



# Wundowie Primary School

## Kindergarten 2023

### Parent Handbook



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2023 School Term dates for Kindergarten students		2023 School Term dates for PP to Year 6 Students	
<b>Term 1</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> of February to Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> of April	<b>Term 1</b>	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> of February to Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> of April
<b>Term 2</b>	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> of April to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> of June	<b>Term 2</b>	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> of April to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> of June
<b>Term 3</b>	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> of July to Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> of September	<b>Term 3</b>	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> of July to Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> of September
<b>Term 4</b>	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> of October to Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> of December	<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> of October to Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> of December

#### STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS (SDD):

School development days improve the learning of student outcomes by providing targeted professional learning activities aligned to our school's strategic directions and the department of Education WA's priorities.☺

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of January
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2023
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2023
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2023
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2023
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2023

#### Additional Information

We have also included information on the following topics:

- Letter and number formation
- Six steps to successful counting
- Help your child with reading
- Conquering WEES and POOS.
- #every-school-day-matters

# Welcome to Wundowie Kindergarten

Your child's time at Kindergarten establishes the foundation for his/her social adjustment and academic learning. The program taught in Kindy will be based on intentional (planned), and incidental (unplanned) learning through play. This will include teacher directed activities, free play, children's interests, and whole school activities. This promotes social, cognitive, physical and language development.

Please access our school website <https://www.wundowieps.wa.edu.au/> and Wundowie Primary School Facebook page to stay up to date.

*Times for Kindergarten on Wednesday and Friday are 8.50am to 3:00pm.*

*Times for Kindergarten on Thursday is 8.50am to 2:40pm. **EARLY CLOSE***

## Tips for an Easy Transition to Starting Kindy

- Come to the school's Kindy Orientation Play Day for children on **Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:40 to 11:30.**
- Allow your child to develop some independence so they can start Kindy confidently.
- Practise getting dressed, putting jumpers on and off, putting on shoes and handwashing.
- Toileting (see Conquering Wees and Poos)
- Practise drawing and colouring and cutting.
- Sing songs that involve counting or rhyming.
- Talk about colours and shapes.
- Talk with your child about the things that have happened during the day.
- Read lots of books together.
- Meet up with parents and new friends from your child's Kindy.
- Let your child help label their Kindy items — school bag, lunch box, water bottle, hat, jumper. This will help them become familiar with their belongings.
- Talk to your child about feelings and discuss how they might feel on their first day.

## On Your First Day

- Your child can hang their bag on a hook outside the classroom and bring their hat and water bottle inside.
- Come into the classroom with your child and help them settle
- Confidently say goodbye and reassure your child that they are going to have a great day and you can't wait to hear all about it when you pick them up.
- As emotional as this first goodbye is, this will really help your child.

## Your Child at Kindergarten

### ❖ Attendance

Your child's regular attendance at Kindy is **CRUCIAL** to their success. Most Kindy experiences are group-oriented and involve interaction with classmates. Students who miss days of Kindy may have difficulty adjusting to routines and expectations and will miss vital steps in their learning.

See "every-school-day-matters" postcard.

### ❖ Birthdays

We love to celebrate birthdays at Kindy. You are welcome to send along **small cupcakes** to help us celebrate with your child. Please check with your child's teacher about food allergies.

### ❖ Change of Details

Please notify the school office of any change of address, telephone number or emergency contact (a vital piece of information) and let us know if you are leaving the area. Information will only be provided to people that you have placed on the school's system.

### ❖ Delivering and Collecting Children

- Class doors open at 8:40am. Please supervise your child until we open the door. Children can play/run on the grass while waiting.
- At the beginning and end of every day please allow your child to sort their things out. By doing the simple things like hanging up and collecting their own bag, children develop responsibility, independence, and confidence.
- If anyone other than yourself will be collecting your child, and they are not on the collection list please notify the school. Without your permission we cannot dismiss your child.
- If for some reason you need to collect your child early, you will be required to sign them out through the school office. Without a permission slip we cannot dismiss your child.



### ❖ Illness

If your child is sick, please keep them home until they are well enough to return to school.

**Medical Conditions requiring action plans or long-term medication** If your child has a severe medical condition, a Health Care Plan (available from the school office) must be completed to provide us with valuable information, should an emergency arise. If you have any concerns that staff should know about, don't hesitate to talk to your child's teacher about them.

### ❖ Uniform

Kindergarten students are expected to wear school uniform, which is available for purchase from our uniform shop, please ask the office for opening hours. Wearing uniforms encourages children to develop a stronger concept of group identity.

### ❖ Personal Items List

A personal items list will be sent home. Please bring your child's equipment on the first day of school. Please label your child's items.

## ❖ Parent Participation

We welcome parents to come into Kindergarten on parent roster from the beginning of term 2. Please sign in at the front office to receive your Volunteer Slip before coming to the classroom.

When on roster, you are encouraged to play and work with your child and their friends. You may be asked to help the teachers with different activities. The roster system gives parents the opportunity to meet staff, other parents and see their child interacting within a group. **PLEASE NOTE:** When you are in the room, information learnt from working with students is confidential.

Parents are a wonderful resource that we hope to use in as many ways as possible. If you have a hobby that you can share with us (such as cooking, dancing, music, pottery etc.) or just simply enjoy children's company, we would love to hear from you.

## ❖ What to Bring

**A large bag**— big enough to collect treasures and works of art. Please make sure your child can do it up and undo it.

**A school bucket hat**— to wear outside. No caps, please. The school policy is "No Hat — No Play in the Sun" for terms 1 & 4.

**Crunch and Sip**— a healthy snack (fruit or vegetables only).

**Recess and Lunch**— please clearly label all containers. Heating and cooling facilities are not available for children's lunches. Please put an ice block in your child's lunchbox if their food needs to stay cool.



**Shoes**—the best type of footwear for Kindy activities are joggers. Students in Kindy have not fully developed their fine motor skills yet, therefore tying laces can be difficult. It is advised that children wear Velcro shoes as they are emptied after outdoor play.

**Water Bottle**— will be kept inside during the day, so that children always have access to drinking water. Please clearly label the bottle with your child's name.

## ❖ Writing

If your child is interested in writing, you can assist them by using the correct lettering. Upper case letters are easier to write but should only be used to start a name with the others being in lower case. Attached is a copy of NSW foundation font, which we encourage the children to use. Whenever you write something for your child, it would help if you could use this style of writing. It is also important that children are helped to hold writing tools correctly whenever they draw or write. Please see us if you are unsure about the correct grip/hold.

