



Dear Families,

A warm welcome to our kindergarteners! I hope you all had a great summer and enjoyed the festive season and are ready for this year's learning adventures. My name is Miss Michelle, and I am very excited to be working with you and your child this year. I hope to get to know each of you as the year goes on.

Kindergarten is a time for children to expand their love of learning, general knowledge, ability to socialise and interact with others, as well as their interest in reaching out to the world. I will be working extremely hard with all you to create an environment that supports this, as well as one that is welcoming, safe and happy. These environments encourage every child to feel confident and capable, allowing them to take necessary risks as well as take on new challenges with resilience and persistence. Every day at kindy the children will be provided with lots of opportunities to work on valuable life skills such as independence, self-regulation, problem solving and cooperation skills as well as decision making.

It is my belief that every child enters the classroom with unique ideas, experiences and values which I strive to embrace and support in my learning experiences. I take on a holistic approach to teaching and learning, paying attention to every child's physical, personal, social, emotional wellbeing as well as supporting academic success. While Kindergarten marks an important transition, it is important that children still get to be children, and this is where play comes into our curriculum. Play provides opportunities for children to learn as they create, discover, improvise and imagine. Literacy and Numeracy will be integrated into learning experiences as well explicit sessions on the mat.

To ensure that your child's day at kindy runs smoothly please ensure you bring along the following items:

- A *large* school bag that your child can use independently
- A *clearly labelled* lunch box containing a healthy lunch and snacks for recess e.g. sandwich, yoghurt, fruit and vegetables
- A *clearly labelled* drink bottle
- Shoes that can be easily put on or taken off independently, and that are appropriate for outdoor play and fundamental movement – balancing, climbing etc. Please bring rain boots and raincoat for the wet days.

- We cannot have shared fruit due to Covid restrictions but please bring a piece of fruit or snack for morning tea
- Pack spare set of clothes and underwear in your child's bag - 'just in case'
- a *labelled* wide brim hat
- a *towel or blanket* for mindfulness/rest time

I encourage all parents/guardians to come join us and be involved in many of the exciting things we will do this year in our classroom. Please fill out the *Parent Roster*, which is always available and located on the main classroom door, on a day that suits you to come in for a morning session anytime from 8:20am-10am. The roster will be available from **week 6**. Being a parent helper is a wonderful experience for you and your child, as well as the other children in the classroom. It allows you to see how your child interacts with others and you get to participate in our daily experiences.

Learning outcomes and the wellbeing of your child are most likely to be achieved when teachers work collaboratively with the families of each child. Therefore, as we are all working toward the same goal, it is important for us to communicate often. I will communicate through the **Seesaw** app and place important information on notices outside the classroom in relation to learning experiences and up-coming events. Please feel free to michelle.beckley@cewa.edu.au or by phone at school 9161 7200 if you have any questions or concerns.

I am very certain that together we can make this a great and memorable experience for you and your child! Thank you in advance for your support.

Kind regards,

Miss Michelle and Miss Lesley