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Grovelands
Primary School

2027
KINDERGARTEN

Information Booklet

Welcome parents, carers and our new children! We are very happy that you have joined us for Kindergarten at Grovelands Primary School (GPS) and know that you will soon settle in and enjoy a wonderful first year at school.

The purpose of the Early Childhood programme at Grovelands Primary School is to offer and encourage learning through motivating and exciting opportunities in a stimulating environment.

Our Kindergarten programme offers you:

- Personalised developmental learning.
- A strong focus on Literacy & Numeracy.
- An informed and strategic approach to your child's social and emotional development.
- Information & Communication Technology (ICT) – through Interactive Whiteboard, iPads and current educational Apps.
- Strong family & community partnerships.
- A seamless transition from Kindergarten to Pre-primary and beyond.

The kindergarten programme will be informed by the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and provide opportunities for your child to achieve the five EYLF 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 programme aligns with the National Quality Standards Framework and Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines to ensure that your child will be ready for the demands of Pre-primary the following year.

You are welcome to discuss any matter regarding your child's education with the teacher in person or by telephone. Please contact the teacher, or the office, to arrange a suitable time to meet. We can help each other to ensure your child gets the most from their time here.

The first few weeks of Kindergarten can be very daunting for many children and parents. You can help your child by remaining calm, showing understanding, listening to your child's concerns or excited stories, and offering lots of love and care while they adjust and settle into the classroom.

This booklet is intended to make it easier for you to prepare for, and become familiar with, the day-to-day running of the class. It should also provide you with information about what to expect during your child's first year at school. If you have any further questions, please contact your child's teacher or the office for clarification.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome parents, carers and students. We are very happy that you have joined us at Grovelands Primary School.

Grovelands Primary School is a WA Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) school. The WA PBS provides an operational framework to build a multi-tiered system of supports for staff and students and a whole school community. The WA PBS framework focuses on using preventative, educative and restorative principles and develops a consistent whole-school approach embedding a common language regarding positive behaviour expectations, learning and teaching.

At Grovelands we focus on the total development of your child; intellectual, physical and social. We believe our students should be happy while striving to achieve their best.

We have a dedicated team of experienced and passionate teaching staff who are committed to providing opportunities for students to grow, achieve and excel at school. Our staff place an emphasis on quality teaching and work to provide a broad and challenging curriculum that meets the interests and learning needs of all students.

We are committed to developing and sustaining a culture of continuous self-improvement and lifelong learning in an environment of collaboration and innovation. We are a blend of cultures, ideas, innovation, and imagination. Grovelands Primary celebrates diversity and achievement and promotes excellence in all areas of life.

Principal

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2027

Please check your Kindy Term Planner in 2027 to confirm Term start days

Term 1	Commences Mon 1 February	Ends Fri 9 April
Term 2	Commences Mon 26 April	Ends Fri 2 July
Term 3	Commences Mon 19 July	Ends Fri 24 September
Term 4	Commences Mon 1 October	Ends Thu 16 December

Information on 'Pupil Free' days will be available through the school Facebook page and Compass notifications.

KINDERGARTEN DAYS

Kindy kids will attend 5 days per fortnight. Confirmation of your child's Group and attendance days will be mailed to you prior to starting Kindy.

Kindy Group One: Mon & Tues and alternate Wed (odd Weeks of Term).
Kindy Group Two: Thur & Fri and alternate Wed (even Weeks of Term).

SCHOOL HOURS

8:45am – 3:00pm (Mon,Tue, Thur, Fri)
8:45am – 2:30pm **(Please note early close <u>every</u> Wednesday)**

Please collect your child on time as children can become distressed when you are late.

ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten is a non-compulsory year of schooling, however if you have chosen to enrol your child, it is expected that they will attend. This will enable the most effective and beneficial Early Childhood experience and provide for sequential learning. Missing even one day per week could result in your child missing vital learning opportunities.

Absences should be explained to your class teacher. This can be done verbally, directly to the teacher, by SMS, via the Connect Now App or by phoning the office. Please let the office and your child's teacher know if your child is going to be away for extended periods.

ARRIVAL AND EARLY DEPARTURE

Children must be delivered and collected from sessions by a *<u>responsible adult</u>* who is listed as a contact on our school records. If you wish to make alternative arrangements, please do so in writing. If you wish for your child to be collected by an older brother or sister, this needs to be arranged with the Principal in writing.

Children should not be on school grounds before 8:20am. If you arrive prior to classrooms being open, *you must wait with your child* in the undercover area until the classroom is opened at 8.45am.

If you arrive at school after 8:45am, you must go via the office to sign your child in with the reason for the late arrival and obtain a printed "Late Pass" to take to the classroom.

If you need to collect your child earlier than the normal closing time, you must go via the office to sign your child out and obtain a printed "Leave Pass".

At the end of school, a staff member will release children one-by-one as parents/carers arrive at the door. We will not release the child to someone unknown to us unless notified in advance.

For safety reasons, children (students or siblings) are not permitted to use the playgrounds before or after school.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

It is sometimes necessary to make contact when a child is unwell or injured.

Please provide the office and your child's teacher/s with your up-to-date emergency contact details.
Children can become distressed if the school cannot contact parents/caregivers if they are unwell.

COMPASS NOTICES AND CONSENT FORMS

COMPASS is a school management solution that allows parents and carers to access up-to-date and meaningful information about your school and your child's progress. Compass includes many different features, including the ability to:

- Monitor your child's attendance, and enter an explanation for absence or lateness
- Update your family contact details
- Pay and provide consent for events and school fees

An invitation to join COMPASS will be sent to your mobile number when your child starts school. Please refer to the Compass for Parents information guide in your Kindy Pack.

Compass



HEALTH

Please keep your child at home if they are unwell, even if they "*wish to come*".

Our School Community Health Nurse is available to assist you with any health concerns relating to your child. The Nurse performs routine health screening and follow-up on health issues related to Early Childhood (hearing, vision, language development, movement etc), and she can be contacted through the school office.

INFECTIOUS ILLNESSES

Children should stay at home until all signs of the illness have passed or until you are advised your child can return to school by your family doctor.

Please refer to the following list of infectious diseases:

- CHICKEN POX
- CONJUNCTIVITIS (PINK EYE)
- COVID
- IMPETIGO (SCHOOL SORES)
- INFLUENZA
- MEASLES
- MUMPS
- RINGWORM
- RUBELLA (GERMAN MEASLES)
- SCABIES
- WHOOPING COUGH

HEAD LICE

Head Lice can be prevalent in kindergarten. They can be spread easily between children, and the cycle will continue if unchecked. Under Section 27 of the School Education Act 1999, a child with head lice may be excluded from school until treatment has commenced. Parents are encouraged to tie long hair back and off the face. A good preventative routine is to comb conditioner through your child's hair with a fine-tooth comb on a weekly basis.

PLEASE check your child's hair regularly and notify the school if Head Lice are found.

TOILETING

All children should be capable of attending to their own toileting needs. If your child has difficulty in this area, please let the school know at enrolment so that we can support you.

Toilet accidents do happen, so please provide a change of clothes each day (to be kept in child's school bag).

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS & CHARGES

A note detailing Voluntary Contributions and Charges for all students will be sent home to each family prior to the end of the year.

Voluntary Contributions of $40 per child per year can be paid at the school office via Cash or EFTPOS. Or directly to the school bank account using the following details:

Account Name: Grovelands Primary School
BSB: 066 040
Account Number: 19901113 (*Please quote your child's name as reference)*.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

A list of personal items is included in your Kindy pack. Items can be ordered online from the supplier or purchased elsewhere at places like Officeworks.

LIBRARY

Kindergarten children will visit the library once a week to borrow a book. Please return the book each week to ensure your child can borrow another book.

Children will need a library bag to borrow a book.

SPECIAL PARENT SKILLS

If any parent has a skill/hobby/job that you feel may be of interest to the children, we would be delighted if you would arrange to come to the class and share this experience with the children, e.g., pottery, music, cooking, art, woodwork, gardening.

PARENT ROSTER

Parents are welcome to assist in the classroom. Please write your name on the Parent Roster if you are available. Parents will be required to complete a Confidential Declaration form at the office prior to helping in the classroom.

RECYCLING

We are always on the lookout for good clean junk. Other than toilet rolls, we can make use of all sorts of things, especially the following items.

Ribbons and String	Wire	Ice Cream Containers	Cereal Boxes
Wrapping Paper	Egg Cartons	Felt and Wool	Polystyrene Packing
Cardboard Sheets	Fabric Scraps	Clean Old Socks	35mm Film Containers
Cardboard Tubes	Carpet/Vinyl Pieces	Clean Old Stockings	Magazines
Cardboard Boxes	Spare clothes	Pipe Cleaners	Soap
Bottle Tops	Dress Ups	Matchboxes	Candles
Nuts and Bolts	Newspaper	Dowelling	Junk Jewellery

TOYS AND PERSONAL ITEMS

The classroom is well equipped with toys, puzzles and other play materials that makes bringing 'home toys' unnecessary.

Please ***keep all toys at home***. Toys and other personal items can be very precious. When brought to school, damage or loss can occur, causing distress for the student.

WHAT TO BRING

PLEASE CLEARLY NAME ALL PERSONAL ITEMS, (bags, clothes and shoes etc.).

BAG: All children will need to bring a backpack or school bag for recess, lunch, **spare clothing**, work to take home, and other personal belongings.

CLOTHING / UNIFORM: We have a school uniform that is available through our uniform shop which is open Wednesday mornings 8.15am – 9.15am. Please refer to our Dress Code provided in your Kindy pack.

Jeans, jewellery, nail polish and temporary tattoos are not permitted at school.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES: Children need to bring a complete change of labelled clothes, including underpants and socks, in their bag. Please explain that they are allowed to change into these clothes if they get wet or have a toileting accident.

FOOTWEAR: We recommend that children wear safe, practical footwear that they can put on and removing themselves, eg. velcro runners or closed in sandals. Children are not permitted to wear thongs.

HATS: Your child will be provided with a wide brimmed hat, that will remain at school. Children must always wear a hat when outdoors. Our school operates a 'No Hat, No Play in the sun' policy.

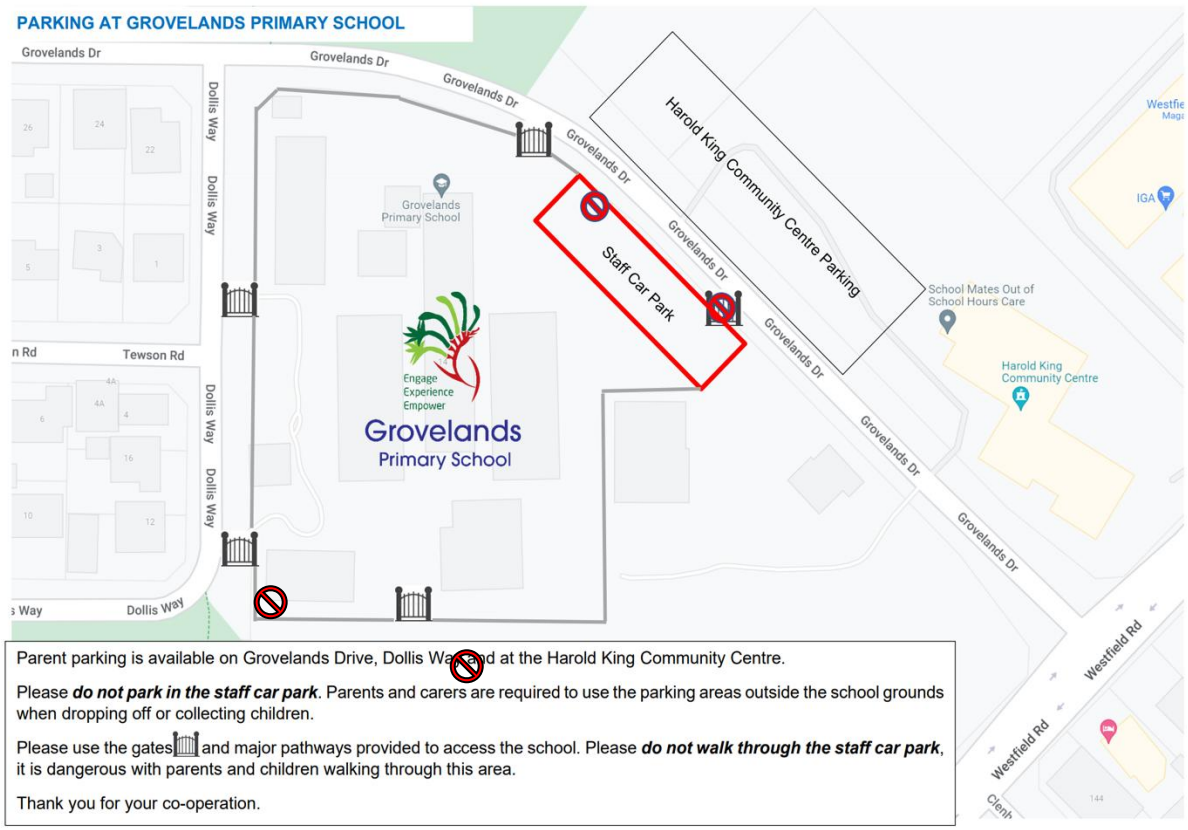
FRUIT: Kindergarten children will participate in a fruit session each day. Your child needs to bring a piece of fruit or vegetable to share. As we emphasise healthy choices, please do not send lollies, chips or sweet biscuits for fruit time. Some healthy options include celery, carrots, cucumber, tomato, cauliflower, sultanas, dried fruit, apples, bananas, oranges, seedless grapes, mandarins, pears and any other fruits or vegetables you know are a favourite!

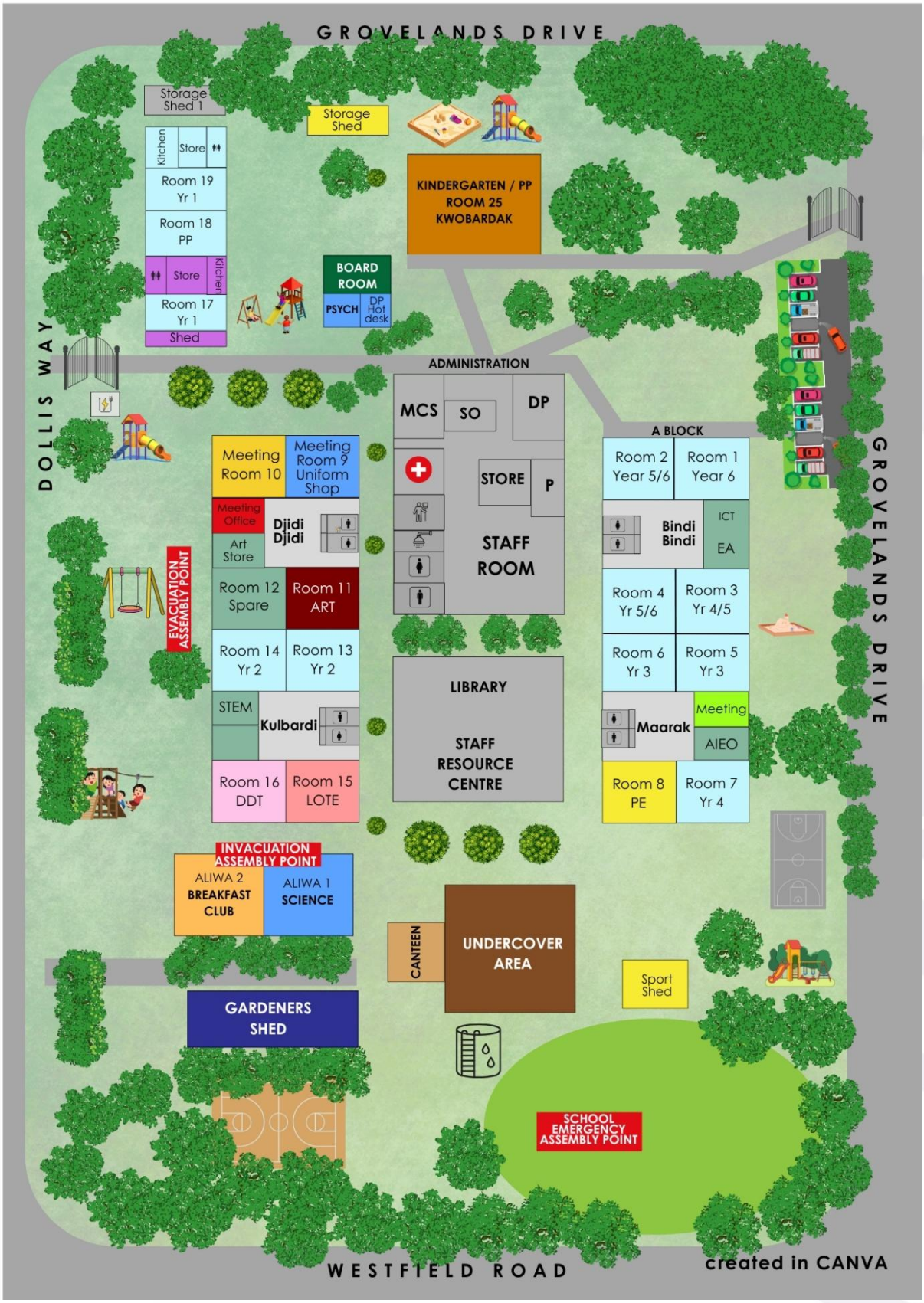
LUNCH: Children need to bring their lunch in a labelled lunchbox or bag. Please make sure your child can open and eat their lunch on their own. Please provide a labelled drink bottle with ***water only.***

PARKING

Parents and carers are required to use the parking areas outside the school grounds when dropping off or collecting children. We request that parents DO NOT use the staff car park as it becomes dangerous with parents and small children walking through this area.

Please ***do not walk through the staff car park***.




GROVELANDS DRIVE
Storage Shed 1
Storage Shed
Kitchen
Store
Room 19 Yr 1
Room 18 PP
Store
Kitchen
Room 17 Yr 1
Shed
KINDERGARTEN / PP ROOM 25 KWOBARDAK
BOARD ROOM
PSYCH
DP Hot desk
DOLLIS WAY
ADMINISTRATION
MCS
SO
DP
STORE
P
STAFF ROOM
A BLOCK
Room 2 Year 5/6
Room 1 Year 6
Bindi Bindi
ICT
EA
Room 4 Yr 5/6
Room 3 Yr 4/5
Room 6 Yr 3
Room 5 Yr 3
Maarak
Meeting
AIEO
Room 8 PE
Room 7 Yr 4
Meeting Room 10
Meeting Room 9 Uniform Shop
Meeting Office
Art Store
Djidi Djidi
Room 12 Spare
Room 11 ART
Room 14 Yr 2
Room 13 Yr 2
STEM
Kulbardi
Room 16 DDT
Room 15 LOTE
EVACUATION ASSEMBLY POINT
LIBRARY
STAFF RESOURCE CENTRE
INVACUATION ASSEMBLY POINT
ALIWA 2 BREAKFAST CLUB
ALIWA 1 SCIENCE
CANTEEN
UNDERCOVER AREA
Sport Shed
GARDENERS SHED
SCHOOL EMERGENCY ASSEMBLY POINT
WESTFIELD ROAD
GROVELANDS DRIVE
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