



Strathalbyn Kindergarten



Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development



Contact Details

Coronation Road

Phone: (08) 8536 2078

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Address: 9 Coronation Road, STRATHALBYN SA
5255

Hours of Operation

Possums

Monday and Wednesday

8.30 am - 3.00 pm

Alternate Fridays 8.30 am to 12.30 am

Koalas

Tuesday and Thursday 8.30 am - 3.00 pm

Alternate Fridays 8.30 am - 12.30 pm

Please see staff for alternate Friday dates

Occasional Care

Wednesday and Thursday

8.30 am - 11.30 am

12.00 pm - 3.00 pm

Friday

8.30 am - 11.30am

Burkett Drive

Phone: (08) 8536 4511

Fax: (08) 8536 4246

Address: 1A Burkett Drive, STRATHALBYN SA 5255

Hours of Operation

Wednesday and Thursday

8.30 am - 3.00 pm

Alternate Fridays

8.30 am - 12.30 pm

Please see staff for alternate Friday dates

Site email:

dl.3688.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au

Site website:

<http://www.strathkgn.sa.edu.au>

Staff

Director - Cathy Frost

Coronation Rd.

Teachers - Carol Russell
Pauline Eglinton

ECWS Jo Lewis

Maxine Lademan

OC Co-ord Lakyta Kennett

Burkett Dve.

Teachers - Georgia Richmond
Penny Whittaker

ECW Maxine Lademan

When your child starts please bring:

- A backpack or bag
- A hat - either broad brimmed or legionnaire - Terms 1 and 4. Sunscreen should be applied in the morning before leaving home
- A piece of fruit or healthy snack and a packed lunch. Please use ice packs in warm/hot weather
- A bottle of water
- Named spare clothes

Please label all belongings clearly with your child's name. Please keep toys and other valuables at home due to the high risk of them being lost, broken or permanently 'borrowed'.

Healthy Eating

It is our responsibility as educators to promote and encourage healthy eating and we ask that you refrain from sending chocolate bars, lollies and sugary/ high fat foods.

Children should only bring water to kindergarten and we will refill their bottle when required.

Please note: We are an Allergy Aware site and we ask that you do not send nuts or nut products.

Clothing

For safety reasons please avoid bringing your children to kindergarten wearing thongs. Please send rubber boots for wet weather play.

In Terms 1 and 4 please ensure your child has sun-safe clothing e.g. shirts with collars, t-shirts.

Please dress your child in clothes that neither you nor your child minds if paint or mud should get onto them.

As we encourage independence when going to the toilet please avoid the use of hard to undo belts.

Attendance

It is really important that your child attends kindergarten regularly to establish relationships with staff and other children and to be actively involved in all aspects of the curriculum.

On the flip side of this it is also important that children do not attend if they are unwell. Please ring and let us know what their illness is so we can inform families if it is contagious and ensure they are completely well before they return.

Collection/Delivery

Please bring your child into the kindergarten. If another adult other than the person who drops off your child at kindergarten is to collect that child at the end of the session then staff are

to be informed personally, via a phone call or through a signed letter by the parent giving consent to do so.

Outreach Kindergarten - Burkett Drive - Staff will collect and deliver kindergarten children to and from Child Care Centre if necessary.

Allergies/Medical conditions

It is vital that staff are notified of any child's allergies and the appropriate treatment. Equally important is informing staff if your child has or should develop any form of medical condition whilst enrolled at kindergarten. Due to health and safety reasons our kindergarten is a NUT FREE ZONE All staff are trained in First Aid.

Fees

Families will receive an invoice via their child's pigeonhole. Please return payment & complete the details on a payment envelope and deposit via the 'Fees Box'. Please see Cathy if experiencing difficulties in the payment of fees. All concerns treated CONFIDENTIALLY. Fees can also be paid electronically:(EFT)

BSB Number: 085-921

Account Number: 79-961-3229

Please enter child's surname as 'Reference'

Notices

Lots of information is shared with you through the children's pigeon holes. Please check for notices every day.

Coronation Rd. - To the right of the Office door at the entrance

Burkett Dve. - Near the Noticeboard

Occasional Care - In the OC room

Reminder notices will be displayed around the kindergarten and/or placed on entry gates.

Bus Travel

If your child is to travel on the school bus, please see a staff member. We ask that bus families provide a "communication" pouch, (transparent pencil case size) to be attached to their bag, for exchange of notices between parents & staff.

Program - Learning through Play

Children's learning in their early years is supported by our curriculum document, the 'Early Years Learning Framework'. The base of our curriculum is children learning through play. In our rich play based learning environment we observe, document, plan for and evaluate for children's learning in consultation with parents. The kindergarten curriculum program is displayed at kindergarten. We encourage you to read about what is happening so discussions can occur with your child about what they have been doing.

Governing Council

The Governing Council is a committee made up of both kindergarten staff and parent volunteers. Meetings are held twice a term. Parent members are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), which is held in February each year. There are both specific positions (Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising Coordinator) and general positions available within the committee. Participation in the committee not only supports the kindergarten, but is also rewarding for parents. Committee parents have the advantage of hands-on involvement in their child's early education. It is a fantastic way to meet new parents in a fun and relaxed manner.

Fund raising

We have one major fundraiser a year - The Antique Fair and we need your commitment and support. It involves a 2-3 hours on one day, the third weekend in August.

This fundraiser assists us to provide extra staff, subsidised excursions & more resources for your children.

Other Children's Services in Strathalbyn

Kindergym: 8536 2893,

Child Care Centre: 8536 4242

CYHS: 8536 3861

Strathalbyn Playgroup: 0438 770 327

Eastern Fleurieu School-Strathalbyn:
8536 2344

Eastern Fleurieu School-Ashbourne:
8536 6135

Eastern Fleurieu School-Milang:
8537 0223

Eastern Fleurieu School-Langhorne Creek:
8537 3145

There are Playgroups in Ashbourne, Langhorne Creek, Milang. There are also services that cater for children and families with specific needs. Please see a staff member for further details.

Parent concerns

As a staff team we pride ourselves in being available to talk 1:1, in a confidential manner on concerns that you may have regarding your child / time at kindergarten. We can make ourselves available to discuss matters upon a mutually agreed time after hours if the discussion will be lengthy.

At all times we are strongly committed to providing a quality Early Childhood service in conjunction with families. We hope that you do not ever have cause for complaint. Always check with staff if you are not sure about something.

It is our hope that the time you and your child spend at kindergarten will be enjoyable & rewarding for all.