



KINDERGARTEN 2026
PARENT INFORMATION
BOOKLET



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Welcome to Kindergarten

The Kindergarten learning environment is play based and is structured to continue the development of the child's social, intellectual, emotional and physical development. In the early childhood setting the programs implemented teach children cognitive, sensory-motor and pre/early literacy/numeracy skills. The teaching of social skills and values to our school children underpins all this learning. Research shows that social skills are of the utmost importance for a child's future development.

Our Programs aim to provide an interactive, stimulating and challenging learning environment to meet children's individual needs and interests. Programs are developmentally based and child centred, with an integrated approach. The programs introduce skills outlined in the WA Curriculum, through the Kindy Curriculum Guidelines and Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF).

Pre Primary, Years 1, 2 and 3 programs build onto the foundations from Kindy with a continued focus on literacy and numeracy. Collaborative cultures are a feature of program development, evaluation and developmental learning opportunities. Technology and an integrated curriculum become more central to student development and learning. Aspects of middle schooling cultures and lifelong learning are also introduced as are personal development opportunities for leadership, independence, thinking skills and responsibilities.

Collaborative strategies across the whole Junior School include:

- Screening of students on entry and ongoing assessments for special needs to identify developmental phases for support and programming.
- Assisting students to reach optimum development socially, emotionally, intellectually and physically.
- Encouraging parent participation in the program to foster cooperation between home and school.
- Building onto existing experiences and developing broader learning experiences through connecting students to the wider world.
- Integrating technology into all learning areas, focusing on learning engagement and skills development.
- Collaborative planning, assessment and classroom activities catering for developmental needs.

Term Dates for 2026

Term 1:

Monday 2 February – Thursday 2 April

School Holidays: Friday 3 April – Sunday 19 April

Term 2:

Monday 20 April – Friday 3 July

Friday 24 April - Student Free Day (Staff Professional Learning)

Friday 29 May - Student Free Day (Staff Professional Learning)

School Holidays: Saturday 4 July – Monday 20 July

Term 3:

Tuesday 21 July – Friday 25 September

Monday 20 July – Student Free Day (Staff Professional Learning)

School Holidays: Saturday 26 September – Sunday 11 October

Term 4:

Monday 12 October – Thursday 17 December

Friday 18 December – Student Free Day (Staff Professional Learning)

Please note that dates are correct at time of printing.

Our Program

As Early Childhood Educators we believe that children learn through play. Programs are based on the individual needs of each child. The early learning environments allow children the opportunity and freedom to:

- Make choices.
- Develop new skills and abilities in all areas of development including physical, social and emotional, language and cognitive.
- Become more independent.
- Learn basic routines.
- Develop an awareness and acceptance of others.

Session Times

As per Kindergarten Term Planner

Group 1

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 8.50am - 3.05pm

Monday & Tuesday 8.50am - 3.05pm

Group 2

Thursday & Friday 8.50am - 3.05pm

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8.50am - 3.05pm

Attendance

If a child is enrolled in Kindergarten, while not compulsory to attend, it is recommended they do. Regular attendance helps your child to feel comfortable in their surroundings, develop friendships with other children and relationships with school staff.

The early years of school gives your child new experiences and sets the foundation for their future learning. At Kindergarten, your child is supported to develop and learn new ideas and skills in a setting of acceptance, and one that inspires and challenges them. Going to school every session allows your child to build on what they know and what they have learnt.

The skills learnt in Kindergarten set the foundation for Pre-primary. In Kindergarten your child will build important social and emotional skills that help them throughout their school life. They also develop literacy and numeracy skills.

“Student Attendance and Educational Outcomes; Every Day Counts” was prepared for the Department of Education by the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, UWA in May 2013.

The report was based on the attendance patterns of some 415,000 Government school students in WA. It tables some interesting points.

KEY FINDINGS

1. Disparities in attendance rates are evident from early schooling.

The data indicates that attendance rates further diminish in secondary school. It is critical that good attendance patterns are established in the early years, particularly kindy. If good attendance is not established early, then the data says that a child’s high school attendance will be further reduced. A good start is imperative to future success.

2. In all analyses, average academic achievement on NAPLAN tests declined as absence rates increased.

This was evident across all sub groups i.e. nationality, gender, transience, socio-economic status etc. Every day of attendance contributes positively toward a child’s learning. Absence from school was related to poor academic achievement, not only in the current year but in future years as well. Gaps in student learning from one poor year of attendance have a flow on effect in future years.

3. Educators cannot improve attendance alone.

The community needs to be included. The community needs to recognise the importance of education. Achieving this can be done by students only being absent for valid illnesses. Absences for birthdays, holidays in term time, appointments that could be done out of hours, for a day of rest after a busy weekend etc, are not legitimate reasons for non-attendance at school.

4. Your role in your child's attendance.

Please support your child by always ensuring that they attend regularly and that you advise the school of non-attendance. If there are any issues that impact upon your child's attendance, please contact us so that we are able to support you.

When your child is absent from school you must inform the classroom teacher with a written note, verbally in person or over the phone, by email or via Connect. If an absence remains unexplained you may receive a note from the school requesting an explanation. If your child is refusing to come to school, please contact your child's teacher or a member of the school's administration team and they will assist you with support and advice.

FACTS ABOUT ATTENDANCE

- To maximize your child's learning opportunities, they need to attend school at least 95% of the time. Parents of any student whose attendance rate falls below 80% will be contacted to meet and discuss strategies to improve attendance.
- Regular attendance enables children to build upon their knowledge and skills every day.
- Children who miss out on the basic skills may experience difficulties later due to gaps in their learning.
- Regular attendance helps students to develop confidence in areas such as social skills, organisation and teamwork.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What should I do if my child is unwell?

A: *Inform the school, through our website, Connect, Compass, by phone or by email, preferably on the day they are absent, if not, as soon as they return to school with a written note.*

Q: What should I do if my child refuses to go to school?

A: *Contact the school as soon as possible and the school will arrange support and advice.*

Q: What should I do if I am taking a vacation during school time?

A: *You should do your very best to ensure that you are not taking holidays during the school term.*

Q: If I receive a letter in the mail with the date of an unexplained absence what should I do?

A: *Provide an explanation of the absence and return the note to your child's class teacher.*



Drop off and Pick up of Children

Parents are asked to observe closely the session times to facilitate the smooth running of the centres.

When dropping children off at the school please wait with them until the door has been opened by the staff.

A child quickly becomes distressed if a parent is late. Remember, five minutes seems a long time for a young child, ten minutes is an eternity. If you have problems picking up your child on occasions a telephone call would be appreciated, and it will enable us to explain to your child that you will be late.

If your child is to be collected by anyone other than yourself, please notify us by writing on the provided sheet in the classroom or with a phone call.

Every child must be brought to and taken from Kindy by an adult. Older siblings are not permitted to do this.

Punctuality

Late arrival to school puts your child at a disadvantage as the educational program has already begun.

Plan so that you and your child arrive at school on time and without any stress. If for any reason your child arrives after 8.50am a 'late note' must be obtained via the staff in the front office.

Your child's Well Being

If your child is unwell, it is in their best interest to keep them at home. This will prevent the spread of illness to other children and is less distressing for your child. Please strongly consider keeping your child at home if they have vomited or had diarrhoea in the past 24 hours. A note explaining any absence is required once your child has returned to school or you may send us an absentee note via Connect or Compass.

If your child has contracted an infectious illness such as measles, chicken pox, mumps, etc please notify the school.

Medical Administration

Medication can only be administered by staff if appropriate documentation has been completed by parents/carers. For short term use of medication (up to two weeks) such as a course of antibiotics, our school requires the completion of an *Administration of Medication form*. For long term use of medication i.e. more than two weeks, you will need to complete a Student Health Care Summary for your child. These forms are available at the School Office. Please ensure that you let the school know as soon as possible if your child develops any new health issues so the appropriate forms can be completed (i.e. asthma, allergy etc.).

School Nurse

The School Nurse will screen all Kindy children for vision and hearing. Consent forms will be sent home prior to screening.

Head Lice

Head lice know no boundaries and love to move from head-to-head. Parents are advised to check their children's hair frequently for head lice. If your child has head lice or nits, please treat their hair before returning to school, and check other family members.

What to Bring Every Day

(All items must be labelled)

Bags

Children will need to bring a labelled bag/backpack to school each day to carry their recess, lunch, drink bottle, spare clothing, hats and any other belongings.

Hats

Eden Hill Primary School has a '**No Hat, No Play In The Sun**' policy. Children must wear a wide brimmed hat when outdoors, throughout the whole year, so please keep a school hat in your child's bag all year. School hats are available through Uniform Concepts.

Drinks

A labelled water bottle is required every day. Students are encouraged to frequently drink water.

Recess & Lunch

Your child will need to bring their recess and lunch to school. This should consist of food items they can handle unassisted. Please note heating and cooling facilities for lunches are not available.

Alternatively, you may order their lunch from the school canteen which is currently open Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch orders need to be placed at the canteen **before** the start of the school day or can be ordered online at quickcliq.com.au. The canteen opens for orders at 8.30am and closes at 8.50am.

Allergies

At the beginning of the year, you will be informed of any food allergies that exist in your child's class. If this is the case, please be conscious of this and avoid sending these foods.

Change of Clothes

A change of clothes (including underwear/socks) in a plastic bag to be kept in their school bag, is requested. Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name.

Parent Involvement

Your child's educational journey will be most successful if a strong partnership between your child, you and the school is developed. Ways in which you can help achieve this are:

- **Parent Rosters**

Parents are encouraged to place their names on the roster. This will be placed outside the classroom early in the term. Rosters are a time to join in with the children's play, assist with the activities and be involved with your child's learning.

- **Responding to notes/notices sent home**

It is important that you check your child's bag each day for notes sent home. Notes will be posted on the class or School Connect page which will come to you as an email or notification. There will also be notices outside the classroom, please check regularly!

- **Parent/Teacher Contact**

It is important for parents and teachers to keep each other informed of children's wellbeing and progress. Parents are urged to contact us over matters, which concern your child. ***All matters are confidential.*** Shifting house, a change in your family situation, sickness or death in the family are some of the factors which can affect your child. If we know about these it will help us to better understand your child and his/her needs. Please remember that during school hours the teacher's first duty is to the children - however, an appointment can always be made for a time suitable to both parent and teacher.

- **School Newsletter – The Buzz**

The school's newsletter is uploaded to Connect and the school's website every third Thursday. You can also use Facebook to keep up-to-date with school news and activities.

Uniforms

Kindy children are encouraged to wear the uniform as they participate in school activities. These are available from Uniform Concepts in Inglewood. Order forms are available on our Website or contact them directly on 9270 4658, inglewood@uc.nellgray.com.au or visit their website www.nellgray.com.au. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name.

Shoes

We ask that children wear sensible shoes. At times they will take their shoes off so please help your child learn to do this. ***No thongs or gumboots are permitted.***

Birthdays

Birthdays are a special time for children. If you wish to bring a cake to school for your child's birthday, we ask that you please supply cupcakes as this is a lot easier for the children to handle. Please check with the teacher for any dietary restrictions or allergies in your child's class.

Personal Belongings

Please make sure all items that belong to your child are clearly marked with their name. It is ***not*** appropriate for children to bring toys from home.

Money

When money needs to be handed in, please place it in the school envelope provided to you. If you lose your envelope, we have more available in the entry hall near the school office. Please complete all details on the envelope, insert ***correct money*** or complete the VISA/Mastercard details with your child's name, the amount inside and the reason for payment written on the front and place the envelope in the locked mailbox located in the entry hall near the school office. No money is to be given to teachers and only EFTPOS payments can be made at the office. Direct deposit into the school bank account is the preferred option of payment for most activities.

Library

Kindy children will be visiting the school library during the year, so we ask that a library bag be provided. You will be notified when visits are to begin and which day it will be. Please note children need to return their old book before they can borrow a new one.

Laundry Roster

Periodically we will send home washing with your child. Please send it back as soon as possible.

Writing

If your child is interested in writing their own name, you can assist by showing them the correct lettering. Upper case letters are easier to write but should only be used to start a name, with the other letters being in lower case. On the following page please find a copy of the handwriting style used at our school, which we encourage the children to use. Whenever you write something for your child, it would help them greatly if you could use this style of writing too. It is also important that children are taught to hold writing tools correctly whenever they draw and write. (See below)



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f g h i j
k l m n o
p q r s t
u v w x y
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What is Connect for Parents?

Connect is a teaching, learning, collaboration and communication space. Allowing parent access provides a window into the classroom and an opportunity to streamline communication for school administration. Connect is integrated with many Department systems such as SIS, DAM and HRMIS making student population and parent association easy and responsive to changes in student populations. Using the Department Account Manager (DAM), parents can have a secure login to Connect via a unique P-number.

A parent account in Connect provides parents with access to important information about their children's schools and the classes they are enrolled in.

Login to Connect at
connect.det.wa.edu.au

- Communicate **easily with teachers.**
- **Stay informed about school activities and events.**
- **Securely access your child's learning assessments and feedback.**
- **Engage in your child's learning anytime, anywhere and on any device.**
- **Your school will provide you with a secure user name and a password.**

Examples of what information parents can access in Connect:

- Whole school or cohort notifications
- Class details
- Classroom learning activities
- Notifications from individual teachers
- Attendance records
- Work their children have completed
- Assessments and marks