City Beach Primary School

Kindergarten
Parent Information
2025

Our vision *Each of us*

Confident, curious and creative learners with healthy hearts and minds, belong to a culturally responsive and inclusive community where future focussed learning equips us to contribute to a sustainable world.

Early Childhood Staff

Teachers	Mrs Maria Martin
Education Assistants	Ms Suzy Bryant

2025 School Term Dates

Term 1 Commences	Wednesday 5 February to Friday 11 April
Term 2 Commences	Monday 28 April to Friday 4 July
Term 3 Commences	Monday 21 July to Friday 26 September
Term 4 Commences	Monday 13 October to Thursday 18 December

The first day of Kindergarten will be **Wednesday 5 February 2025.**

School Development Days where students **do not** attend for 2025 are advertised in the newsletter and on the school webpage.

Contributions and Charges

There is a voluntary contribution of $60.00 per student per year. This assists in providing educational programs in the school across learning areas and comsumables. Accounts are sent out each term which will outline all charges for excursions and incursions. Please see the school website for more information on Voluntary Contributions and Charges.

Parent / Teacher meeting

Individual parent meetings with the teacher will be held the at the start of the year – please look out for the booking sheet.

Hours

Kindy sessions in 2025 will be as follows:

All Terms – Week 1,3,5,7,9	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
All Terms – Week 2,4,6,8,10	Monday and Tuesday

Punctuality

- Arriving on time is important as children quickly become distressed if no one is there to collect them, or if they arrive early and it seems like no one else is coming that day. Children are able to enter the room from 8:35am onwards providing a teacher is present.

Arrival and Departure

At the start of each day, please encourage your child to unpack their bag. As they become more confident in completing the arrival routine please stand back and allow them to complete these tasks independently. Your child will benefit from your support to encourage independence.

Jobs for children to do independently.	Morning Routine
1st	Find your name and place your Kindy bag on the bench.
2nd	Place your water bottle on the trolley.
3rd	Place your crunch and sip in the esky.
4th	Place your morning tea in the esky.
5th	Greet your teachers. Find your name pebble and place it on the number that matches your age.
6th	Practise writing your name.

Say ‘goodbye for the day’ with confidence so that your child can begin their day. .. Say “I’m going now and I’ll be back to pick you up at the end of the day.” Give them a kiss and a hug and then leave.

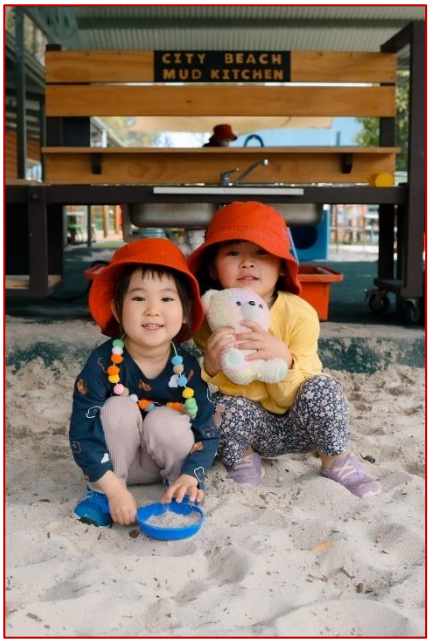
When collecting your child please wait outside the classroom and empty your child’s work from the ‘Take Work Home Box’ located on the outdoor trolley. If there is a change to the person who is collecting your child, please let us know by writing details on the noticeboard inside the classroom. If there is someone who will be will be collecting your child on a regular basis, please write us a note with their details, to avoid the need for repeated note writing.

What to Bring

1. Booklist items. Please bring these on the first day of Kindy with your child’s name on the front of the plastic bag. All supplies will be stored in the classroom and shared with the class throughout the school year. Please do not label individual supplies with your child’s name.
2. A large school bag that your child can carry – there will be quite a lot for your child to pack and the **bigger the bag** the easier it is for them to pack independently.
3. A change of clothing (seasonal) including underwear - fully toilet trained children often have toileting accidents at Kindy when they are too busy or distracted to remember to go to the toilet. They can also get wet in outdoor water play. Please label all items of clothing.
4. A red kindy bucket hat, clearly labelled with their name.
5. A piece of fruit, vegetable (perferably crunchy), dried fruit or cheese etc. to have for crunch & sip.
6. A clearly labelled water bottle containing water only.
7. Healthy lunch box including morning tea and lunch - NO lollies please.
   Please note that we are a ‘Nut Aware’ school - NO nut products can be included in your child’s lunch.

We ask that personal toys or jewellery remain at home - loss of toys is a heartache that can be avoided.

What to Wear



Clothing: Children should wear comfortable clothing with appropriate coverage. A spare set of clothes (including underwear) must be kept in their bag at all times, in case of a toileting accident or messy play.

Footwear: Must be worn to school and be appropriate for children to participate in physical activities and sport (no thongs please).

Hat: Red bucket hat which can be purchased from our uniform supplier - Jenny Franklin Enterprises. The school has a 'No Hat No Play' policy which applies all year.

Sunscreen: We are a sun safe school. Please put sunscreen on your child prior to coming to school. We will offer sunscreen in class.

Expectations

Listen to the teachers and other students when they are speaking

- Talk quietly and walk inside the classroom
- Work and play safely – if you use it, put it away
- Keep hands, feet, your body and objects to yourself

Morning Tea, Lunch and Crunch n Sip

Packing a healthy and nutritious lunch for your child is extremely important. We encourage fruit, vegetables, popcorn, rice crackers, and cheese etc. for their morning tea and a healthy sandwich (or main lunch meal) and fruit/vegetables at lunch time.

Ideally students will only have one treat in their lunch box that they can eat after they have finished other lunch items. Treats can include small muffins, cookies, their favourite fruit, a sweet yoghurt etc.

Your child is also encouraged to bring a small container of fruit/vegetables (Crunch n Sip) for an afternoon snack during class time. This is in addition to morning tea.

Birthdays

The children enjoy celebrating their birthdays at Kindy. You can send along little cakes or treats for the Kindy group to share to celebrate your child's special day. Please check with us about children with food allergies.

News

A roster will be sent out via Connect and in your child's take home box regarding their news day and topic. You are asked to prepare your child for what they will say when it is their turn.

Health and Absence

If your child is sick, please do not send them to school to minimise the spread of bugs. Small children catch germs very easily and illness can spread rapidly around the classroom. Nits love schools! Please keep an eye out for them. You must keep your child at home and treat their hair before they return to school. If your child becomes ill or is hurt during school hours we will contact you to come and take them home.

If your child is going to be absent from Kindy for any reason, please call the school on 9237 7400. It is important for us to know if they have an infectious/contagious disease. Absences over five days for extended holidays during the school term need to be pre-approved by the school principal.

Medication

If your child requires medication during school hours, a Health Care Authorisation form will need to be completed before staff can administer any medication. These forms are available from the front office.

Anaphylaxis and Asthma: The school will require an action plan with a photo, signed by your doctor if your child is anaphylactic or asthmatic The office will send home the relevant forms for completion. Medication is kept at the school in case of emergency.

Bites: Permission is needed from parents to apply Savlon and Stingoes.

Parent Communication

We consider communication between the Kindy and the home to be very important. Please feel free to email concerns I will do my best to respond in a timely fashion. Please keep in mind that I may not check my emails regulary outside of work hours.

Connect is our main form of communication, parents will be invited to register for Connect at the beginning of the year. Information about how to register is provided on your enrolment form.

A communication board is used to notify changes in pickup arrangements during the week. The board is kept on the window near the entry of the classroom.

If you have any concerns about your child, no matter how small you think they are, please make a time to come in and chat with us. We are always available after school for a quick chat regarding day to day matters. If you would like to discuss anything in depth, please organise to make a time where we can sit down together without distractions. We will contact you if we have any concerns or important matters to discuss.

Class Representatives

P&C Class representatives liaise between the P&C, class teacher and parents. They welcome new families and are representatives on the P&C. Each class has two parent volunteers for this role, who nominate at the start of the year.

Parents Helpers

At City Beach Primary School, we are keen to work closely with parents, care givers and the wider community to support learning experiences. You will have the opportunity to participate in classroom activities throughout the school year.

Your help and contribution has an extremely positive impact on your child's schooling. Here are a few suggestions about how you can help:

1. Feel free to participate in activities with the children.
2. Don't hesitate to ask us for advice, if you are unsure of how some materials should be used.
3. If an activity area becomes untidy, help the children to tidy up. Everything must be returned to its correct place by the end of the session.

4. Try to get down to the child's level by sitting on a low chair or on the floor.
5. Encourage conversation, as children learn by talking.
6. Avoid having long conversations with other adults over children's heads.
7. Help with fruit preparation and washing up.

Washing: One family will take home the dirty washing to wash on a Wednesday. We really appreciate this help. Please return washing on Monday morning.

Playdough: There is a playdough roster for everyone to have a turn at making a batch of fresh playdough for Kindy each fortnight. There will be a term roster and the recipe is available if required. This also greatly assists us at Kindy.

* ***Please remember everything that happens within the classroom setting is confidential. With this experience comes the responsibility to maintain confidentiality about children's needs, difficulties or behaviour.***

We look forward to sharing your child's learning with you as they join our City Beach Primary School community in 2025!