

Kindergarten Information Booklet 2022



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♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

2021 Kindergarten Staff

Kindy Maali Blue

Teacher - Mrs Nikki Bryant

Located at Rosalie Primary School Offsite Centre
334 Onslow Road, Shenton Park (behind the Child Health Clinic)



Kindy Maali Red

Teacher - Mrs Ailsa Carruthers

Located at Rosalie Primary School Offsite Centre
334 Onslow Road, Shenton Park (behind the Child Health Clinic)



Kindy Djiti Djiti Green

Teacher – Mrs Suzie Oliver

Located at Early Childhood Onsite Centre
Rosalie Primary School
101 Onslow Road, Shenton Park



School Administration Staff

Principal

Mrs Ros Kay

Associate Principal

Mrs Robyn Crump

Associate Principal

Mr Chris Nener

Manager of Corporate Services

Mrs Julie Keating

Term Dates for Students 2022



Semester 1

Term 1 Monday 31 January – Friday 8 April

Term 2 Tuesday 26 April – Friday 1 July

Semester 2

Term 3 Tuesday 19 July – Friday 23 September

Term 4 Tuesday 11 October – Thursday 15 December

School Development Days 2022 (Students do not attend)

Term 1 Tuesday 27 January – Friday 28 January (School office is open these days)

Term 2 Friday 27 May

Term 3 Monday 18 July

Term 4 Monday 10 October and Friday 16 December

Your Child's First Day

Please pack the following items for Kindy:

- **Water bottle** labelled with your child's name
- A piece of **fruit** for the morning in a labelled container.
- **Lunch** – Rosalie PS promotes healthy lunch boxes packed into a labelled container.
- **Broad-brimmed hat** with your child's name visibly labelled. A school-supplied Green, Red or Blue hat will be provided to help with playground supervision when at the onsite playground.
- **Spare clothes:** Please pack a change of named clothing for water play or toileting accidents.
- A **labelled backpack** that is large and roomy enough to fit a lunch box, water bottle, hat and spare clothing
- A small labelled **pillow**, no more than 30cm x30cm (to be stored at Kindy)



PLEASE LABEL ALL PERSONAL ITEMS INCLUDING HATS AND SCHOOL CLOTHING. Please also ensure your child can recognise their water bottle and pillow as we are trying to encourage independence.

Arrival time at Kindy Classroom doors open at 8:45am

- Help your child find their **bag hook** and remind them where the **toilets** are.
- Help your child to place their **water bottle** on the tray near the exit / entrance.
- We have made a badge for your child to wear at Kindy. Please help your child to find their **badge**. (This is a great opportunity to practise their name recognition)
- Please help to encourage **independence** with the expectation that your child will carry their own **bag**, put out their **water bottle** and 'have a go' at finding their name **badge**.
- Please only take a quick tour with your child before they choose either to read a book or attempt a puzzle.
- **Children should not play at the learning stations during this time.**

Saying bye to your child at Kindy

When the bell rings, please take the time to have a quick goodbye kiss and cuddle before leaving through the front entrance. Please remember that most children do settle quickly into the classroom once you have left and that we will call you if there are any concerns.

Kindy Session Times – 9.00am to 3.00pm

Kindy Djiti Djiti **Green** & Kindy Maali **Blue** Monday, Tuesday, alternate Wednesday
Kindy Maali **Red** Thursday, Friday, alternate Wednesday
(See back of this booklet for further clarification)

	Kindergarten	Pre-primary to Year 6
Classrooms Open	8.45am	8:35am
School Commences	9:00am	8.50am
School Finishes	3.00pm	3.10pm

School Resources



You will be provided with a school resource list for purchase from Campion book sellers. The 'Parents to Supply' items can be purchased from your local supermarket. Please bring these items into school during **Week 2**.



Collection from School

Kindy Maali (Red and Blue)

Please come through the side gate, located between Onslow Road and Evans Street. This is opened each afternoon.

Kindy Djiti Djiti (Green)

Please wait outside the classroom for your child to be dismissed into your care.

Please be patient at the end of the school day as children will be dismissed one at a time so we have the opportunity to say goodbye and individually praise each child, whilst encouraging good use of eye contact. Please ensure children are brought to the classroom and promptly collected from the school by a responsible adult over the age of 18.

Collection Notification Book

If someone, **other than a parent**, is picking up your child, please ensure that this has been previously noted in the **Collection Notification Book** (found near the classroom entrance). If it is an ongoing arrangement, please write a letter to the school, giving that person permission to pick up your child.



Early Childhood Philosophy

Our **Early Childhood philosophy** at Rosalie Primary School is to welcome young children into a learning community where they feel valued and safe. We aim to inspire passionate and resilient learners, combining directed play-based learning and intentional teaching methods. We extend and enrich our students' love of learning in partnership with parents and the broader community. Our children's developing knowledge of the world motivates them to care and nurture their environment and community in a lifelong sustainable way.

Kindergarten Program

Kindergarten programs at Rosalie follow the **Early Years Learning Framework** and the **Western Australian Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines**, which have been developed by experienced child educators and focus on providing **play-based** learning opportunities. We endeavour to provide activities and environments that meet the **National Quality Standards** as outlined by the Federal Government.

Learning through Play

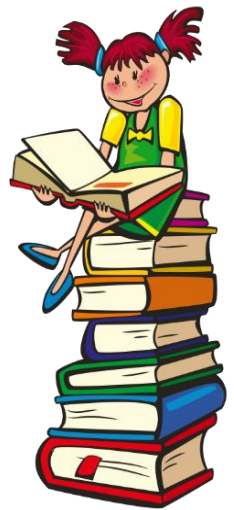
Children learn so much through play. It allows them to explore, discover, negotiate, take risks, create meaning and solve problems – all the important foundations for developing literacy, numeracy and social skills. It is central to the Australian Government's Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and is a focus of the WA Director General's Focus document where schools are encouraged to 'emphasise the role of play-based learning in a balanced curriculum for Kindergarten and Pre-primary students'.



While it may sound simple and easy, play-based learning is a complex form of natural enquiry that requires an experienced educator who knows each child's overall development, emerging strengths and interests. Through play-based learning, skilled educators can introduce and reinforce concepts we want children to learn in a way that engages each child's interests. Play based learning capitalises on children's natural sense of inquiry and discovery through hands-on exploration of the world around them. Our Kindy educators embed elements of teaching and learning within the play experiences that children are interested in and naturally drawn to – and therefore more likely to stay engaged with. This is why the educator has to know each individual child well, to know what they are interested in and how each child learns best.

Learning Experiences

- **Learning through play** – A variety of puzzles, manipulatives, dress-ups and creative stimuli are provided to encourage interactive, cooperative and imaginative play.
- **Books** - Children are able to read with their parents on arrival and during free play.
- **Outdoor play** - Both Kindergarten locations have a variety of fixed outdoor play equipment, which is supplemented daily with tricycles, scooters, buckets and spades, etc.
- **Box construction** - Cardboard boxes, tubes, cards etc. are ideal for making things - so please don't throw them away! We teach the 3Rs: **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle** and like to practise what we preach. Please look for signs on the noticeboards for special items that we would appreciate your help in collecting.



Reporting to Parents

At the end of each semester (Term 2 and Term 4) a written report using the Department of Education's template will be provided to parents. Teachers are available for parent interviews at any time during the term at your request.

Oral Language

We encourage all children to speak in front of the class as they become more comfortable and familiar with their classmates. If your child wishes to share a special event, please inform their classroom teacher. Our goal is to encourage appropriate speaking and listening skills, while supporting students to develop their descriptive language and questioning abilities. We focus on **Who, What, When, Where, Why** and **How** during a range of oral language tasks. We also ask families to consider the items packed for our oral language activities and request that children leave toys and valuables at home.

Morning Fruit

Each session, children need to bring a piece of **fruit or vegetable** for the morning. This needs to be in a labelled container. Please ensure you send fruit or vegetables that you know your child will eat, and refrain from sending biscuits or muesli bars during this time. We would appreciate your assistance in encouraging children to establish healthy eating habits.

Healthy Lunch

A healthy lunch should be brought to school. We encourage a quiet eating time. Please limit the treats you send for your child. Rosalie Primary School is an **ALLERGY AWARE** school, please support us and provide a nut-free environment. Please encourage your child to wash their hands after every meal as this will be important at school each day. This is especially important if there are any children with allergies in your child's class. Wherever possible, we encourage children to bring their lunch in recyclable containers to reduce our carbon footprint. Thank you for your support.



Rest Time

Rest time is a quiet time between lunch and our afternoon activities when children may lay down and close their eyes, listen to a story, 'read' or complete a puzzle.

Parent Roster



A parent roster will begin in the second half of Term 1, once the children have settled into Kindy routines. Parent or grandparent helpers are asked to stay until approximately 10.30am, when children go outside for morning tea. Please notify us if you are unable to attend so that we may adjust our program.

Special Occasions



Birthdays: You are more than welcome to bring in a small treat so we can help to celebrate your child's birthday. We usually sing 'Happy Birthday' just before morning tea and the child shares their treat after eating fruit. If you wish to join us at this time, you are more than welcome.

Other Celebrations: If there is a special cultural celebration in which your family participates and you would like to share it with the class, we would be delighted to celebrate this with you. Please speak to your child's classroom teacher.

Clothing



Clothing and footwear worn to Kindy should be unrestrictive and appropriate for climbing and getting dirty. Children will be participating in messy fun, such as making mud cakes in the sandpit. Kindy T-shirts are designed early in the year and are available to purchase. There is no need to buy a Rosalie school uniform at this stage, unless you wish to.

Spare clothes and a hat should be packed each day. Please remember to check these throughout the year as your child grows and as the seasons change. We do have a limited supply of spare clothing at Kindy.

Treasures from Home

We have many exciting activities and lots of equipment for the children to use at Kindy. It is good for your child to play with different toys and activities at Kindy than those they have at home, so we encourage children to leave their own toys at home. We ask that children do not wear jewellery to Kindy as it is very upsetting for them to lose precious things in the sandpit.

Bike Racks



Bikes and scooters cannot be stored inside the classroom. Please place on the bike racks and use a lock if your child rides a bike or scooter to school.

Staff Car Park

The staff car parks are for teaching staff and Health Department staff only. The **car parks should not be used by parents, grandparents or babysitters** during Kindy drop off and pick up times. For safety purposes, please do not use the on-site car park as a short cut when walking your child into or from the school.

P&C Committee (Parents & Citizens)

Rosalie Primary School is fortunate to have a very effective P&C. The Kindy and Pre-primary have their own sub-committee which you are encouraged to join. These meetings provide a great opportunity to meet other new parents and are a wonderful way to become involved in the school. All welcome!

Early Childhood Profile



Every child is unique. Each one has a special set of qualities and skills, and brings their own blend of experiences and perspectives to their learning. Our educators create a unique learning program for your child, designed to bring out the best in their emerging competencies, interests and strengths. To help your child's teacher individualise learning experiences to better suit your child's culture, interests, abilities and learning style we ask that you please return the Early Childhood Profile as soon as possible to the school.

Informing us of allergies, dietary restrictions, concerns and special family circumstances is also extremely important.

School Communication

Newsletters

Newsletters are an important way of communicating with all parents and caregivers. They are sent to parents via the school 'Connect' group and may also be viewed by accessing the Connect Library. Newsletters provide up to date information on school, P&C and community activities. **The deadline for articles to be included is midday on Tuesday of the newsletter week.** Printed copies of the newsletter are available from the school office.

Calendar of Events

A term planner is distributed each term via Connect and is available to view in the Connect Library.

Adhoc Notes

A number of notes may still be distributed by teachers. Please check your child's bag on a regular basis.

Health and Safety

Sun Protection

- Rosalie Primary School is a SunSmart school and we promote the wearing of a **broad brimmed hat** when playing outside.
- Please apply **sunscreen** to your child each morning before they arrive at school.
- **Sunscreen** is also provided by our wonderful P&C and is available at the class entrance.
- Please advise staff if your child is sensitive to standard sunscreen and supply your own for reapplication throughout the day.



Illness

We appreciate you keeping your child home when they are unwell to help curb the spread of infection. We ask that you inform the school if your child will be (or has been) absent through our SMS notifications using the number 0447 925 809. Parents or caregivers will be telephoned to collect their child if they become ill during the school day.

Accidents

If a minor accident occurs at Kindergarten, parents and caregivers will be notified when collecting their child in the afternoon. If the accident is of a serious nature, the parent or caregiver will be telephoned at the time of the incident and an Accident Report Form will be completed by the teacher.

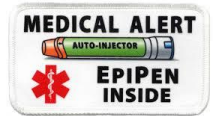


Head Lice

Please regularly check your child's hair for head lice and treat if necessary. If you find head lice, please advise the school and keep your child home until the hair is treated. A head lice fact sheet is available from the school office.

Medication

- If your child suffers from a medical condition, you will be asked to complete an **Emergency Action Plan** for staff to follow in the case of a medical emergency. This is part of the enrolment process.
- The class teacher and school administration must be advised of any changes to medical conditions as they arise.
- If your child requires medication during school hours you will need to contact the school and complete an **Administration of Medication** form.
- If required, parents must supply an **Epipen** or **Ventolin Puffer** for use by their child during the school day. This is stored at the school and requires regular replacement, so please check your child's is not 'Out of Date' before sending it to school.



A Typical Day At Kindy

8.45 - 9.00 am

9.00 - 9.30 am

9.30 - 10.30 am



10.30 - 10.45 am

10.45 - 11.00 am

11.00 - 11.30 am

Arrival - Books and puzzles with my parents

Mat session - Greeting song and welcome time

Inside Learning Experiences – Literacy & numeracy focus

- E.g.
- 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 literacy games



Tidy Time Transition/Wash hands

Morning Fruit

Outside Learning Experiences

- E.g.
- Sand Play
 - Water Play
 - Fundamental Movement Skills
 - Obstacle course



11.30 - 12.30 pm

12.30 - 1.00 pm

1.00 - 1.30 pm

1.30 - 1.45 pm

1.45 - 2.20 pm

2.20 - 2.30 pm

2.30 - 2.50 pm

2.50 - 3.00 pm

Mat songs, rhymes

Lunch

Free Play Outdoors

Rest time - music and audio stories

Integrated curriculum activities Gross Motor/Free play

Tidy Time

News Telling/Story Reading comprehension/songs

Prepare for home time – Dismissal

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		25 January School Office Open	26 January Australia Day	27 January School Devmt Day	28 January School Devmt Day
1	31 January Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	1 February Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	2 February Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	3 February Kindy Maali Red	4 February Kindy Maali Red
2	7 February Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	8 February Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	9 February Kindy Maali Red	10 February Kindy Maali Red	11 February Kindy Maali Red
3	14 February Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	15 February Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	16 February Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	17 February Kindy Maali Red	18 February Kindy Maali Red
4	21 February Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	22 February Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	23 February Kindy Maali Red	24 February Kindy Maali Red	25 February Kindy Maali Red
5	28 February Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	1 March Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	2 March Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	3 March Kindy Maali Red	4 March Kindy Maali Red
6	7 March Labour Day Public Holiday	8 March Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	9 March Kindy Maali Red	10 March Kindy Maali Red	11 March Kindy Maali Red
7	14 March Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	15 March Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	16 March Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	17 March Kindy Maali Red	18 March Kindy Maali Red
8	21 March Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	22 March Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	23 March Kindy Maali Red	24 March Kindy Maali Red	25 March Kindy Maali Red
9	28 March Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	29 March Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	30 March Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	31 March Kindy Maali Red	1 April Kindy Maali Red
10	4 April Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	5 April Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	6 April Kindy Maali Red	7 April Kindy Maali Red	8 April Kindy Maali Red

Term 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	25 April Anzac Day Public Holiday	26 April Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	27 April Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	28 April Kindy Maali Red	29 April Kindy Maali Red
2	2 May Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	3 May Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	4 May Kindy Maali Red	5 May Kindy Maali Red	6 May Kindy Maali Red
3	9 May Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	10 May Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	11 May Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	12 May Kindy Maali Red	13 May Kindy Maali Red
4	16 May Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	17 May Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	18 May Kindy Maali Red	19 May Kindy Maali Red	20 May Kindy Maali Red
5	23 May Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	24 May Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	25 May Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	26 May Kindy Maali Red	27 May School Devmt Day Students do not attend
6	30 May Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	31 May Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	1 June Kindy Maali Red	2 June Kindy Maali Red	3 June Kindy Maali Red
7	6 June WA Day Public Holiday	7 June Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	8 June Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	9 June Kindy Maali Red	10 June Kindy Maali Red
8	13 June Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	14 June Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	15 June Kindy Maali Red	16 June Kindy Maali Red	17 June Kindy Maali Red
9	20 June Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	21 June Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	22 June Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	23 June Kindy Maali Red	24 June Kindy Maali Red
10	27 June Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	28 June Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	29 June Kindy Maali Red	30 June Kindy Maali Red	1 July Kindy Maali Red

Term 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	18 July School Devmt Day Students do not attend	19 July Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	20 July Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	21 July Kindy Maali Red	22 July Kindy Maali Red
2	25 July Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	26 July Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	27 July Kindy Maali Red	28 July Kindy Maali Red	29 July Kindy Maali Red
3	1 August Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	2 August Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	3 August Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	4 August Kindy Maali Red	5 August Kindy Maali Red
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6	22 August Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	23 August Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	24 August Kindy Maali Red	25 August Kindy Maali Red	26 August Kindy Maali Red
7	29 August Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	30 August Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	31 August Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	1 September Kindy Maali Red	2 September Kindy Maali Red
8	5 September Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	6 September Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	7 September Kindy Maali Red	8 September Kindy Maali Red	9 September Kindy Maali Red
9	12 September Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	13 September Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	14 September Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	15 September Kindy Maali Red	16 September Kindy Maali Red
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Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	10 October School Devmt Day Students do not attend	11 October Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	12 October Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	13 October Kindy Maali Red	14 October Kindy Maali Red
2	17 October Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	18 October Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	19 October Kindy Maali Red	20 October Kindy Maali Red	21 October Kindy Maali Red
3	24 October Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	25 October Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	26 October Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	27 October Kindy Maali Red	28 October Kindy Maali Red
4	31 October Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	1 November Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	2 November Kindy Maali Red	3 November Kindy Maali Red	4 November Kindy Maali Red
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10	12 December Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	13 December Kindy Maali Blue Kindy Djiti Djiti Green	14 December Kindy Maali Red	15 December Kindy Maali Red Last day for students	16 December School Devmt Day Students Do not Attend

Term 1 2023 commences Wednesday 1 February