



# Play and Learn at Joondalup Primary School

Play and Learn is a play-based program specifically designed for students and parents the year before they begin Kindy at Joondalup Primary School.

## The children will:

- » Experiment and try new things
- » Take risks in a safe environment
- » Solve problems and make decisions
- » Gain independence
- » Develop a rapport with peers and adults
- » Build self confidence
- » Enhance their communication skills
- » Develop fine and gross motor skills
- » Learn and follow routines
- » Display respect and good manners
- » Develop their social skills and make friends
- » Develop a longer attention span
- » Listen to and follow instructions
- » Have fun!

## The Play and Learn timetable will encompass

- » Puzzle time
- » Craft activities
- » Free play at tables using a variety of educational toys and games
- » Learning time on the mat
- » Fruit time
- » Music and singing
- » Library visits to borrow books
- » Outdoor play

## Parents will:

- » Work along side their child
- » Find shared interestss
- » Observe developmental progress
- » Encourage manners and respect
- » Observe behaviours
- » Gain an understanding of the purpose of different activities and experiences
- » Enjoy learning with their child!


Each child is required to bring a hat, water bottle, a piece of fruit to share and a library bag to Play and Learn each week.

Children must wear a hat during outdoor play.

We have school hats available to purchase for \$2.00 each and Play and Learn t shirts for \$20.00.

## Play and Learn Staff

**Teacher: Mrs Hannah Reddcliffe**  
**Education Assistant: Mrs Dawn Carr**



Term 1 & 2 the children are introduced to routines, encouraged to follow limits and are expected to use listening behaviours and manners. They will become accustomed to sitting on the mat for learning activities, participate in games and songs and learn to complete set tasks and activities.

Specific activities and games are modelled. Explanations are given to parents on the educational purpose and skills being developed.

In Terms 3 & 4 Play and Learn parents leave the room for a 30 minute coffee break to socialize, share ideas and discuss issues. The children remain in the class for a mat session and explicit teaching time. Parents must stay on the school campus during this time.

Outside professionals are invited to facilitate seminars and discussion groups with the parents. Invited guests include an Occupational Therapist, Child Health Nurse, dental unit from Joondalup Primary School, nutritionist and speech therapy specialists.

Throughout the year every opportunity is taken to listen to the children's speech and articulation. Children in need are referred for further assessment to the Joondalup Child Development Centre. Its vital that this is done before they begin Kindy as the wait list times can be up to 12 months for Speech or Occupational Therapy.

## The Play and Learn children are provided with the best possible foundation to:

- » Start Kindy with success and confidence
  - » Become familiar with the school environment, routines and expectations
  - » Begin a lifelong love of learning!
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