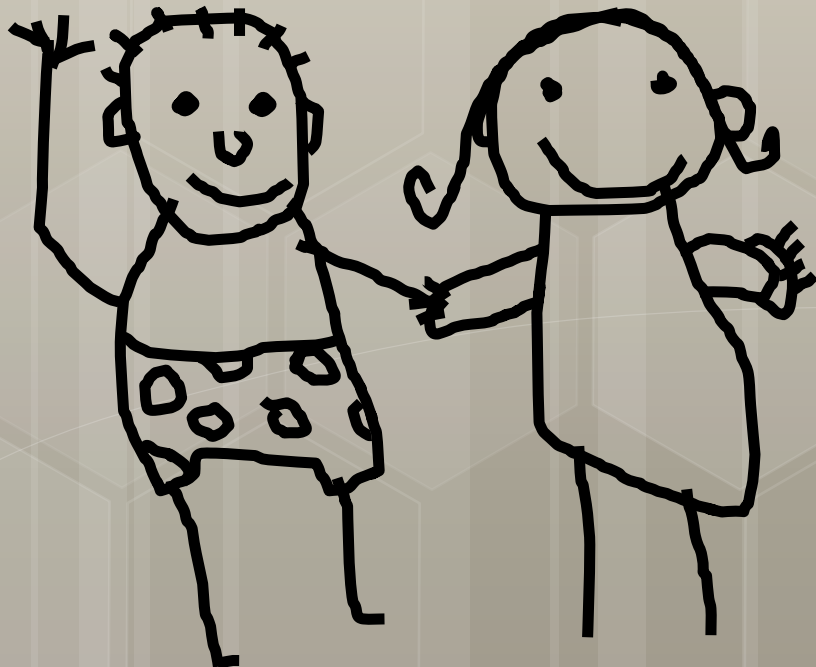


Granville PS



Pre-School

Granville Public School Preschool

Welcome to Granville Public School
Preschool

*This presentation contains
information you require. The **Parent
Information Book** is also provided in
your child's enrolment pack.*

*Please do not hesitate to contact us
if you need to know more.*

Welcome

Mission Statement

Granville Public School Preschool is a happy, safe, learning environment where we respect and engage with our diverse community helping to build foundations for the future.



Granville Public School Preschool is a Department of Education Preschool located within the grounds of Granville Public School. We are a 40 place centre that offers a 5 day fortnight program.

Children are eligible to enrol in Preschool from the beginning of the school year if they turn 4 years of age on or before 31st July in that year.

Children generally attend department preschools for **one year only**, in the year before starting school.

In September 2018 our Preschool was awarded a Meeting National Quality Standards rating through the assessment process via the Education Care and Quality Authority with an Exceeding rating in collaborative partnerships with family and community.

Our Educators are Early Childhood trained and hold current first aid, asthma and anaphylaxis qualifications.





Our Staff

School Principal: Mr Gregory Grinham

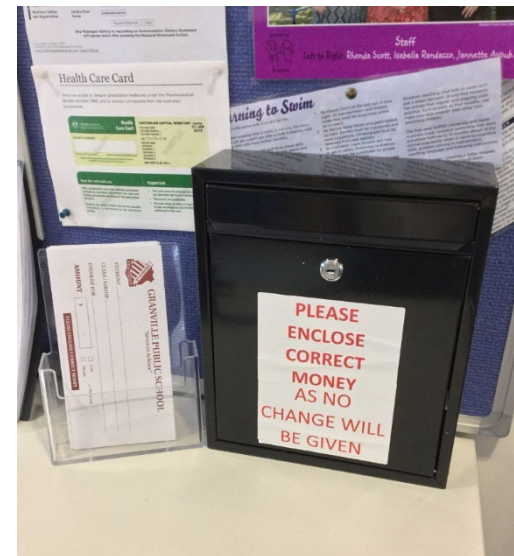
Preschool Teacher: Ms Isabella Randazzo

School Learning Support Office: Mrs Jannette Ayoub

Administration Officer: Mrs Rhonda Scott

Fees

- The Department of Education has set Granville Public School Preschool fees at **\$20.00** per day. However, the principal has the authority to reduce or exempt fees in cases of financial hardship.
- In addition to Department of Education fees, the resources contribution is **\$7.00** per day. This money is used to purchase resources and equipment for your child.
- Payments for each school term are to be paid by cash either weekly, fortnightly, monthly or by the term. Please note, there is no reduction in fees for absences or vacations during the school term.
- When enrolling your child, please ensure that you have:
 - Evidence of date of birth – either a birth certificate or passport
 - Evidence of vaccination – immunisation record; The blue book is not sufficient. ***If your child is not immunised they cannot be included in our program.***
 - Evidence of your residential address and an emergency contact number of a relative or friend
 - Medicare card
- Every Wednesday Mrs Scott is available to answer all enquires about enrolments and fees.



The Program

The learning program is guided by the **Early Years Learning Framework** for Australia which is underpinned by five Learning Outcomes for Children:

- Children have a strong sense of identity
- Children are connected with and contribute to their world
- Children have a strong sense of wellbeing
- Children are confident and involved learners
- Children are effective communicators.

Information about the EYLF and NQF is available in the preschool foyer in English and a wide variety of other languages.



The education program is based on the interests of the children. We use learning stories, digital recordings, daily reflections and intentional teaching practices to formulate our teaching and learning cycle. Many activities and experiences are intentionally planned in order to build upon and extend skills and understandings.

Portfolios

- Your child will have a portfolio at the preschool where learning stories, observations, artworks, and developmental information is noted throughout the year.
- Your child's portfolio is located above the lockers and is available for you to view at any time.
- The staff will be digitally reporting to parents via the Seesaw app program.

We utilise Seesaw to capture and reflect on aspects of your child's learning. This includes sharing your child's learning through photos and videos.



 **Seesaw**
The Learning Journal

Our Daily Routine

The daily routine allows for long uninterrupted periods of play for children to explore, discover, create and imagine. Planned large and small group sessions occur during the day and are rich in literacy, mathematics, social skills and music and movement activities. Play is an essential part of a child's learning.

- 9:00am Children arrive, place belongings in own locker.
Morning group time
- 9:30am Indoor and Outdoor play (progressive Morning Tea)
- 10:45am Teacher led Group time
- 11:15am Lunch
- 11:45am Music / Sport / Library
- 12:30pm Outdoor play
- 1:15pm Teacher led Group time (music/stories/circle games/yoga)
- 1:30pm Afternoon Tea (fruit/veg)
- 1:45pm Indoor play
- 2:55pm Preschool finishes

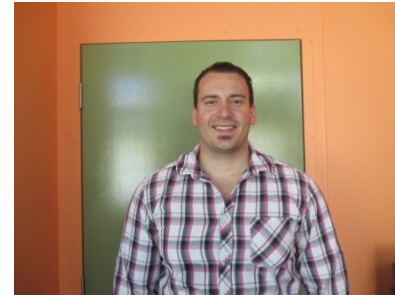
Our daily routine is flexible and may change in response to children's interest, weather or special events.

Specialist Teachers

- Mrs Elderton is our Librarian



- Mr Del Rizzo is our Music Teacher.



- Mrs Zreik is our Sports Teacher.



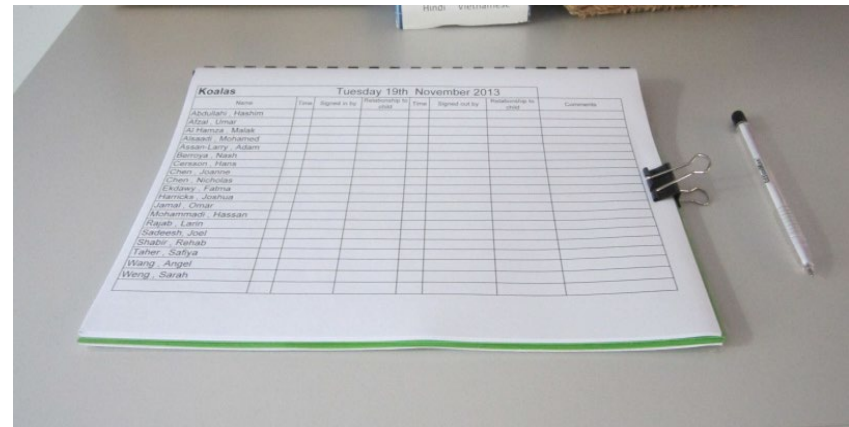
Arrival and Departure

- Arrival time is **9:00am**.
- Departure time is **2:55pm**.
- Your child must be brought to and collected from preschool by an adult over 18 years of age. Any person collecting your child has to have been nominated as a person to collect your child.
- If there are any changes , please call or notify the preschool teacher.
- If your child is not collected by 3.15pm your child will need to be collected from the school office where the on duty School Executive will take charge of your child.



Signing in/Signing Out

- You will need to sign in and sign out your child every morning and afternoon.
- The signing in and out book is located in the foyer, along with the day book and picture slide show.
- Should someone arrive to collect your child whose name is not on our file or we have not had instructions from you, we CANNOT allow your child to leave with them. If there are any changes, please call or notify the preschool teacher.



Attendance

- Regular attendance is a condition of a child holding their place at preschool.
- Placements will be terminated if your child is away for more than two weeks without notification to the school.
- Each term you will receive a calendar of the days that your child will attend Preschool.

Koala group = **GREEN**

Possum group = **BLUE**



Granville Public School Preschool Calendar Term 1 - 2021



KOALAS -



POSSUMS -



| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|------|-------------|------------------------------|----------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 1 | 25 January | 26 January PUBLIC HOLIDAY | 27 January SDD | 28 January | 29 January |
| 2 | 1 February | 2 February | 3 February | 4 February | 5 February |
| 3 | 8 February | 9 February | 10 February | 11 February | 12 February |
| 4 | 15 February | 16 February | 17 February | 18 February | 19 February |
| 5 | 22 February | 23 February | 24 February | 25 February | 26 February |
| 6 | 1 March | 2 March | 3 March | 4 March | 5 March |
| 7 | 8 March | 9 March | 10 March | 11 March | 12 March |
| 8 | 15 March | 16 March | 17 March | 18 March | 19 March |
| 9 | 22 March | 23 March | 24 March | 25 March | 26 March |
| 10 | 29 March | 30 March | 31 March | 1 April | 2 April GOOD FRIDAY |

What to Bring to Preschool

Every child should have a bag containing:

Food: We recommend that you send only healthy food to Preschool and avoid chips, chocolate, cake, lollies or other food with a high sugar content. Ideas for healthy lunchboxes can be found at <https://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au>

Please note, we have children who have allergies to nuts, so please **do not** send nut products such as peanut butter, nutella and nut snacks for your child.



Sun Hat: Please provide a sun hat with your child's name clearly marked. Hats should have a wide brim or be legionnaire style. No caps please. The hat will remain at the Preschool.



...What to Bring to Preschool continued

Backpack: To keep your child's belongings together

Change of clothing: Clearly labelled with name. Just in case. This is a must for all children!



Drink bottle: Filled with WATER ONLY. Clearly labelled with name. Please do not send cordial, fruit juice in a bottle or in a fruit box.



Ice brick: Please ensure you pack an ice brick in your child's lunch box to keep food cold and fresh.

Raincoat and Boots: To enjoy learning outside on rainy days. The boots will remain at the Preschool.



Clothing

Please dress your child in comfortable, easily washed play clothes which allow for self-dressing. Clothes should be easy fitting – avoid overalls or pants with belts so that your child can be comfortable and independent in toileting. Ensure that your child can put his/her shoes and fasten them – Velcro is ideal. **No thongs, crocs or slip in shoes please! As well, no shoulder straps on shirts or dresses.**

As we are involved daily with paint, sand and water and as toilet accidents are not uncommon at this age, we ask that you provide a spare set of clothing.

Please make sure your child's name is clearly marked on ALL their clothing and belongings.



What Food to Bring

- A healthy lunch and afternoon tea (for example a sandwich, a piece of fruit, cut into pieces in a small container or yoghurt)
- We recommend that you send only healthy food to Preschool and avoid chips, chocolate, cake, lollies or other food with a high sugar content. Ideas for healthy lunchboxes can be found at <https://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au>
- Each month children are rewarded Healthy Lunchbox of the Month awards. This makes eating healthy fun for children and at the same time helps them maintain positive eating habits.



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Pack an Ice Brick

- Please ensure you pack an ice brick in your child's lunch box.
- Lunches that contain meat products, egg or cheese.
- Meals such as rice or pasta dishes.
- Fruit that has been cut up or peeled.
- Dairy items such as yoghurt or milk.



Health and Hygiene

Absences

If your child is away for illness or holiday, please inform the preschool staff via phone or email. Regular attendance is a condition of a child holding their place at preschool. Placements may be cancelled if a child is away for more than two weeks without notification to the school. Every effort will be made by our staff to contact a parent before a place is forfeited.

Illness

At Granville Public School Preschool, steps are taken to control the spread of infectious disease and to manage injuries and illness. It is in the best interest of all at Preschool to keep sick children at home. Often children may ask to come to Preschool even though they are ill. Although your child may be disappointed, children must stay at home when they are sick. Should a child come to Preschool when they are not well they will be more vulnerable to further infection and could expose others to infection.

Should your child have diarrhoea or vomiting in the previous 24 hours please keep them at home. After a fever, a child's temperature must be normal for 24 hours before returning to Preschool.

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**ASTHMA
AUSTRALIA**

Sustainability



We
recycle.



We compost
our fruit and
veg scraps.



We have
a worm
farm.



We have a
rainwater
tank



We maintain
vegetable and
flower gardens.

Parent Involvement

- We value the input from our families.
- Throughout the year we organise excursions and need the support of families to help on these occasions. Our ratios for excursions are 1:4, therefore we need 3 parent helpers on each excursion.
- If you have a special interest, play a musical instrument, or would like to read a children's story in your home language, please come and speak to the Preschool educators – we would love to have your input.
- Each term we organise a *Do Drop In Morning* when we invite our families to spend some time in their child's preschool.
- Parents are also asked to join the parent committee that will address certain issues throughout the year pertaining to the preschool environment. The committee meets once a term. Meetings are informal and let you have the opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions.



Family Information

- Each child's name is on a 'Communication Pocket' situated on a door in the foyer. Notes and other information will be placed in these pockets. It is important that you check this regularly.
- Please check these on a daily basis.
- School newsletters can be found on the school website www.granville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au and school app.



Car Park

- There is a small car park located to the side of the preschool.
- Please be considerate of others if using the car park to drop off or pick up your child.
- When available please firstly park in the marked parking bays.
- Parents are asked to access the preschool via **Florrie Street** where there is street car parking available for preschool parents only.



Sun Safety

- We are a “Sun Smart” preschool. You may wish to apply sunscreen before coming to preschool. Sunscreen will be applied at preschool at arrival times during the months of February through to May and then again September to December. Sunscreen is available for reapplication throughout the day if needed.
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- Please ensure that your child wears clothes with sleeves (long or short) and **avoid tank tops, singlets, shoestring straps, halter necks etc.**



Library

- The children will be going to the school library once a fortnight **every Wednesday**. Your child will borrow one library book which is to be returned the following fortnight.
- A library bag (non-plastic) will be needed to protect their book. We encourage you to share the book with your child. Please note that books must be returned before a new one can be borrowed.
- Any books which are damaged or lost will need to be paid for so a replacement book can be purchased.



Celebrations

- We love to celebrate birthdays and other special multicultural occasions at preschool.
- If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday at Preschool, we ask our families to bring in something that is easy to share with the other children, such as cupcakes.
- If you would like to share a multicultural experience or special occasion please speak to the preschool staff so that we can incorporate the celebration into our day.



In the Morning

- Please bring your child into the classroom.
- Each child will have their own locker with their name.
- You can assist your child with putting their bag in their locker and water bottle in the basket.
- Please ensure you pack an ice brick in your child's lunch box.



Ready for Preschool

Before your commencement talk to your child about going to Preschool and find ways to promote Preschool as an exciting place where fun and learning will be enjoyed. This will help your child settle in.

Make sure your child knows:

- *how to use and flush the toilet*
- *that hands should be washed after going to the toilet and before eating*
- *how to blow their nose*

Encourage your child to become more independent by:

- *teaching your child how to take off and put on shoes and socks*
- *encouraging your child to dress and undress themselves*
- *encouraging your child to put away belongings and toys after use*
- *leaving your child with a relative or friend for short periods so that they are used to being away from you.*

Prior to starting preschool, please inform the staff of any medical conditions, allergies or any other additional needs. All children need to be toilet trained before they commence preschool.

First Day

Children will have a name tag.

Spend a little time settling your children into the preschool environment and then tell them you are going.

Please do not prolong the goodbye, or say it often. If you feel you may have trouble saying goodbye, please let one of our Educators help with this.



And, finally...

Preschool really is a fun and happy place for children where they can learn, explore and experience in a safe and caring environment.



At Granville Public School Preschool, we value children's diversity, we celebrate and respect their individual differences and understand that each child is unique.

We recognise that parents are the experts when it comes to knowing their children and their likes and interests. Sharing, communicating and participating in the preschool program creates a valued partnership between families and the preschool staff.

