



# Little Possums Early Years daycare + Kindy

## Information regarding our 3 year old Pre-Kindy program

### About

The 3 year old Pre-Kindy is run on a termly basis from Monday through to Friday and continues throughout the year. If you wish to permanently cancel your Kindy booking 1 weeks' notice is required. As the Pre-Kindy program does not operate in the school holidays any holiday bookings will need to be made before the end of each term.

If your child is unable to attend or it is a public holiday you will still be charged for this day and you are still able to claim CCS for up to 42 days of absence for your child per year (further information see the parent handbook).

There will be a maximum of 15 children in the kindy class when it is full, with 2 educators one of which is an Early Years Teacher.

The Pre-Kindy runs from 8.30am until 3.30pm, from 8.30am until 9am parents are able to either drop their children off or stay to settle them, this also gives families the opportunity to talk to the educators. The formal session begins at 9am so we ask all parents to have left by then.

We have found that separation anxiety during drop-off is made easier for the child if they do their "morning jobs" then the parent settles them into an activity, then says goodbye. Quick drop offs assist the children in settling with the educators much easier.

At the end of the day the door will open at approximately 3.20pm please be prompt with your pick up at the end of the day as we are only licensed until 3.30pm.

### Qikkids "My family lounge"

Each time your child attends the centre, please remember to sign them in and out by using the ipad in either the main or the Kindy foyer, this is a requirement of the Child Care Subsidy System, we also use this in an emergency evacuation situation.

Families are encouraged to log into "My family lounge app" through Qikkids, this app allows parents to view and receive daily journals, observations, and share stories with the educators. The daily journal is a snap shot of the activities and learning that children take part in throughout the day, we include a range of photos for your enjoyment.

## The Program

The Program is based on the children's interests and ideas, the basis of the program is "learning through play". The introduction of a wide range of activities, stories, songs, physical challenges, mathematical concepts, the arts and investigating the world around them drives the love of learning. We encourage confidence and being aware of others whilst respecting diversity is part of our everyday program.

By the end of your child's journey through our pre-kindy program they will have developed a wide range of knowledge and skills to give them the tools for the next step in their learning.

Portfolios - at the end of each term all the children's work will be sent home in a display book for you to look at and talk about with your child; please bring their display book back the following term so that the educators can continue to fill it as the year progresses.

## Housekeeping

Please remember to bring **two** pieces of fruit for your child for morning and afternoon tea, you can bring whole pieces or can be cut up and put in a named container. Also please remember that we are allergy aware in the centre so we would be grateful if you could avoid nuts and eggs in their lunch, eggs that are cooked in a cake is fine, but anything that is really "eggy" please avoid!

Each term a contribution of consumables either a box of tissues, packet of paper towels, toilet paper or any earths choice products would be greatly appreciated as we are a not for profit centre.

Parents/families are encouraged to be involved in the centre, if you have a special skill or a hobby that you would like to share with the children please let the educators know.

We do have rest/sleep time in the middle of the day, children are encouraged to rest their bodies whilst some will still sleep.

We do have facebook so please like us and see what exciting activities the children get up to in the day.

## Childcare Subsidy

If you are eligible for Child Care Subsidy (CCS) this will be paid directly to the service whilst your child is attending the centre, if you would like more information on claiming this please take a fact sheet from the foyer or visit the Department of Education and Training's website and follow the Childcare subsidy link.

More information is available in our Parent Handbook.