

Parent Information

Carey Park Primary School



Kindergarten 2023

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to Carey Park Primary School. We hope that the upcoming year will be a rewarding experience for both you and your child.

As parents, you are your child's first teachers. Your participation in the program is highly valued, not least by your child, and it is an integral part of our school life.

Education is a three-way partnership between the school, the parents and the student. We will be working together to build a happy and positive environment in which to educate your child. It is important for us to keep in constant contact so we can provide the best possible outcomes for your child.

We hope the information in this booklet gives you a clear outline of things you might like to know for the year. We will be having a parent meeting early in the school year to give you more detail about our program.

Have a wonderful year.

Phil Greenmount
Principal



Carey Park Primary School Expectations

- Challenge *We strive for improvement in a safe, supportive and positive environment.*
- Achieve *We set goals and strive to do our best.*
- Respect *We treat ourselves, others and the environment with care & consideration*
- Encourage *We have a positive approach to learning and encourage it in others*

Term Dates 2023

Term 1:	Wednesday 1 st February – Thursday 6 th April
Term 2:	Wednesday 26 th April - Friday 30 th June
Term 3	Tuesday 18 th July - Friday 22 nd September
Term 4	Tuesday 10 th October - Thursday 14 th December

*These are tentative dates that **may** change before the end of 2021

Kindergarten Hours

KINDY A	KINDY B
Monday: 8.40am – 3.00 pm	Tuesday: 8.40am – 2.30 pm (each alternate week – even weeks)
Tuesday: 8.40am – 2.30 pm (each alternate week – odd weeks)	Wednesday: 8.40am – 3.00 pm
Thursday: 8.40am – 3.00 pm	Friday: 8.40am – 3.00 pm

Contact Details

School Phone Number	08 9796 2900	
School Website	www.careyparkps.wa.edu.au	
School Email	CareyPark.PS@education.wa.edu.au	
Principal	Phil Greenmount	phillip.greenmount@education.wa.edu.au
Deputy Principal	Kelly Dillon	kelly.dillon@education.wa.edu.au
Kindy Teacher	Jill Miller	jill.miller@education.wa.edu.au

Voluntary Contributions (Payable at School Office)

- Voluntary Contributions:
\$30.00 - 1 Child, **\$50.00** - 2 Children, **\$70.00** - 3 Children, **\$90.00** - 4 or more Children
- All fees are payable by EFTPOS, Cash, Cheque or Direct Deposit.

Starting Kindergarten

- Welcome! The school and staff welcome you and your family to the Carey Park Primary School Kindergarten. Our Kindergarten is an exciting place. We endeavour to provide a happy and stimulating environment whereby children can learn and develop at their own rate, through play. Staff encourage the children to explore, discover, improvise, create, question, discuss and build. Above all your teacher wants to encourage in your child a lifelong interest in learning.

Being involved

- Your child will participate in a programme structured to teach through play. Some of the most important things they will learn to share and join in group activities which are geared to their age and stage of development. Parents on roster are welcome to assist and participate in activities.



Communications

- The school will send newsletters home (one per family) each fortnight. In addition, please download the **PBIS Rewards Family** App, which will allow the school to keep you up to date with current events.

Birthdays

- We are always pleased to help your child celebrate their special day. You are welcome to send along cupcakes or a simple cake enough for the group to share. Please don't send elaborate cakes, lollies, cheezles etc.

Settling in Hints

- For the first week:
- On arrival sit and do an activity with your child.
- Be prepared to stay with your child for as long as necessary.
- Kiss and leave your child with reassurance that you will be back at the end of the day.



Duty Roster

- Place your name on the roster calendar to do parent help.
- Younger siblings are welcome with the rostered parent but must remain the parent's responsibility.

Play is a child's work

- Play is a powerful and natural way for children to learn. Through play children develop physically, socially, emotionally and cognitively (intelligence).
- Play involves climbing, making cubbies, dressing up, pretending, dancing, writing, counting, doing puzzles, drawing, reading, imagining, building things, making choices, exploring materials, testing ideas, developing confidence and so much more.

Tips on helping your child

- Make learning fun. Follow your child's interests and choices – and build on them.
- Read books with your child.
- Allow time for your child to solve problems and repeat things.
- Listen to your child and give them a voice.
- Be positive, patient and supportive.



For more information about Kindergarten: www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsandyou

What to Wear to School

- Children in Kindy may wear school uniform if you wish. A Uniform Shop is on the school site and run by the P & C. Opening times will be determined towards the end of the year. In the meantime, if wanting to purchase uniforms please see administration. New and second hand uniforms can be purchased although stock is limited on second hand uniforms.
- Carey Park has a “NO HAT - NO PLAY” policy in Terms 1 and 4. This means no hat, no outside play in full sun. Please make sure a hat with a broad brim is kept in your child’s bag every day with a change of clothes (including underwear) in case of an accident or wet play.
- Please send your child with shoes they can manage to put on and remove independently. We recommend Velcro fastened shoes with good tread to prevent slips. Shoes are removed daily to assist children to climb safely. Please LABEL all removable clothing with your child’s name.



Attendance

- Kindergarten learning is planned following the Early Years Learning Framework and the WA curriculum. **While it is not compulsory to enrol your child into Kindy, it is compulsory for them to attend once they are enrolled.**
- Please inform the school on the first day of any absence by giving a reason for the absence and a likely date of return. You can use a range of options to do this, including: Using the PBIS App; Contacting the school via telephone: **9796 2900**; Calling in at the school office; Speaking with your child’s teacher; Sending a note to the teacher or the school office; OR providing a medical certificate or doctor’s note.
- We realise that children often want to come in spite of how they feel, but please, for their sake, keep them at home.
- In an effort to prevent the possible spread of head lice, long hair should be tied back. An information sheet on head lice is available at the school office.

Emergency Numbers

- It is very important that you provide **at least two** local emergency contact numbers for your child so that if anything does happen we can contact someone. It’s upsetting for children whose parents cannot be contacted when they are unwell or have had a toileting accident.
- **Please keep these numbers up to date. Let the front office know of all new details.**

Ambulance Policy

- The school will always attempt to contact the parents. If the school judges that professional care is **urgently** required, the school will call for an ambulance immediately. Parents should assume that the school will put the needs of the child first and always seek professional assistance if this appears warranted. Parents will be responsible for paying the cost of the ambulance call-out. Any parent who is uneasy about the above policy must provide the school with written advice about how they want the school to respond in the event of a serious injury to their child.

Arrivals and Departure

- It is Department of Education policy that kindergarten and pre-primary children be escorted to the teacher at the commencement of the session and collected from the teacher at the end of the session by an **adult**. We are not permitted to allow kindergarten or pre-primary children to walk to or from pre-primary or kindergarten by themselves.
- If you wish another adult to collect your child, please notify us in writing. As we have a duty of care for your children, there can be **no exceptions** to this.
- *Young children become distressed if they are left waiting for parents and especially if they are always the last to be collected. If for any reason you are going to be late, please let us know so that we can tell your child. Please sign out and collect a collection slip at the office before collecting your child.*

Student Requirements

- Children are asked to bring:
 - ✓ A piece of fruit each day to eat at fruit time (bananas, apples, oranges, kiwi fruit, rockmelon, etc.), also celery, capsicum, carrot, sugar snap peas etc. are great to eat.
 - ✓ A school bag to take work home
 - ✓ A brimmed hat
 - ✓ A bottle of water
 - ✓ A change of clothes including underwear in a plastic bag



Everything needs to be labelled clearly with your child’s name.

- Our curriculum aims to encourage children to make healthy food choices.
- To reinforce this, we would like parents to provide children with a nutritional lunch e.g. sandwiches, quiche, rice or plain crackers with a small yoghurt or a piece of fruit, or pieces of cheese, crackers, diced vegies or meat slices.

Please do not provide lollies, cakes, biscuits or chocolates.

Parent Participation Roster

- Students benefit greatly with additional adults in the class, making it as wide and varied as possible. In order for all families to be involved once or twice a term, a roster will be made and displayed shortly after the beginning of the year.
- When on roster the duties are:
 - ✓ Playing with your child and others
 - ✓ Guiding groups of children to complete an activity
 - ✓ Learning how games and activities are taught by staff
- Children love learning, and can be especially pleased to share family expertise, if you, your friends or relatives have any skills or hobbies they would like to share with the children please let us know and so we may include them in our program.



In Conclusion

- Please bear in mind that your child may be very tired after his/her first days at Kindy and often needs a little more attention and understanding than usual.
- Talk about the work your child brings home in an encouraging way. Be patient, his/her first efforts may not be as expected. No adult is allowed to alter a child's hard work - if we do the work for them, they will never learn for themselves.
- Please feel free to come and discuss any aspect of your child's work or development, or the program with the staff. You can also make an appointment to see us for a confidential discussion time. Your suggestions will always be welcome. If we work together we can make this an exciting year for you and your child.
- Please consider joining our P & C to help organize fundraising so that we may continually update play equipment for your children's benefit and use.
- Newsletters will be sent home during the year keeping you informed of what is happening at the Centre. All parents of kindergarten students receive the newsletter, which is distributed fortnightly to the oldest member of the family. In addition, check out the school Website for other relevant information.

How to install the PBIS Rewards App

Instructions for parents



For Apple Users

- From your iPhone/iPad, Go to the Apple App Store and search for "**PBIS Rewards Family**".
- Download the free **PBIS Rewards Family** App.
- Open the App, and then scan your child's **QR Code** that their teacher will give you, and you're ready to go!
- Don't forget to "allow notifications".



For Google Android Users

- From your Android device, ensure you have an account in the Google Play Store.
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- Download the free "**PBIS Rewards Family**" App
- Open the App, and then scan your child's **QR Code** that their teacher will give you, and you're ready to go!
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