



Welcome to Kindergarten

Port Hedland Primary School

Working together to encourage lifelong learning in an inclusive, safe and respectful environment.

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This booklet is designed to help make the beginning of your child's early learning journey a positive and joyful experience.

As your child's first teacher, the role you play is incredibly important. Long before school begins, children learn many valuable skills from their families. It's natural for parents to feel a mix of excitement and nerves at this stage—after all, your little one is growing up!

Kindergarten is a time filled with fun, discovery, and new friendships. Your child will gain skills and confidence that will set the foundation for a lifelong love of learning. Your support, enthusiasm, and encouragement will make a big difference in helping them settle in happily.

Take time to talk with your child about how they feel about starting kindergarten. Acknowledge that it can be both exciting and a little overwhelming, and reassure them that these feelings are perfectly normal. With your guidance, they'll be ready to embrace this new adventure with confidence.

Kindergarten is not only an important step in your child's development—it is also a time of fun, growth, and new beginnings. We are excited to welcome you and your child as you embark on this journey with us at Port Hedland Primary School



Our School

OUR VISION

"Working together to encourage lifelong learning in an inclusive, safe and respectful environment"

OUR VALUES

Persistence · Confidence · Independence · Resilience · Inclusion

What will I learn?

In kindergarten, children learn best through play. Their learning builds on what they have learnt at home and in other settings. Learning programs in the early years are shaped by the five outcomes of the Early Years Learning Framework and the WA Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines:

- 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.

Kindergarten teachers are responsive to children's ideas, interests and strengths when planning learning experiences, ensuring learning is engaging, relevant and accessible to all children.



Preparing me for Kindergarten

Before starting School...

My parents will help me practice how to:

- Open and close my school bag
- Open and close my drink bottle
- Open my lunchbox and snacks
- Put on and take off my shoes and socks
- Manage the steps of going to the toilet
- Ask an adult for help
- Share with others

Toileting...

We recognise that toilet training is a developmental process and some students may begin kindergarten still requiring individual toileting assistance. We are happy to support students through this process. If your child does require toileting assistance, please inform the kindergarten and arrange a meeting to develop an individualized plan. For children who do require a toileting plan, we kindly ask parents and caregivers to provide the following items to be kept in the classroom and replaced when required:

- Several changes of clothing, including underwear and socks
- A packet or more of baby wipes
- Nappy bags
(for discreet disposal of soiled items and for packing wet items to be sent home)
- A box of disposable gloves
- A supply of pull-ups in your child's size

To support your child's independence and ease of care, we recommend that children who need more than underwear wear pull-ups while at kindergarten.

➤ *We are here to help!*

Children learn best when families and teachers work together. You know your child better than anyone- sharing information about your child's interests and abilities helps your child to get the best out of their kindergarten experience, by allowing teachers to meet their needs.

Children with additional needs are a valued part of the diverse group of students who attend Port Hedland Primary School Kindergarten. Collaboration between families, teachers and outside agencies (such as therapy providers) are particularly beneficial for children who may require tailored planning and support. If you have information that you feel may be necessary to share, please contact your child's teacher.

Help us, to help your child.



What do I need to begin my Kindergarten journey?

➤ A school uniform

***Current uniform options may differ from styles pictured*



Polo shirts



Shorts, skirt or dress



Wide brimmed hat



Jumper or jacket

➤ Other essential items



Lunch box



Water bottle



School bag

***Bags should be big enough to fit other essential items, a library bag and a change of clothing (including socks).*

➤ Book list items











Book lists will be sent out towards the end of the year. Purchasing directly from the school endorsed website is recommended, as each item is carefully selected by teachers to suit its intended purpose. If you do purchase items elsewhere, please do your best to select similar brands and/or styles.

!! Please remember to label my clothing, lunchbox, hat, bag and shoes so they don't get lost.

The Port Hedland Primary School P & C kindly donates a library bag to each kindergarten student, so please don't purchase one. These will be distributed by your child's teacher at the beginning of the school year.

When will I go to Kindergarten?

I will attend kindergarten 5 days each fortnight, with Wednesdays alternating between attending and non-attending. If my days are Monday, Tuesday, and every second Wednesday, I will be in the Kangaroo or Koala group. If my days are Thursday, Friday, and every second Wednesday, I will be in the Emu or Echidna group.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1					
Week 2					



2026 Term Dates

Term 1: 02/02/2026 - 02/04/2026
Term 2: 20/04/2026 - 03/07/2026
Term 3: 20/07/2026 - 25/09/2026
Term 4: 12/10/2026 - 17/12/2026



**Please note that these dates are provided as a guide and are subject to change. To stay up to date, we recommend reading the weekly wrap-up or checking the school website regularly.*

But what if I am sick?

My family and teachers share the common goal of keeping me healthy and well so I can learn to the best of my ability. If I am sick, it's important to keep me at home or arrange alternative care for everyone's safety. My parents will notify the kindergarten of my absence via Compass (preferred), phone or email.

If I become unwell during the day, my teachers will contact my parent or carer, and they will come to collect me. It is important that my emergency contact information is up to date with the school, so my teachers can reach my family when needed.

Staying healthy

A healthy body helps your child be their best self, each and every day.

<p>Sleep</p> <p>Make sure your child is getting enough sleep. Have a regular wind down routine and time for bed.</p>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Having a nutritious breakfast sets your child up for the day - it's hard for children to learn on an empty tummy.</p>	<p>Lunchbox</p> <p>Pack a lunchbox of healthy food that you know your child will like and eat. Help your child learn how to unwrap their food and eat it independently.</p>
<p>Immunisation</p> <p>Your child's immunisation schedule needs to be up to date (appropriate to their age and any limiting medical conditions) for them to go to kindergarten. Speak with the school or community kindergarten teacher if you do not have these records and they can assist you.</p>	<p>Toilet training</p> <p>Help your child manage going to the toilet on their own by giving them lots of practice to undress, pull down and do up their clothes, use toilet paper, flush the toilet and wash their hands all by themselves.</p>	<p>Medical</p> <p>If your child has any allergies/medical requirements, you must let the teacher know so that a plan can be put in place to manage them.</p>



My attendance matters

Coming to kindergarten every day is important for me. Regular attendance helps me to learn and build strong relationships with my peers and teachers. By being at school consistently, I can develop positive habits that will support my learning in the future. When I miss days, I may miss valuable learning experiences and opportunities to connect and play with my friends.

My parents can help me by:

- Talking positively about kindergarten
- Organising play dates with my peers so I can build strong friendships
- Planning family holidays during school breaks, not in term time
- Being on time for drop-off and pick-up to keep my routine consistent and secure

If I need time off during the school term for something other than being sick, an absence form needs to be filled out. This form is available on the school website or can be entered on Compass. It's also helpful for my teacher to know in advance so they can plan and prepare for me.

When coming to school feels difficult, my parents can ask my teacher for help, and together they can find ways to support me and make my kindergarten experience a positive one.

Communication

How will my parent or carer contact the school?

Port Hedland Primary School has recently transitioned to Compass. This will be the main communication platform between families and teachers moving forward. Please download the 'Compass School Manager' app, and the school will provide you with login details at the appropriate time. You may also receive emails from Compass.

Compass



The school may also communicate via text message. You will receive the weekly 'Wrap Up' newsletter and other important information through the text message system, so please ensure the school office has your correct contact details.

Text message



At present, kindergarten teachers use this app to document your child's learning. You will receive an invite to Seesaw at the beginning of the school year.

Seesaw



Uniform orders can be placed through this app. When the canteen is operating, orders can be placed here too.

Flexischools



My day at kindergarten



7.55am

My caregiver will wait with me until my teacher opens the classroom door.

***If my arrival is after 8.10 my caregiver will sign me in at the office before walking me to class.*



When the classroom opens, an adult will help me to:

Place my lunch box in my individual tray

Place my labelled 'crunch and sip' in the basket

Put my water bottle on top of the tray trolley

Select an activity to do



8.10am

The bell will ring to signal the beginning of the learning day and I know it will be time to say goodbye. I will give my parent or carer a hug and they will come to collect me at the end of the day. My teachers will help me to learn, and keep me safe until they return.



Playing and learning

My teachers will provide me with lots of opportunities to play and learn. I will get to engage in a range of fine motor, sensory, dramatic play and art experiences inside the classroom. Some days I will even go to the library to borrow books!



Meals and break times

Learning is hard work, and I will need time to refuel. I will have crunch and sip with my friends at 8.30am and my teachers will tell me when it is time for everyone to go to recess and lunch.



*** I am provided with extended play times in Kindergarten, with recess from 10.10-11am and lunch from 12.30-1.30pm.*

It has been a busy day, so after lunch my teacher will give me the opportunity to rest, relax or engage in quiet activities. This might look different across the year as it depends on the needs of my peers and me.



Toileting

I can go to the toilet or have a drink of water whenever I need to. If I need help, my teachers will be there.



2.20pm

The bell will ring at 2.20 to signal the end of the school day.

A parent, carer or after school care will come to pick me up.

A sibling or friend might pick me up too- as long as they have told my teacher, who needs to make sure I am safe.



Information for my parents

➤ Voluntary Contributions

- The School Contributions for 2026 are \$60 per student, per annum. This assists with covering the cost of resources and materials used in the classroom.
- The Building and Grounds Contributions for 2026 are \$20 per student (or \$50 per family of 3+), and assist with maintaining and updating our school.
- The P&C Contributions are \$20 per student (or \$40 per family), which goes directly to the P&C.
All of these contributions are voluntary.

➤ The School Board

The School Board supports the school by providing input into the school's development and operation. It extends opportunities for parents and staff to make decisions about future directions and policies of the school. It also carries out reviews of the school's progress.

➤ The P & C

We are fortunate to have an active and involved P & C at Port Hedland Primary School. The P & C contribute to kindergarten and the wider school by funding valuable resources and services to enrich learning, through various events and fundraisers organised throughout the year. A \$2 membership fee allows you to become a financial member eligible to vote on P & C matters, and meetings are held twice per term. We encourage families to consider joining to stay connected and informed about what's happening at the school.

➤ The uniform shop

The uniform shop is open on Wednesdays from 7.30am-8.30am, and is located adjacent to the library and turf area. You can purchase in person from the shop, or order via the Flexischools app. Items purchased via Flexischools are delivered to your child's class on a Wednesday morning, so please make sure their details are up to date on the app. If sizing is incorrect unworn items can be exchanged.

➤ School contact details

Telephone: (08) 9174 6000 | Email: porthedland.ps@education.wa.edu.au | Compass app

And so the journey begins..

We hope this booklet has provided helpful information to support a smooth transition for both you and your child. We are looking forward to sharing a wonderful year together, filled with fun, learning, growth, laughter, and most likely- a little bit of mess.



My school details ✨

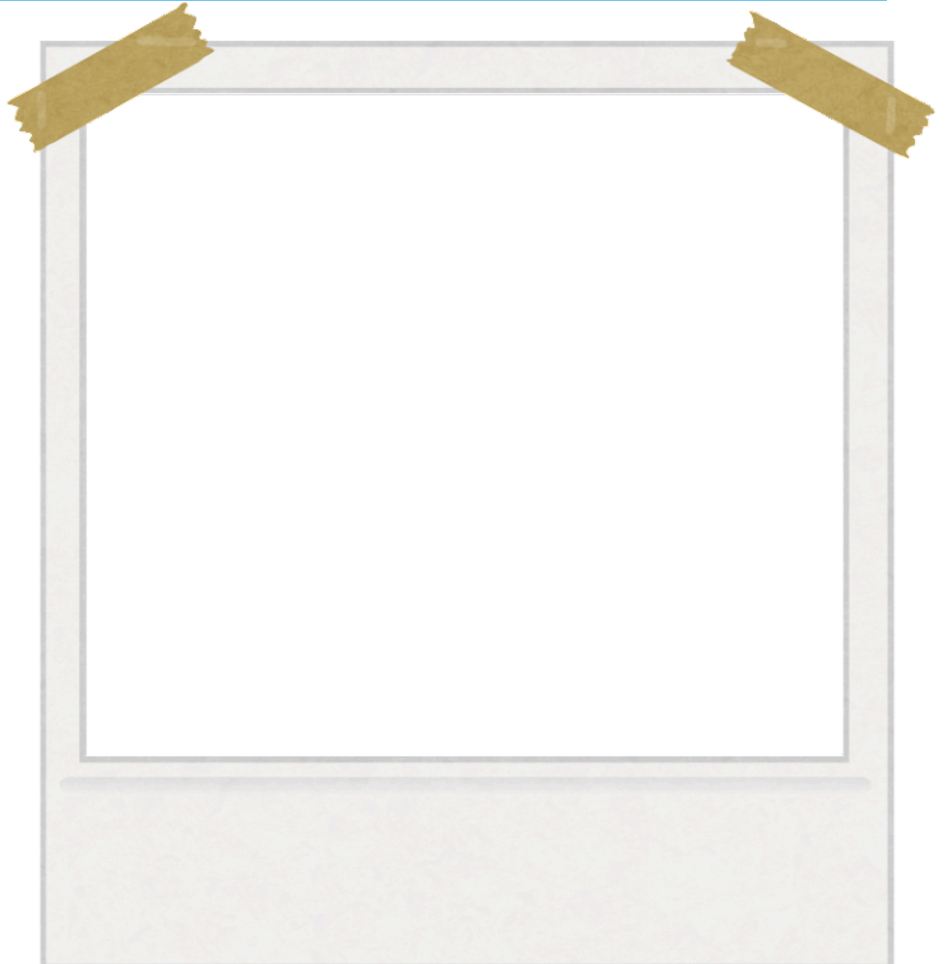
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This will be my outdoor area..



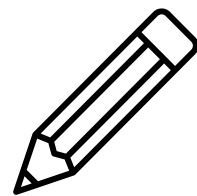
My teacher's name is: _____

And this is me...

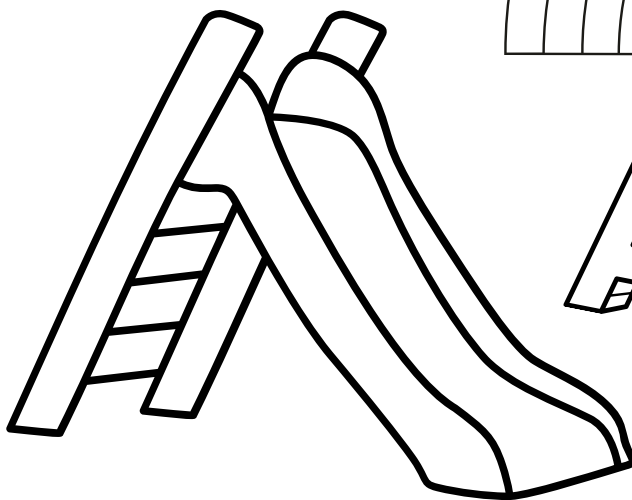
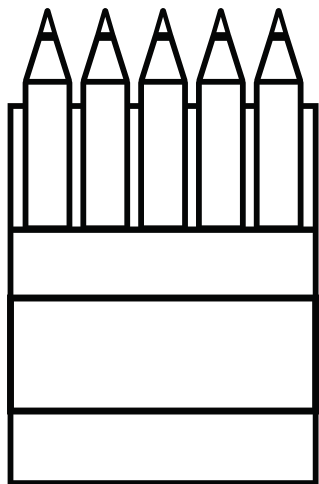
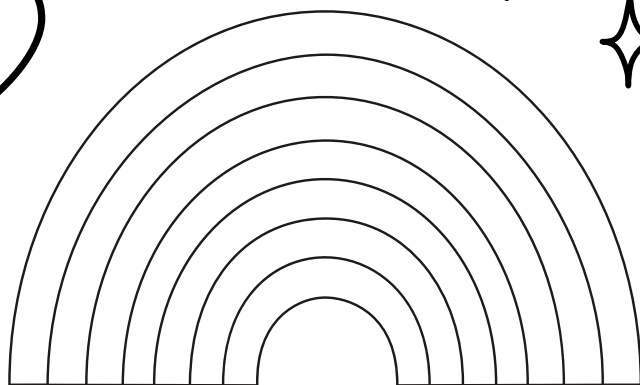
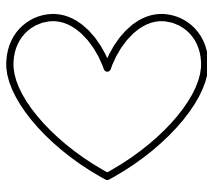


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