Kulin District High School Kindergarten Information Booklet

Semester One Kindy Days

Tuesday and Thursday

Semester Two Kindy Days

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Contact Numbers

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Welcome to Kulin DHS Kindergarten

I hope this booklet provides you with helpful information.
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Kindergarten programs build on children's learning at home. They provide experiences for children to learn social and academic skills through play and active involvement with other children and adults. Children spend time working on their own, in small groups and as part of the whole group. Kindergarten forms the foundation for children's success at school. Our program is based on developing children in the five Early Years Learning Outcomes.

1. Children have a strong sense of identity
2. Children are connected with and contribute to their world
3. Children have a strong sense of wellbeing
4. Children are confident and involved learners
5. Children are effective communicators

The First Day!

The first day of Kindergarten can be very worrying for both the children and parents. You can prepare your child by:

- Talking positively about Kindergarten.
- Making sure your child knows that the staff will help them with anything they need.
- Ensuring that your child knows who will be picking them up after school and that they are picked up on time to reduce anxiety, or they know that they are to catch the bus.
- Talking to them about what is in their lunch box. It is often helpful to point out what foods they can eat for recess and what foods they can eat for lunch.

School Times

8.30am-8.55am: Morning Play Inside
Children can begin to arrive at Kindy. Once they have arrived and unpacked their school bags for the day, they can play inside. Children can enjoy a piece of fruit from their lunchbox.

10.40am-11.00am: Morning Recess
Children eat their packed recess and are supervised by a teacher within the Kindy/Pre-primary area.

12.50pm-1.25pm: Lunch Time
Children eat their packed lunch in the Kindy/Pre-primary area and are supervised by a teacher.

2.10pm-2.20pm: Crunch and Sip Break (No C&S on Wednesday)
Children will eat a piece of fruit or vegetable and have a drink of water. They will be supervised in the Kindy/Pre-primary area.

3.10pm: Home Time
The children are escorted to their bus queue or dismissed directly to their parents. We require a note for any change to pick up arrangements.

Please note that;

- School closes at **2.30pm on Wednesdays**.
- Whole School Assemblies will be on a Thursday afternoon at 2.30pm, twice per term. You will be notified of dates.
- Newsletters go out via Skoolbag. They are sent out every fortnight (even weeks) on Thursdays.
- You can download the Kulin DHS Skoolbag app to keep updated with notes and other events.
- Classroom communication will be through ClassDojo. All notes and photos of classroom activities will be uploaded to this app.

Attendance

Kindergarten children are expected to attend 15 hours per week. They will attend two full days (Tuesday and Thursday) in Semester One and three full days (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday) in Semester Two.

We are required to record all absences along with reasons. Please email the front office and cc the classroom teacher in on the email to advise of any absences: Kulin.DHS@education.wa.edu.au

What To Bring

To leave at school;

- All items on the booklist. Pencils, crayons and glue will be combined for whole class use, so they don't need to be labelled.
- A small cushion to use during 'quiet time'. Please clearly label.

Bring each day;

- Their 'take home folder' containing a diary. Both of these items are on the booklist and will be supplied by the school.
- A packed snack for recess and a packed lunch. We do not encourage lollies or junk food. Lunch orders are available daily from Acres of Taste. Orders with money need to be handed in at the front office before 9am.
- Two pieces of fruit/vegetable for morning fruit and 'Crunch and Sip' break in the afternoon.
- A water bottle.
- A spare set of clothes – it is important you include these as we do not have spare clothes at school.
- Their library bag on library day (to be advised).
- A school hat.
- A school bag big enough to contain all of the above.

Note: We do not encourage children to bring in toys from home to play with as these can get broken or lost.

Please be aware that Kulin D.H.S is

NUT AWARE.

Please avoid sending foods which contain nuts to school as we do have children on site with allergies. We appreciate your help in keeping everyone at our school safe.

What To Wear

We recommend your child wears the school uniform to Kindergarten. This is for safety reasons and also to reflect that they are part of Kulin District High School. School uniforms are available from Kulin Hardware & Rural. The school has a limited supply of second hand uniforms.

We also recommend comfortable and sensible shoes, preferably ones that your child can put on and take off themselves.

Health

It is very important that you inform the school and me about any medical needs, such as allergies and asthma, or any special needs that your child may have. You should have filled in a Medical form on enrolment. If there are any medical conditions that have changed since you completed the form, please contact the school. Immunisation records must be provided at enrolment and again once your child has had their 4 year old immunisation. If your child needs to take medication at school, such as antibiotics, you must provide a signed note outlining when the medication should be administered and the correct dosage. All medication taken at school is documented.

Our School Nurse, Miranda O'Brien, attends Kulin DHS every Tuesday. Miranda will conduct a 'Health Screen' with all Kindergarten children, usually in Term Two. You are encouraged to be present when your child has their Health Screen. This screen assesses your child's vision, hearing, fine motor skills and gross motor skills. You are encouraged to report any concerns regarding your child's vision and hearing as your child can be retested at a later date. Miranda is available to discuss any other medical concerns that you may have.

Communication

The key to effective education for your child is the link between home and school. It is important that the lines of communication and the relationships between child, parent and teacher are maintained. If you have any questions or queries about your child's progress or any school issues please do not hesitate to contact me and make an appointment to discuss them.

You will notice that there is a folder and a diary on your child's book list. The diary is a 'Communication Book'. The purpose of this book is to provide regular opportunity for communication between school and home. I may use this book to inform you about your child's development in Kindergarten and to tell you all about the fantastic things that your child is doing in class.

You may use this book to inform me about anything that is happening at home which may affect your child's behaviour in class, such as feeling tired or if they have been unsettled/emotional. It is a great way to tell me about the exciting things happening at home that your child may wish to share with us. This book is also a good way to let me know about bus/pick-up changes after school.

Feel free to use this as often as you feel necessary. Please send the diary to school every day inside your child's folder. In this folder you may also find important notes and/or school work that can stay at home.

Parent Help Roster

There will be opportunities to volunteer for Parent Help in the Kindy/Pre-primary room. More information as to days and times will come out early on in the school year.

When you are on Parent Help roster feel free to help with:

- Activities as directed by staff.
- Clearing and wiping tables after activities.
- Joining the children during free choice time.
- Assisting with the preparation of activities.
- Enjoying the time to interact with your child and his/her peers in the classroom.

A Parent Help roster will be placed in our classroom if you wish to sign up. Families who live out of town and who are unable to get into the class regularly can call/email/write a note in the diary to sign up for the roster.

P & C

All parents are strongly encouraged to become members of the school P & C and attend one meeting each term. The P & C raises and distributes funds to assist in school projects.

First Day of School

The first day of school
can be hard for Mum and Dad.
Part of you feels excited,
the other part feels sad.
For many years you've held their hand,
and have been their loving guide.
Now you know the time has come
to leave them by my side.
But it is only for a little while,
as your child will learn and grow.
And at the end of everyday,
they will share with you all they know.
So as you walk away
don't worry anymore.
I'll take care of all those precious gifts
when you leave them at my door.