Kindergarten Groups
The Kindergarten children are divided into 3 groups; Red group, Green group and Blue group.

Red and Blue Group
The red and blue group are located at the off-site Kindergarten centre.
Teacher Miss Sarah Bye
Assistant Mrs. Charmaine Regan (Red)
TBA (Blue)

Green Group
The green group is located on the Rosalie PS campus.
Teacher Mrs. Tiki Kelsey
Assistant Mrs. Angela Delabosca

Other Important Staff Members
Principal Mrs. Su Goddard
Assistant Principals Mrs. Helen Krynen and Mrs. Judy Gildersleeve
Registrar Mrs. Julie Keating

Session Times
The first 2 weeks are half days (8.45am-11.20am) to allow your child to get used to attending school and to ensure they have a positive kindergarten experience!

WEEKS 1-2
Red Group Monday & Thursday 8.45-11.20
Blue Group Tuesday & Friday 8.45-11.20
Green Group Tuesday & Thursday 8.45-11.20

WEEK 3 ONWARDS
Red Group- Monday & Thursday 8.45-2.55
Blue Group- Tuesday & Friday 8.45-2.55
Green Group- Tuesday & Thursday 8.45-2.55

Wednesday is a non-contact day and staff use this time for planning, preparation and collaboration.
The First Day

What to bring:
- Bag - with piece of fruit and spare change of clothes.
- Hat
- Cup

Arrival & Collection

√ The front doors open at 8.45am.
√ You and your child will be welcomed on arrival, after this, place your fruit in the fruit bowl near the entrance.
√ Help your child find their bag hook, and remind them where the toilets are.
√ Badge - we have made a badge for your child to wear at Kindy. This is a great opportunity to practise name recognition when finding their badge in the morning.
√ Please only have a quick tour with your child, then children need to choose to either read a book or do a puzzle with their parents. This is how we will be starting for the rest of the year and gives the children ownership of their Kindy by working with you and showing you what they have read lately.
√ Please remember that we are trying to encourage independence at Kindy so let your child carry their own bag, put their fruit in the bowl and have a go at finding their name badge.
√ When the bell rings please take the time to have a quick kiss and cuddle good-bye with your child and leave by the front entrance.
√ Please do not linger as this can upset some children and make it harder for them to settle into the daily routine. Most children will settle quickly but if not, we will call you.
√ When collecting your child arrive through the back gate and wait outside for your child to be sent out. We like to send the children out one at a time so we have the opportunity to say good-bye and praise each child individually while encouraging good use of eye contact.
√ Remember pick up time 11.20am (2.55pm full days).
**Parent Roster**
The parent roster will go up soon for those keen to come in and help. We will not be starting the roster until week seven of first term to ensure the children are settled. Parent duty finishes at 11.00am. The rosters have been split into groups for your ease, and we only require parent helpers in the morning. As we generally plan for your being here, we would appreciate it if you could advise us if you cannot make it on the day. We are always happy to have a grandparent on duty!

**Collection Notification**
The ‘Collection Notification Book’- there is a book near the parent roster board that needs to be filled out if someone other than a parent is picking up your child. If it is an ongoing arrangement you can write a letter instead, giving that person permission to pick up your child.

**School Supplies**
- Label all personal items- bag, hat, clothing, cup, blanket and pillow. Also label A3 folders, however all other booklist items will be communal. Ensure you show your child what their cup, blanket and pillow look like as we are trying to encourage independence.
- Please don’t bring school supplies until week 2 as the first week can be a bit hectic.
- Please pack a spare change of clothes in your child’s bag at all times of the year as toileting and water play accidents do occur.
- School Bags- Ideal school bags are ones that are large and roomy.
- Blankets need to be no bigger than 1.5m². Also a small cushion will help your child feel more comfortable as they rest.
- Clothing and footwear should be unrestricted and appropriate for climbing.

Please remember that the children will be participating in messy fun, like making mud cakes in the sandpit, please keep this in mind so a favourite dress or fairy costume is not damaged.
Special Occasions
- Birthdays- you are more than welcome to bring a cake in for your child’s birthday so we can help celebrate the special day and sing happy birthday.
- If there is a special cultural celebration that your family participates in and you would like to share it with the class we would be delighted for you to join us in a kindy session.

Treasures from Home
- Please do not allow your child to wear jewellery, as it is very upsetting for them to lose precious things in the sandpit (although it makes good treasure hunting for pirates).
- We have many exciting activities and equipment for the children to use at kindy so please do not allow your child to bring in toys from home. A soft comfort toy will be allowed for rest time only.

Sunsafe
- Sunscreen is available near the parent roster board for you to apply to your child on arrival.
- Sunscreen will be applied to children by staff before playing in the sun.

Fruit Time
- Children need to bring a piece of fruit, vegetables, crackers or cheese for ‘morning tea’. This food is shared to foster a social atmosphere. Please inform your child that this food will be shared with their peers.

Important Information
- Please complete and return the Questionnaires ASAP as these will be used in planning and provide necessary information about each child.
- Informing us of allergies, dietary restrictions, concerns and special family circumstances is very important.

My Day at Kindy
- 8.45-8.55 Arrival
- Books and Puzzles with Parents
- 8.55-9.20 Mat session
- Greeting song
- Discussion on theme/ topic/Literacy focus
- 9.20-10.10 Inside Learning Experience
- Examples of experiences:
  - Box construction
  - Home corner- dramatic play
  - Drawing/writing table- pre-writing skills
  - Mat construction- blocks, mobilo, lego etc
  - Table top activities- fine motor
  - Adult lead board games or activity
  - Letter themed activity
-SMART board activities
-Cooking
-Free play

10.10-10.20  Tidy Time
10.20-10.30  Mat- songs, rhymes &/or Numeracy focus
10.30-10.35  Wash hands- Fruit time transition
10.35-10.45  Fruit Time
10.45-11.45  Outside Learning Experience

Examples of experiences:
- Sand Play
- Water Play
- Teaching of Fundamental Movement Skills
- Obstacle course
- Self selected equipment and play
- Organised group games

11.45-12.00  News

12.00-1.30  Lunch, Books and Puzzles and Rest
            Rest time- music and audio stories
1.30-1.35   Free Dance
1.35-1.45   Mat session- Science or Mathematics
1.45-2.25   Mathematics or Science activity and free play
2.25-2.35   Tidy Time
2.35-2.50   Story and songs
2.50-2.55   Get ready for home time- dismissal

**Illness and Accidents**
Please keep your child home if unwell to help curb the spread of infection. Parents or caregivers will be telephoned to collect their child if they become ill during the kindergarten session.

Please check your child’s hair for head lice regularly and treat if necessary. If you find head lice keep your child home until treated. Information is available at the kindergarten centre about head lice and treatments.

If an accident occurs during the kindergarten session it will be recorded in an accident book and the parents or caregivers will be notified when collecting the child. If the accident is of a serious nature the parent or caregiver will be telephoned.

**Medication**
If your child requires medication during school time you need to contact the school and provide written directions. If your child suffers serious medical issues the school will create an emergency action plan in the case of a medical emergency.
**Bike Rack**
Please bring a lock for your child’s bike or scooter to ensure they are not stolen. Bikes and scooters cannot be stored inside.

**News**
News will commence late term one. A ‘news plan’ will be sent home to complete with your child and can act as a guide on the day if needed (please bring in you child’s ‘news plan’ on the day).

Your child will share news every third/fourth week and their news date will be on the news plan.

We are trying to encourage:

- Willingness to participate
- Covering the areas of who, what, when, where & why.
- Speaking clearly
- Speaking loudly
- Using eye contact with the audience
- Responding to questions
- Listening when others are speaking

Your child’s news does not need to be about a major event like a holiday. It may be about going to the park/library with their grandparents/friends/cousins. An object or photograph can assist the news telling.

**Phonics Program**
We will commence our phonics program in Term 2. Every week we will focus on a new letter sound.

**Reporting**
A Term 1 feedback sheet will be sent home on the last day of the term. This will include information about how your child is settling into Kindergarten life. A portfolio will be sent home at the end of Term 2 and 4 and will include information about how your child is progressing.

**Parent Committee 2012**
Both the Kindergarten and Pre-Primary centres at Rosalie are fortunate to have a very efficient Parent Committee, a sub-committee of the school’s P&C Association, which overseas financial matters and contributes to the smooth running of all centres.

Details of the first committee meeting for 2012 will be advertised as soon as the date is set. All parents are very welcome to attend. You don’t have to be on the committee, but this is an opportunity to meet other new parents and become involved in your school.

We can’t wait to see you and your child!