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Blue Group

Monday/Wednesday: 8:30am – 3:15pm
Fridays Terms 1/4 – 8:30am – 11:30am odd weeks
Fridays Terms 2/3 – 12:15pm – 3:15pm odd weeks

Red Group

Tuesday/Thursday: 8:30am – 3:15pm
Fridays Terms 1/4 – 12:15pm – 3:15pm odd weeks
Fridays Terms 2/3 – 8:30am – 11:30am odd weeks

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 which is kept in their bag. Plus packed lunch with ice pack.
 - A drink bottle with water. If your child runs out filtered water is available at all times.
 - Spare clothes (top, bottoms, underwear, socks, all weather appropriate), just in case!
- ❖ Please apply sunscreen at home. We will re-apply sunscreen, with your consent, in middle of day.

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".

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.

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 kindergarten 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: Fee Payments total \$540 for the year. This is able to be paid in full, termly, fortnightly or able to be negotiated with the director. Families will receive an invoice via their child's communication pocket. Please return payment, with details, in an envelope, directly to a staff member. An official receipt will be provided upon banking by our Finance Officer. Please see the Director if experiencing difficulties in the payment of amenities / fees. **All concerns treated CONFIDENTIALLY.** Fees can be paid:

Electronically through EFTPOS

Cash

Internet Banking:

BSB Number: 065-175

Account Number: 10049957

Account Name: Riverview Preschool Centre Please Enter **YOUR CHILD'S NAME AS 'Reference'**

SIGNING IN:

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

PROGRAM:

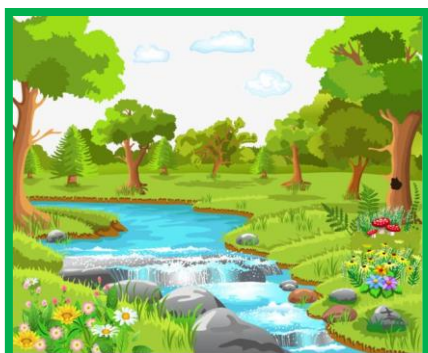
The Kindergarten curriculum program is displayed at kindergarten in the floor book. We encourage you to read about what is happening so discussions can occur with your child about what they have been doing. Our weekly curriculum floor book is displayed by the above the children's lockers.



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 Educators observe and reflect on the children's learning to build the curriculum with the children. 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:

You can join our **Governing Council** at any time throughout the year. Just come along to our meetings. Governing council is an important part of a preschool and assists the staff in making important decisions for the preschool including budget, excursions and policies. 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.
Without a Governing Council the Kindergarten would have to close.

FUNDRAISING:

We need to fundraise to cover costs of utilities, salaries and consumables.

The nature and frequency of the fundraiser is dependent on the decision of your elected Governing Council members. We need your commitment and support when a fundraising event is called. Support can take on many forms such as volunteering a couple of hours, making, donating, selling items.

A successful fundraiser helps to subsidise extra staff, excursions and more resources for your children.

REGULAR ATTENDANCE TO PRESCHOOL IS IMPORTANT!

We are staffed on attendance in the first 2 or 3 weeks of every term. If your child is away on a day in these weeks we cannot count them for staffing and risk losing staff. We are presently staffed on 1 staff to 10 children.

OTHER EDUCATION/HEALTH/CHILDREN'S SERVICES SALISBURY DOWNS (Riverview Preschool)

Riverview Preschool Occasional Care: 8281 7330 or 0438 738 942

Riverdale Primary School: 8281 7166

Riverdale/Happy Haven OSHC: 0410 674 975

PARENT CONCERNS:

As a staff team, our site prides ourselves in being available to talk 1:1, in a confidential manner on concerns that you may have regarding your child's or your time at kindergarten.

You may feel that we are too busy to talk to you – if this is the case we can make ourselves available to discuss matters upon a mutually agreed time during or after hours.

FINALLY –

Please feel free to talk to staff re any concerns, joys etc., you may have. It is our hope that the time you and your child spend at kindergarten will be enjoyable & rewarding for all.