

ROXBYP DOWNNS KINDERGARTEN

learn play grow



Dates to remember

First day of term 30th January (Blue)
2nd February (Red)

Governing Council Meeting 13th February 7pm

AGM 27 February 7pm

Public Holiday 13th March

Last day of term 13th April

Welcome to Term 1 2017

We are excited to welcome you to a new year at kindy! We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child/ren. Please provide a family photo for our wall if you have one (we are happy to photocopy).

3 way meetings

As a way to get to know you and your child/ren, we are going to be holding meetings during weeks 3 and 4 (13/2—24/2). We would like to find out what your child hopes for this year, what your goals/expectations are for your child, and their interests/strengths. This will help us develop an individual learning plan which we will continue to revisit with you and them throughout the year. The meetings will be held after kindergarten and we will provide a range of times. You will meet with the teacher responsible for your child. Meetings will last approx. 15 minutes. Know that the teachers are always happy to meet with you at any time during the year, just speak to your child's teacher to make a time. Notes to go out week one.

Term 1 Kindy Fees

Kindy fees are payable each term or can be paid in a lump sum at the beginning of the year to attract a 10% discount.

Kindergarten: \$125 per term; or

\$450 full year paid by end of February

All fees need to be paid on line or deposited directly at National Australia Bank.

Acct Name: Roxby Downs Kindergarten

BSB: 085-896

Account number:
548433346

Reference: Your Child's Name

2nd Ref (if valid): Your Name

#Social Media #Let's work together

We love modern technology and are working on new ways to communicate with our families. We ask if you have any questions or concerns that you raise them with one of our friendly staff members. At times it can be inappropriate to use social media forums such as Facebook to discuss these matters. Please contact us during hours of operation on 8671 0455 or via email at dl.6646.roxbykgn@schools.sa.edu.au



Things to remember ...



How can I keep informed about Roxby Downs Kindergarten?

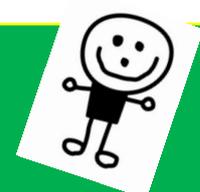
Educators are passionate about keeping our families informed. You can find information about our kindergarten by ...

- Checking out our detailed newsletters (distributed regularly each term). If you prefer a hard copy newsletter please let Brenda know.
- Looking at our weekly slideshow that tells a story about the learning that has been happening at kindergarten (updated weekly)
- Checking your child's notice pocket frequently (we will try and check it for you and if it's looking full we will put your notes in your child's bag) - however, we will be emailing the majority of information.
- Visiting the parents information space in the entrance foyer
- Talking to one of our friendly staff team during arrival or pick up times, staying in touch with your child's guardian teacher
- Phoning or emailing
- Our Website (currently being updated) and Facebook page
- Becoming a member of our Governing Council

How can I find out how my child is going at kindergarten?

Educators at the kindergarten want you to be a part of your child's learning journey and are excited about sharing your child's progress, achievements and challenges with you. You can find information about your child by ...

- Looking in your child's learning portfolio, you will find stories about your child's learning (there's room for your feedback)
- Checking out your child's statement of learning (distributed at the end of each term—there is room for feedback)
- Getting in touch with one of your child's educators—guardian teachers will be assigned to each child—you will be notified of who this is and this teacher will be in regular contact with you and is always available for you to chat with.



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Please make sure your child has:

- **Hat** (needs a brim) (we have a strict *no hat no outside play* policy)
- **Sunscreen** (please put sunscreen on your child before coming to kindy—we will reapply sunscreen before lunch)
- **Healthy food** for a snack and a bottle of **water**
- **Spare clothes** (especially as we will be playing with water in warmer weather)
- **Library**
Library visits will commence in week 1. Please bring along a library bag so that your child can borrow a book. There are a limited number for purchase at \$5.

Food Policy/Lunches

Please remember to pack lunches that fit within the guidelines of our healthy eating policy. An updated policy was approved by Governing Council late last year. We have moved away from a complete ban on eggs, nuts and fish and this will only be enforced if a child in your group is affected. Blue group and red group will have different food guidelines depending on known food allergies within each individual group. If there are certain foods not allowed at kindy you will be notified. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak with Brenda, Sophie and Louise. We understand that packing lunches can be tricky so please don't worry if you receive a reminder at the end of the kindy day. We require healthy snacks and lunches be provided—most packaged foods do not meet this criteria. Also remember we do not have lunch at kindy on Wednesday. We run a cooking program on Wednesday so all children have the opportunity for a snack. It is also helpful to pack a healthy snack for your child/ren as they are often hungry during the session.

Laundry

Each week we have tea towels, towels, tablecloths, smocks, dress-ups, and numerous other items that need laundering. This year we will be having a laundry roster and your child will bring home a bag of laundry. Please wash, dry and return the clean laundry to kindy. We appreciate this very much and it means that you may only have to do this once a year.



Our daily routine



Kindy opens at 8.30am. Parents must stay with their child/ren until then.



Upon arrival—please sign your child/ren into kindy on the roll which is located outside the main entrance. Please encourage your child/ren to write their name on their sign in sheet—even if it is a scribble, the first letter of their name or whatever they can manage. We use this to track their writing progress over the year.



Help your child locate their locker name tag and attach to their chosen locker. During the first part of the year they will use photo name tags, but we will change to just their name in the latter part of the year.

Lunch boxes need to be removed from your child's bag—these can be placed on the kitchen bench and staff will store them in the fridge. Please make sure lunch boxes are clearly named. Drink bottles can be stored inside on the lower kitchen bench to ensure water stays cold.

On a Wednesday (library day), place the borrowed library book in the container provided, and your child's library bag in the other container located outside by the sign in area.

Please advise teachers of anything they need to be aware of that might impact your child's day (e.g. didn't sleep well, no breakfast, family circumstances, different person picking them up from kindergarten).

We promote children's independence and ask that you encourage your child to do as much of the above as possible so that they can take responsibility for the various tasks.

9am—Morning meeting time. Each group will be split into 2 smaller groups and meeting and group times will be held in these smaller groups.



9.30-11.30am—children can choose to plan inside or outside and can also have their snack whenever they like. Children are regularly reminded to eat their snacks.

12.15pm onwards—children can choose inside or outdoor play.

2.30pm—children help with packing up

2.45pm—afternoon group time and goodbyes

3pm—kindy finishes for the day.

End of day routine—please check your child's locker and ensure you have their lunch box, drink bottle, clothes. If their lunch box is not there it may be in the fridge as if they have leftover food we ensure lunch boxes are returned there to remain cool and eliminate wastage.

Please check the art drying rack daily and take any of your child's masterpieces home.

Check the lost property table regularly— there is always clothes, hats, drink bottles, lunch boxes, etc. left behind.

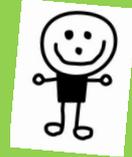
Wednesday routine

Kindy opens at 8.30am and the session ends at 12.30pm.

On a Wednesday we have cooking experiences and the library visit.

Blue group (Monday/Tuesday) has their Wednesday session on odd weeks (1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11). During term one the dates are: 1/2, 15/2, 1/3, 15/3, 29/3, 12/4—please mark these dates on your calendar.

Red group (Thursday/Friday) has their Wednesday session on even weeks (2, 4, 6, 8, 10). During term one the dates are: 8/2, 22/2, 8/3, 22/3, 5/4—please mark these dates on your calendar.



A few things about kindy



Your child will need a bag, named lunch box and drink bottle (water only), a sun safe hat (**MUST** have a brim—**no caps**), spare clothes.

Tops must cover shoulders per our Sun Protection Policy.



Governing Council

On February 27th we will hold our AGM where our new governing council for 2017 will be elected.

We hope that many of you consider becoming part of our governing council. Meetings are held twice per term on a Monday at 7pm in weeks 3 and 8 and last approx. one hour.

The Governing Council is a parent group which is responsible, along with the Staff, for the operation and maintenance of the kindergarten. Membership of the Council involves attending meetings twice per term, organising kindergarten functions, fundraising and encouraging others to give their support. As a Council Member you will gain an excellent understanding of how your Kindergarten works.

Being on the Governing Council is a very rewarding experience and we have lots of fun too! Please speak to Brenda or Sophie to register your interest for 2017.

Special Days

During 2017 we are planning on holding a number of special days. Some of these include dressing up, so keep a look out for pirate/princess dress ups for later in the year; a costume for Book Week (dress as their favourite storybook character); footy team dress ups and of course pajama day.

We also plan on having some special nights to celebrate Mother's Day, Father's Day and a Special Person Day.

Please put the following very **important** date into your calendar—end of year family Christmas party and kindy graduation—**Thursday 7th December.**



Term dates for 2017

Term 1—30 January—13 April

Term 2—1 May—7 July

Term 3—24 July—29 September

Term 4—16 October—8 December

CAFHS Health Checks

Each term the CAFHS nurse comes to the kindy and is available for appointments. Once your child is 4 years and 3 months old, they should be having their prior to school health check. This picks up on potential developmental, sight and hearing issues. Alternatively, you can make an appointment with CAFHS and have it done there, if you do this please let Brenda know so we can record the information. We will advise parents when health checks are due and if you wish to have it done at the kindy we will make an appointment for you. Details will be provided early in Term one.

Take home literacy bags

This year each group will have access to several different literacy bags containing a soft toy, a book associated with the toy, and a journal. Your child will keep the bag for a week. Children can take the toy with them wherever they go. We ask that you take photos and paste them into the journal with some writing about the special time your child had with the toy. If you don't have access to a printer, please put the photos onto a USB and we are happy to print them for you. A roster will be developed for the literacy bags so every child will have the opportunity to take one home at least once/twice during the year.

Special Kindergarten Programs

Roxby Downs Kindergarten has been selected to participate in the Early Learning Languages Australia (ELLA) program and has chosen **SPANISH** as our language. This aligns with the Roxby Downs Area School curriculum. The kindy children and teachers will be learning Spanish via an iPad app as well as through songs, books and routines.

