Brentwood

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kindergarten Information Book 2026

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Kaya, wandjoo!

Nidja noonga boodjar noonook djinanginy. Ngalak kadadj ngaalang nedigar wer boordiya koora koora yey! Dointj dointj kolbang baranginy. Noona koondarm. Ngaany warnda baal kwobidak boorkadja. Noonook noonan djera.

Welcome this is Noongar country you are seeing. We acknowledge our ancestors and elders from long ago until today. May you feel welcome and enjoy your stay. And together let's go forward pursuing and achieving our dreams.

Our Beliefs

Schedules & Routines

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Brentwood Primary School. We hope that during the year, your child will have many engaging and enjoyable educational experiences in Kindergarten. The purpose of this booklet is to provide information about the operations of Kindergarten and give you a better understanding of how you can assist with the program. Parents should also refer to the school handbook for other useful information.

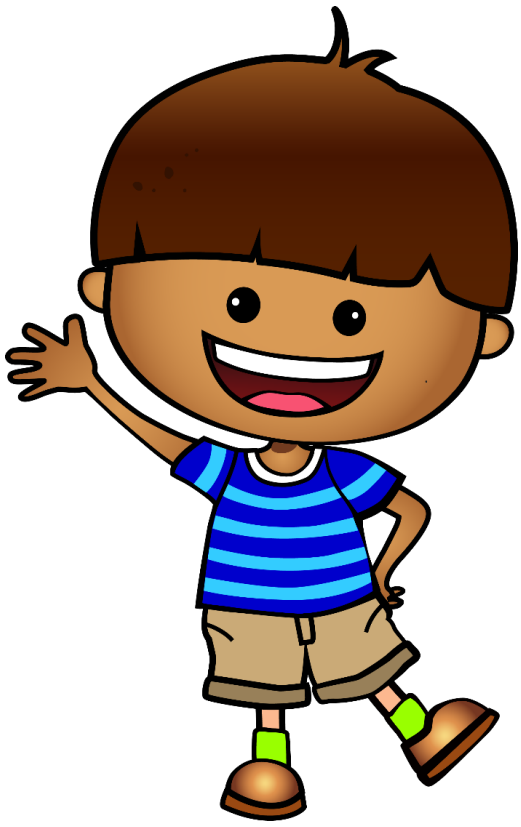
2025 Calendar - Term dates

TERM	DATES
Term One	Monday 2nd February – 2nd April
Term Two	Monday 20th April – 3rd July
Term Three	Tuesday 21st July – 25th September
Term Four	Tuesday 13th October – 17th December

Session Times

The Kindergarten students are divided into two groups and session times are as follows:

	Weeks	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
KINDY A	EVEN					
	ODD					
KINDY B	EVEN					
	ODD					



Official School Times

Times	Kindy
Classroom Opens	8.30am
School Commences	8:40am
Lunch Time	10:50am
Recess Time	1:30pm
School Finishes	2:45pm

Schedules & Routines

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 afternoon in a labelled container.
- Lunch – packed into a labelled container.
- Broad-bucket hat with your child's name visibly labelled. A school-supplied uniform hat
- Green, Red or Blue can be obtained from Uniform Concepts.
- 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 8:30am

- 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 name 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. Children should not play at the learning stations during this time.

Kindergarten Routines

- Children must be brought to the school and picked up by their parent(s) or other nominated adult. They should not be left with brothers or sisters, nor remain on their own. Office to be notified by parent if there are any changes in who picks up your child. We ask that parents inform the office if there is a change in arrangements.
- Personal toys are NOT required. If your child is required to bring something for the educational program, they will be informed by the teacher.
- Birthdays are celebrated so you may like to send a 'treat', such as an iced cup cake or similar for each child. Be mindful that we are an 'Allergy Aware School' some students may have severe allergies.
- Nut Aware – some students are allergic to peanuts and nut products, please avoid sending food with nut products in it to school.
- At Brentwood, our cornerstone values are Respect, Caring, Responsibility, Excellence and Honesty. In kindy, we introduce these to students in an age-appropriate way.
- Acceptable social behaviour is encouraged using the virtues and an awareness of courtesies. We teach our students how to show respect to each other and school equipment

How to Help

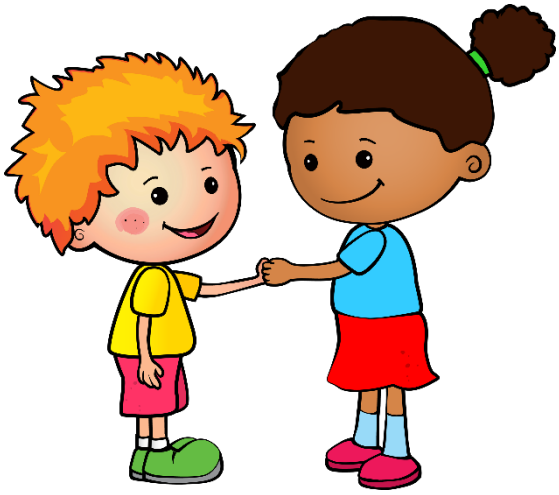
Parent Roster

Parents and Carers are needed to assist with the Kindergarten program during the year. This is an opportunity for you to see firsthand what your child is doing at the centre. If you cannot attend for parent help, aunts, uncles, grandparents or even close friends, are welcome to substitute. (If you wish to be rostered on a 'Volunteer Working With Children' form must first be completed at the front office.)

It's a special day for your child when you are the rostered 'Kindy parent helper.' One of the factors determining the success of the Kindergarten program is the degree to which children can interact with adults and other children.

Parent roster assists in maximising adult–child interaction and supporting small group social interactions with other children. We kindly ask that younger siblings be cared for elsewhere, so that parents can devote their full attention to Kindy helper duties and ensure the best possible parent–child engagement.

When you act as parent helper, you may be asked to:



- Be actively involved in the program.
- Observe your child's progress.
- Become involved with your own as well as other children by taking part in simple activities.
- Assist in the preparation of Kindergarten materials.
- Assist with clean-up activities.

Washing:

At the end of each semester, cushions and hats will be sent home for washing. Please return these at the beginning of the next term.

Developing Independence:

To support your child's independence, please encourage them to:

Place their fruit/snack and lunchbox in their locker.
Put their drink bottle on the 'drink tray.'
Hang their bag on the bag rack.

Learning Through Play

The Importance of Play

Play is at the heart of early childhood learning, providing countless benefits for young minds. When playing, children explore, experiment, and make sense of the world around them. This natural curiosity supports cognitive growth as they ask questions, test ideas, and discover cause-and-effect relationships.

Play also builds vital social skills, giving children opportunities to interact, negotiate, and share with others. These early experiences help develop empathy, cooperation, and communication – all essential for forming positive relationships and future learning.

At the same time, play-based activities gently introduce early concepts of literacy and numeracy, nurturing a love of learning while laying a strong foundation for later education. In essence, play allows children to learn, create, and grow in an environment where imagination and discovery thrive.

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 can read with their parents on arrival and during free play.

Outdoor play – We 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.

Our water play activities take place on warm days, and children may come home a little wet. For this reason, we recommend keeping a spare set of clothing in your child's school bag at all times.

Water play is an important part of learning, supporting the development of mathematical thinking, science concepts, and language skills.

Uniforms & Communication

School Dress Code

Students are strongly encouraged to wear the school uniform. Please refer to the School Dress Code.
Uniforms can be purchased at

https://www.nellgray.com.au/Schools/Brentwood-Primary-School

We prefer closed in shoes/flat semi closed in sandals or Velcro fastened shoes. Thongs are not permitted to wear at school due to safety reasons

School Newsletter:

Newsletters are an important way of communicating with all parents and caregivers. They are sent to parents via the school "Connect" group. School newsletters contain information that relates to the whole school, including the Kindergarten.
Additional information and notes will be sent home via the school or class connect groups. Please also check your child's bag for Kindergarten notes.
Please view the school newsletter on Connect or the school website www.brentwoodps.wa.edu.au

Connect:

This is an App that we **highly recommend** you download on your phone in order to receive all the latest notifications, Term Planners and Newsletters. Once your child has started school you will receive an email with login instructions.

Compass

In 2026 we will be onboarding parents to our new platform Compass. This will be running along side the Connect App for a period of time. More information to follow.

Queries and Concerns:

If you have a concern regarding the Kindergarten or school, please speak with your Kindergarten teacher first. If further support is needed, you may then contact the Principal. We encourage you to raise concerns early, so they can be addressed before they become more serious or impact your child's experience. For general queries, please contact the school office, and they will direct you to the most appropriate person to assist.

Health & Safety

Emergency Contact:

It is vital we are able to contact you during school time, so please ensure that you let the office and teachers know of any changes of phone numbers, address or people to contact in the case of an emergency.

Illness:

We appreciate you keeping your child home when they are unwell to stop the spread of infection and viruses. We ask that you inform the school if your child will be (or has been) absent using one of the following methods:

- Via your classroom teacher
- Email / Connect / Compass
- Or ring the office on 6258 6950

Accidents:

If an 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 phoned at the time of the incident.

Sun Protection

The school has a no hat, no play in the sun policy which operates all year. The Children must wear a hat during outdoor times. The school recommends that children wear a bucket/faction hat. Hats are available in school colours from Uniform Concepts. Please ask at the office for your child's faction colour.

Health Care Plans:

Medical Action Emergency plans need to be prepared by the family doctor for all children who have medical conditions or allergies that could be life-threatening. Parents must notify the school of any such conditions and submit any completed plans to the school.

Medication at school:

Appropriate *documentation* is required before any medication is administered by school staff. If your child requires any medication during school times, please contact the office for the necessary forms.

Payments

P&C Voluntary Contributions:

The Parent and Citizens (P&C) team, are parents that meet to discuss ways in which to support the school. They ask for a $35.00 per student contribution with a maximum of $70.00 per family to assist their plans and fundraising efforts. There may be extra additional costs for incursions or excursions throughout the year. Contribution and charges information sheet is sent to parents with details of the maximum you will be charged. These charges are approved by our school council.

Additional Costs:

You will receive notices with payment envelopes for such events. Kindly ensure that the permission slips and payment envelopes are sent to the front office. Clearly label the envelope with the students Name, Surname and Room Number.

Payment Options:

1. There are various payment options available: Cash, Direct Deposit, (EFTPOS) or providing the school with your Credit Card details either over the phone or by completing the payment envelope.
2. (You now also have the option of paying an upfront amount which can be placed on the students account for future expenses.)
3. Direct Deposits:

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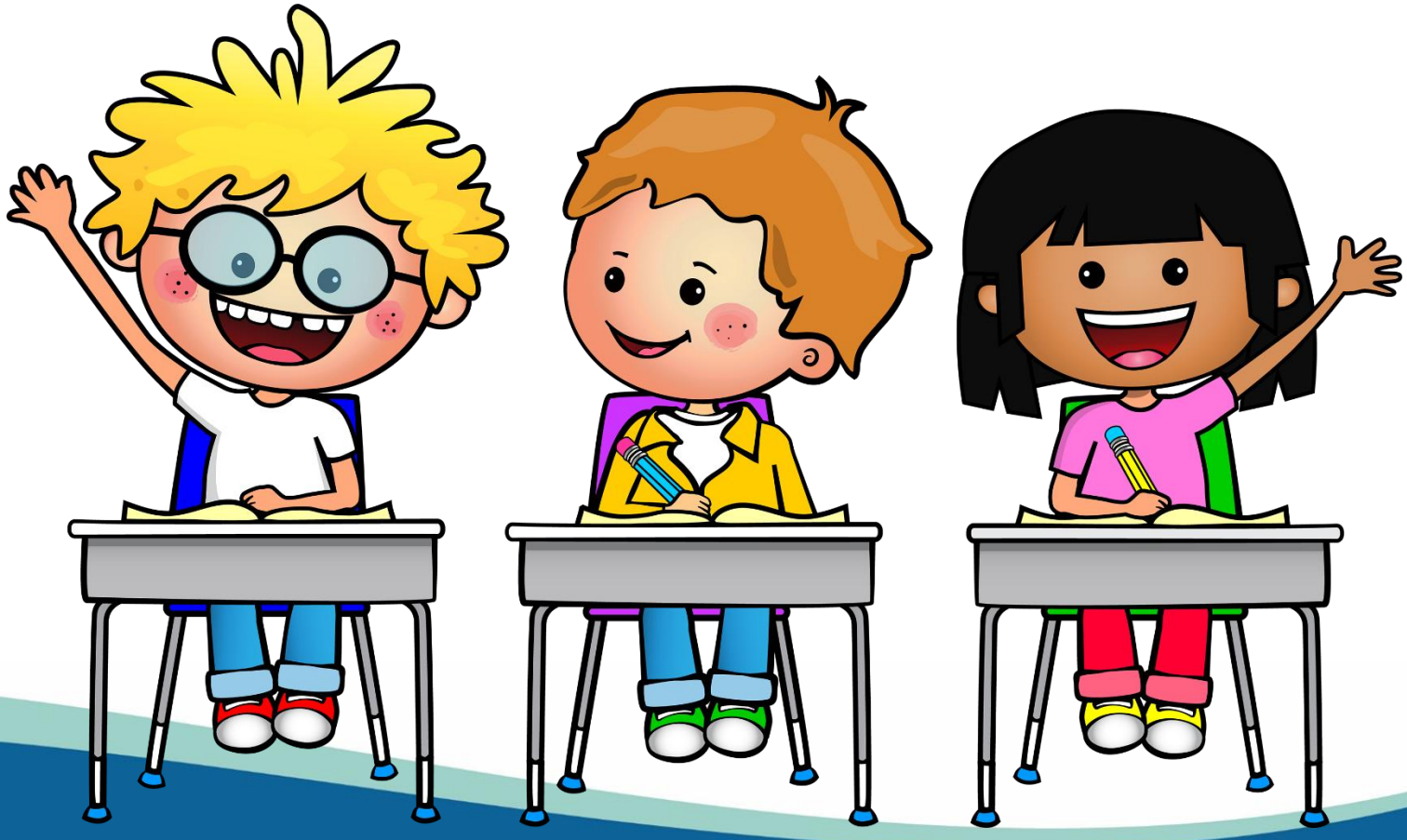
BSB: 016-267
Account Number: 3409-55153.

1. Direct Deposit Reference: Please use your child's last name, initial and room number and name of excursion. i.e – Smith J – EC3 - Farmville