How can I help at kindergarten?

We encourage parents to be involved and participate at our Kindergarten. There are lots of ways you can be involved and help:

♦ Collect boxes for the children’s creative collage pieces
♦ Take the washing when your name is on the roster, if you are unable to help the week you are listed please speak to staff so we can adjust it.
♦ Help us maintain our beautiful garden by taking a turn, when your name comes up on the roster.
♦ Attend our working bees
♦ Support fundraising efforts (most important)
♦ Help out during session times doing things like cutting up materials, assisting children, reading stories, cooking, cleaning up at end of session, washing tables, etc.

Governing Council

This is made up of interested and committed volunteer parents who represent user groups of the centre. Eg kindergarten/ playgroup

We have two meetings per term. (times are set by the members)

The governing council discusses issues that arise eg services offered, financial matters and budget, building and ground maintenance, policies and fundraising issues and ideas. This is a great way to get to know other parents who are committed to making the kindergarten better for the children and have a little fun along the way. Parents on the governing council work for the mutual benefit of all the children and families involved.

South Australian State Schools Term Dates

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What services are offered at Banksia Park Kindergarten?

**Early Entry:** The Department of Education and Child Development has a policy for early entry into kindergarten for children with special needs. Please discuss your child’s particular needs with the Director so that a decision on early entry can be made.

Fees are $20.00 per term

**Pre-entry:** This is offered on a once a week basis for the term prior to your child’s commencement at full time kindergarten. Please see staff for session times as these may vary from term to term.

Fees are $20.00 per

**Kindergarten Sessions:** Children must be aged 4 years to begin full time kindergarten. They are entitled to have 4 terms of full time kindergarten (5 sessions a week) in the 12 months before they start school.

**Sessions Times:**
- Tuesday 9am—3pm
- Wednesday 9am—3pm
- Thursday 9am—12pm

Fees are $75.00 per term

**Playgroup:** Banksia Park Playgroup caters for children aged 0-4 years and is held weekly on Friday mornings from 9.00-11.30am. It is held at the kindergarten therefore having access to a large variety of facilities and equipment.

**Playgroup Assoc. Fees + Playgroup fees**
- $35.00 per year (per family)
- $15.00 per term
- $15.00 per term (one child)
- $20.00 per term (2 or more)

Health Screenings
These are held at various times during the year. You will be advised when your child is eligible by newsletter/letter.

What if someone different is picking up my child?
It is our policy that you must notify us when someone other than the parents are picking up the child. You need to write it down in the blue diary on the Sign In table underneath the children’s pockets. In an emergency, please telephone us and let us know who is picking up your child.

What happens if there is a fire?
We have an emergency evacuation procedure which is practiced once per term with the children. A warning whistle is used to assemble everyone at the double gates (leading into the school car park) where children, staff, parents and visitors can be accounted for and then move to a safe area. e.g., the school.

What does my child need to bring?
- A bag to keep their belongings in.
- A healthy snack e.g., fruit, vegetables, cheese, sultanas, pikets.
- Please provide a named water bottle. Water is available to children at all times. Please do not send cordial as it often spills, attracting ants & staining carpets, etc.
- A sun hat - board rimmed to protect ears & back of neck.
- Warm clothes /jacket in winter
- A change of clothes
- A bag to keep their belongings in.
- Please do not send your child in thongs as they are dangerous for climbing
- Dress your children appropriately, as sometimes kindy can get a bit messy. We do provide painting smocks.
- Unless it is your child’s turn to be the Special Person of the Week, please encourage your child to leave their toys at home as they may get lost or damaged, causing distress to your child.
- PLEASE NAME ALL BELONGINGS!!!!

How can I find out what is happening at kindergarten?
Each child has a named ‘pocket’ where we put newsletter, receipts and notes for parents and families. We regularly write newsletters informing parents of important dates coming up, curriculum news and other things that are happening in and around the kindergarten.