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OCCASIONAL CARE BOOKLET SESSION TIMES

2-4 Years

Tuesday: 8.45am-11.30am and 12pm-2:45pm

Thursday: 8.45am-11.30am and 12pm-2:45pm

WHEN YOUR CHILD STARTS... Please bring with your child:

- ❖ A bag which includes the following:
 - A hat, either broad brimmed or legionnaire must be worn when UV is 3 and above. **Please remind child daily to pack and wear their hat,**
 - A piece of fruit or healthy snack.
 - A drink bottle with water only. If your child runs out, filtered water is available at all times.
 - Spare clothes (top, bottoms, underwear, socks, nappy all weather appropriate), just in case!
- ❖ Please apply sunscreen at home before attending.

Please label all belongings with your child's name clearly marked on it. If concerned about privacy please mark your child's name on the inside of such belongings. Please keep toys and other valuables at home due to the high risk of such treasures being lost, broken or permanently "borrowed".

Please also name backpacks and bags as children often bring the same type of bag.

HEALTHY EATING:

Due to the kindergartens practice of encouraging healthy eating please refrain from sending with your child chocolate bars, lollies and sugary confectionaries

We supply water for drinking throughout the day.



Please note: WE ARE A NUT FREE/AWARE ZONE.

CLOTHING:

For safety reasons please avoid bringing your children to kindergarten wearing thongs.

Please dress your child in clothes that neither you nor the child minds if paint or mud should get onto them. Please ensure these clothes are weather appropriate and sun safe e.g. no strapless/spaghetti strap dresses.

As we encourage independence when going to the toilet please avoid the use of hard to undo belts. We also encourage you to supply rubber boots and a rain coat, for your child, as we go out in all weather.

ATTENDANCE:

Continuity is important. It is beneficial for your child's social, emotional development and establishes a good routine in readiness for school. Please notify the centre if your child is unable to attend due to sickness, holidays etc.

ALLERGIES / MEDICAL CONDITIONS:

It is vital that staff are notified of any child's allergies and the appropriate treatment. Equally important is informing staff if your child has or should develop any form of medical condition whilst enrolled at kindergarten. Due to health and safety reasons our kindergarten is a **NUT FREE / AWARE ZONE**. This policy is reviewed annually. All staff are trained in First Aid, Asthma and Anaphylaxis.

AMENITIES / FEES:

Full Fees: \$5.00 per session

Concession Fees: \$1.50 per session

SIGNING IN:

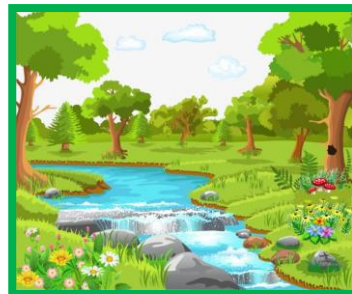
Please make sure your child is signed in each session. It is required to be completed by an adult over 18 yrs.

OUR IMAGE OF THE CHILD:

Some staff have undertaken a Study Tour of Reggio Emilia, and this centre implements the principles of promoting children's voice, encouraging children to explore their interests, and to express themselves in many ways. The occasional care program is integrated with the preschool curriculum to align our site philosophy and curriculum. This encourages a successful transition from occasional care to preschool! Our image of each child as a strong, powerful, competent learner underpins our philosophy and practice. Children construct meaning through their interactions with and exploration of the world. We respect the rights of the child, and importance of children's voice in determining their learning. The role of the educator is to create interesting environments which children seek to explore. We need to listen to children, and through conversations we support the children to construct meaning. Children express themselves in many ways: "the hundred languages of children". Educators must reflect and research in order to support children as learners both individually and in group endeavours.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF NATURE PLAY?

We have a focus on nature play and loose parts at our site. Nature play has a positive effect upon children's physical, cognitive and emotional development; the basis for creativity, problem solving, reasoning, socialising and managing risk.



GOVERNING COUNCIL:

As an occasional care family, joining the Governing Council will give you the fantastic opportunity to make decisions and be involved in the planning for future years when your child is due to attend preschool. You can join our **Governing Council** at any time throughout the year. Please speak to any of the staff or just come along to our meetings. It is also a fantastic way to build relationships and gain an insight into the background of a preschool.

- A maximum of 10 meetings a year, usually less.
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PRIORITY OF ACCESS:

- Children under guardianship of the minister
- Children at risk of abuse and neglect
- Children in aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families
- Children in families which include a person with a disability or health condition that impacts upon their parenting
- Children with a disability and/or additional needs
- Children in social isolated families.
- Towards the end of the year, priority will be given to families who are attending preschool in the following year to build consistency.