Say hello to

Shine Bright Kangaroo Flat Kindergarten

We are thrilled to welcome you to our Shine Bright kindergarten, we look forward to speaking with you about our Educational Program. We hope you enjoy exploring our indoor and outdoor environments.

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Acknowledgement of Country

Shine Bright Kangaroo Flat Kindergarten would like to acknowledge the people of Dja Dja Wurrung as the traditional custodians of the land where we deliver our kindergarten program and pay respect to the Elders past and present.

At Kangaroo Flat Kindergarten the children, along with the educators say an Acknowledgement to Country each session

"Thanks to the Dja Dja Wurrung people for sharing the land with us. We promise to look after the land, the animals and the plants."

Valuing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and traditions is an important aspect of our Kindergarten program. You will see and experience a variety of activities, celebrations and acknowledgements . It is very important that we acknowledge the first Australians as the custodians of this beautiful country and teach our children to be proud of the oldest living culture in the world that belongs to all of us. Regular acknowledgments to first nations people, yarn circles, visits from Elders, the Koori Preschool Assistant and the use of fire pits will be a prominent feature at your kindergarten. Please note: Stringent risk assessment and procedures are in place regarding the use of our fie pit.

Our Kindergarten Philosophy

CHILDREN

"Kinder is a place where we look after each other and our resources. We are encouraged to try new things, help others and have fun."

We believe that children bring with them a diverse range of experiences, knowledge and skills and they need time to actively engage in their world, explore and make connections between prior experiences and new learning. We will encourage children to create, express wonder, have positive relationships, participate in decision making and embrace new challenges. The education that we will provide is based on the knowledge that all children learn through play and must have the opportunity to feel safe, secure and supported as they connect with their learning environment.

FAMILIES

''As a family we value a welcoming environment which is calm, has a variety of equipment and experiences that interest my child
and promotes independence and social skills that children require for a successful transition to school"

Families play an essential role in each child's learning and all families will be provided with opportunities to participate in their child's learning and share their experiences, culture and values. Families will be encouraged to feel supported and confident to participate to the best of their abilities. All families will be given opportunities to communicate their needs and opinions in a fair and unbiased environment.

EDUCATORS

"As an educator at Kangaroo Flat we believe it is important that each of us feel a sense of belonging to a highly qualified
and motivated team of educators. We strive to embrace new ideas and being open to trying new ways of
doing things so we can provide the best learning environment for our children."

The program will be supported by the educator's knowledge of each child's development in conjunction with
The Victorian Early Years Learning Framework and an enthusiasm to assist children to achieve their full potential.

COMMUNITY

Our center is a part of a vibrant and close community and we are committed to building relationships between the community and our education program. We will encourage the children and families to be a part of this community and relevant events and when possible include these in our daily planning. It is our belief that children and families feel a strong sense of belonging and connection when they are a part of a wider community and this facilitates an enthusiasm within the children to connect with others and be active learners.

ENVIRONMENT

We believe that we must all take responsibility for the physical environment that we share. Educators, children and families will be encouraged to respect our resources, have opportunities to create a sustain-

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How we Shine Bright

Kindergarten is a fun and exciting time or both you and your child. It is a time which is invaluable in establishing the foundation of your child's education.
At Shine Bright Kangaroo Flat Kindergarten we will nurture your child into a happy and confident learner.

Your child will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of rich and meaningful experiences whilst being embraced in a warm, caring environment.

All our Educators are passionate about the program that is offered to the children and use their knowledge and skills to challenge and enhance every child's development. Each Educator comes with a varied wealth of experience and are enthusiastic to be a part of the Kangaroo Flat Kindergarten Community.

We value the time that you and your child spend at the Kindergarten and promote a strong sense of belonging. Families are encouraged to share their experiences and culture and are always welcome to participate in the program

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Frequently Asked Questions

What should my child wear to kinder?

We have an optional uniform. This is available from Arvee Screen Printing in Eaglehawk. We recommend comfortable clothing that parents don't mind getting dirty. Closed in shoes and always make sure you have a complete change of clothes in your child's bag

What should I pack in my child's lunchbox?

The 7.5 hour sessions have morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. The 5 hour session has morning tea and lunch. We recommend packing a variety of foods, pack more than you think your child will eat for the first few sessions and then go from there. Fresh fruit, vegetable sticks, hummus, crackers, cheese, pretzels, sandwich, wrap or roll, etc. Limitations due to allergy depend on the children in the groups. This year we are a nut free centre due to children attending with anaphylaxis.

Do you go on excursions?

The Kookaburra and Possums groups go on several excursions throughout the year. Some examples are; clean up Australia day walk, the local library, post office, Palmers Gym, Discovery Centre, Crook street playground. The amount and type of excursions we go on changes every year.

What is your Sunsmart protocol?

Children (and staff) need to wear a sunsmart hat (not a cap) when outdoors. We apply sunscreen every 2 hours. Parents are encouraged to help their child put on sunscreen when dropping off and then staff assist with this every 2 hours until children are collected. As the year progresses children become more confident to apply their own sunscreen under close supervision.

Does my child need to be toilet trained to attend kinder?

We do have a change mat here for nappies if needed. We encourage everyone to use the toilet throughout the day and are always available if anyone needs any help with this. It is important to keep communicating with staff about your child's toileting journey so they are aware of how much assistance may be required.

Do I need to provide an art smock?

No we have a variety of smocks here at kinder. However sometimes the children are quicker than the educators and occasionally paint may get on their clothes which is why we recommend they don't wear their 'good' clothes to kinder.

For further information please contact us

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2022 Enrolments are online, enrolment information can be found on the LMPA website www.lmpa.org.au Enrolment enquires to LMPA on 5443 1229 or email on enrolments@lmpa.org.au

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Our Kinder groups

Kookaburras attend Mondays & Thursdays

8.30am - 4.00pm

Teachers are: Pieta, Melinda & Donna

Possums attend Wednesdays & Fridays

8.30am - 4.00pm

Teachers are: Suzanne, Jenny & Jo

Geckos (Prekinder) attend Tuesdays

9.00am - 2.00pm

Teachers are: Nicky & Jo

These are the groups currently running for 2021. We hope to continue this model in 2022 but this will depend on enrolment numbers

A letter from the Kookaburra group...

Hi!

At kinder you will get to make lots of friends, to make friends you just need to play, share toys and be nice to everyone. My favourite thing to do at kinder is to make new friends.

There are bikes and we have a STOP sign. We use the swings and the slide all the time. The slide is high and the swings are the most fun. I like playing on the swings.

Remember not to run inside and to wash your hands before snack time. You wash your hands, put soap on and dry your hands with paper towel. At kinder I wash my own hands.

We have lunchboxes, you can have vegetables in your lunch box if you want to- or fruit- sometimes I have popcorn.

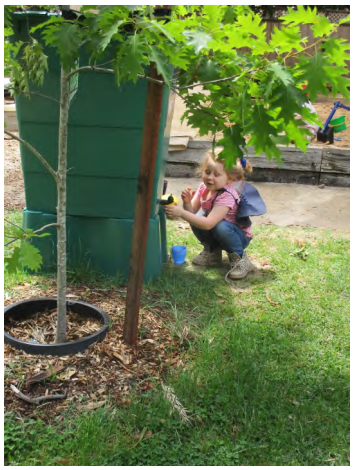
At kinder we sing songs and play so much. The teachers read books and eat lunch with me. There is painting and blowing bubbles.

I like the building... there's lots of building at kinder. When it's Easter the Easter bunny came.

Kinder is something special. I like the sandpit and the puzzles. You will get to do a drawing at kinder.

I love the book champion bag. You put a book in and return it to kinder for Pieta to read.

Kinder is fun. I love to play.

Love the Kookaburra children

We look forward to having your child at our kinder in 2022