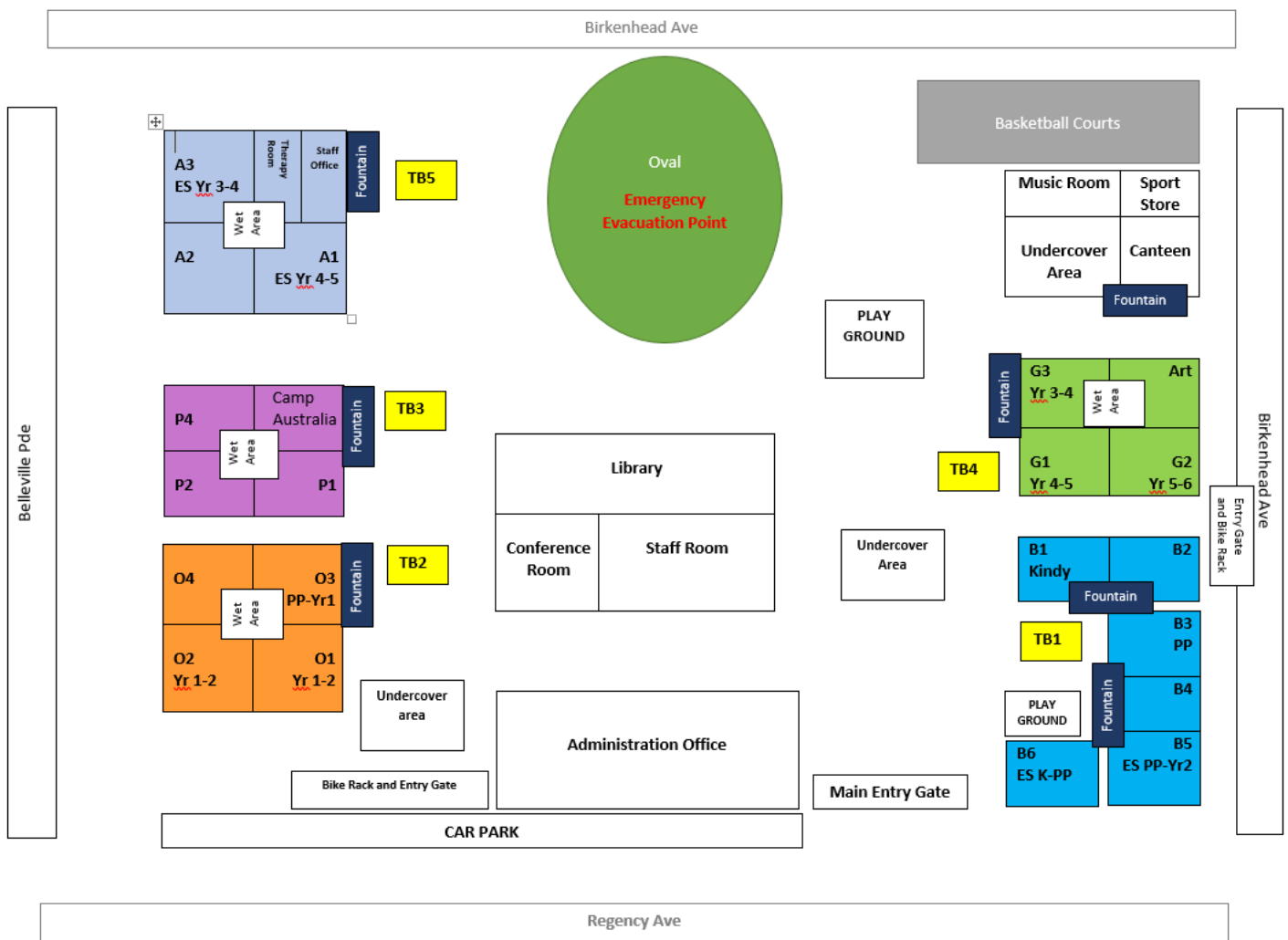
Extreme Weather Policy

Hot: Short periods of play and play in shaded areas.
Wet/raining: Stay inside or undercover.

Library

Once per week classes will visit the school library to borrow a book. Your child will need a library bag for their weekly visit.





PLAN of PINE VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM DATES and SCHOOL TIMES

Term 1: Wednesday 1 February – Thursday 6 April

Term 2: Monday 24 April - Friday 30 June

Term 3: Monday 17 July- Friday 22 September

Term 4: Monday 9 October- Thursday 14 December

School Development Days to be advised

8:15am	Gates open
8:20am	Classes open
8:30am	School Start
8:30-10:40	Session 1
10:40-11:10	Recess
11:10-1:10	Session 2
1:10-1:40	Lunch
1:40-2:40	Session 3
2:40pm	Home Time



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