

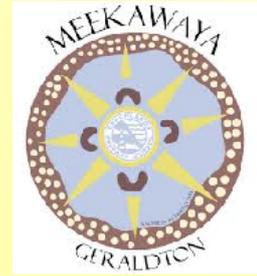


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KindiLink

Parent Information Book

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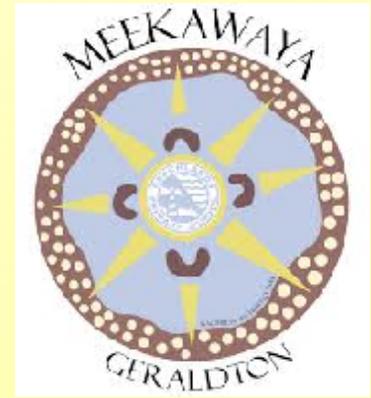
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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Beachlands Primary School is a small school in the Midwest town of Geraldton, providing a safe and nurturing environment for all students.

At Beachlands Primary School we are proud to offer an education that values the culture of First Nations People. We acknowledge and learn our local Aboriginal history, including Wajarri language and On-Country experiences.

Our staff are culturally responsive in their approach, providing students with high quality learning opportunities in an inclusive environment.

Our school programs, including our intervention programs ensure students are supported and engaged in their learning. We encourage every student to be their 'Beachlands Best'

Our school values: Be Caring, Be Respectful and Be Responsible underpin our relationships and how we interact with all members of our school community.

I look forward to working in collaboration with you in the best interests of your child.

Helen Barnes

Principinal





The Early Years



THE KINDILINK PROGRAM

KindiLink is a new play and learn initiative for families which is offered to three year old Aboriginal children (turning three before June 30) and their parent/caregivers. The aim of this three year pilot initiative (which began in 2016) was to enhance each child's learning while building families' capabilities and confidence as their child's first educator.

GOAL

The goal of KindiLink is to provide an exciting child centred program for families and their three year old child which help the child develop skills that will support their transition to kindergarten. It is a play based program which allows children to learn through relevant and meaningful experiences, as they play and learn alongside their parent/carers.

The Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF), the Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines (SCASA) and the West Australian Curriculum clarify what we expect students to achieve in the Early years. At Beachlands Primary School we have high expectations of student achievement in their first years of schooling. We focus on developing social skills and school readiness through intentional play based learning experiences.

AIM

At Beachlands Primary School we pay particular attention to the early years of schooling from Meekawayya KindiLink (Aboriginal 0-3 year olds & their parents/carers) to Year 2. These years are the platform from which every child can become a successful student.

EYLF 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





Parents are the first educators and we acknowledge this. To make our jobs easier please remember to put your photos away and enjoy this time with your child. Please don't take photos of other children as we may have children that are not allowed to have their photo taken.

KindiLink Session Times

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

8.30am –11am.

TERM 1 COMMENCEMENT

First day of KindiLink will be Tuesday, 1st February 2022

COST

It's free to attend KindiLink at Beachlands Primary School. There is NO cost for children and their families to attend the KindiLink sessions.

ATTENDANCE

KindiLink attendance is non-compulsory, however we welcome all children and families to attend as often as they are able to.

Mums, Dads, Nans, Pops, Aunties, Uncles and carers are all always welcome at KindiLink.

At least one adult needs to attend each KindiLink session with their child (and they must remain with them for the entire session as supervision of their child is their responsibility).

KindiLink Outcomes

The following outcomes are the focus of the KindiLink program:

- Better school preparedness
- Better school engagement by both children and families
- Better rates of school attendance across all years of future schooling
- Improved personal and social learning
- Improved literacy and numeracy performance



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MEEKAWAYA



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please dress your child in clothes which are able to get wet, dirty and painted on. KindiLink sometimes involves messy and fun (but safe) play. School uniforms are available from the school office if you decide you would like to buy one for your child to wear, but this is optional.

SUN SMART SCHOOL



A wide brimmed hat is an important part of the uniform all year round. KindiLink is a great place to start practising this habit. Our school rule is "NO HAT, NO PLAY, sit in the shade". A hat is essential sun protection for children and adults too.



WHAT WILL MY CHILD NEED TO BRING TO KindiLink?

A piece of fruit to be put into our fruit bowl and then shared at morning tea time.

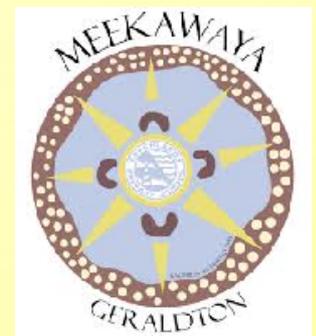
Sneakers or sandals

A set of spare clothes

A hat

KindiLink is all about getting ready for school. It's a great idea to help your child learn how to carry and bring their own backpack to school each day for KindiLink.





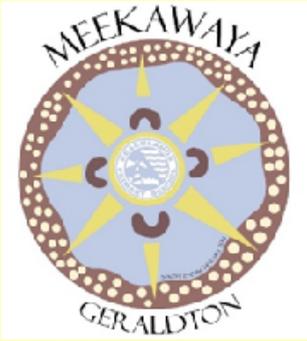
WHAT WILL MY CHILD BE DOING AT KindiLink?

The KindiLink program is planned to encourage your child's learning through play. With you beside them, guiding and encouraging them, they will have many experiences and learn many new skills. At KindiLink your child will have opportunities to learn as they play at:

- Indoor and outdoor activities
- Playdough and sensory play
- Painting with a variety of equipment of natural and made products.
- Reading books and listening to stories
- Expressing themselves
- Working co-operatively with others
- Building self esteem
- Problem solve
- Role play and dress up
- Sing and dance
- Listen to others
- Follow instructions
- Drawing
- Sand and water play
- Ball games
- Bike riding
- Climbing and swinging
- Explore and be creative
- Construction with lego and wooden blocks
- Develop their independence
- Socialise and develop social skills
- Share and think of others
- Face new challenges and take risks
- Develop fine and gross motor skills
- Expand their vocabulary
- Care for living things and the environment
- Learn to love LEARNING!
- So many of these important skills will be helpful in preparing your child for Kindergarten in 2020



OUR DAY AT...

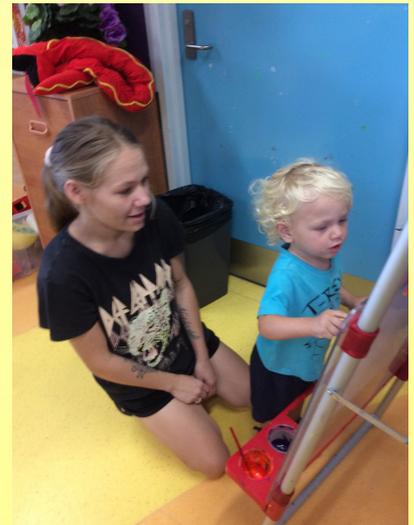


8.45am

- Children and families arrive

9.00am

- Inside play time
- Learning games
- Art & craft
- Construction
- Games
- Books & puzzles
- Home corner & dolls
- Side by Side Learning



10:15am

- pack away time
- Mat time together with story, songs & rhymes.



10.25am

Toilet & wash hands, morning tea together.

10.35am

- Outside play
- Bikes
- Sandpit
- Footy
- Cubby house
- Gardening
- Obstacle course



10.50am

Inside to read with your grown up

11.00am

Good bye, farewell, see you next time at KindiLink



A FINAL WORD

We are looking forward to a wonderful year at Beachlands Meekaway KindiLink in 2022. We believe that a positive start to school puts your child on the right path for being a lifelong learner.

As your child's first and most important teacher, we look forward to welcoming you and your child to KindiLink and we hope you will soon feel that "KindiLink is a place where everyone belongs".

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Berryman (*KindiLink Teacher*)
Aunty Narelle (*Aboriginal & Islander Education Officer*)



Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to Acknowledge the Aboriginal Peoples
and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

Together we touch the ground of the land
(touch the ground)

We reach for the sky that covers the land
(raise hands to the sky)

And we touch our hearts to care of the land
(touch chest over heart)

*The words and actions in this Play School Acknowledgement
of Country were created by Aunty Tracey Linn Bostock- a
descendent of the Bundjalung Nation which is her
Grandmother's and Grandfather's Country.*



Welcome to KindiLink

(to the tune of Where is Thumbkin).

Welcome to KindiLink.

Welcome to KindiLink.

Who can we see?

Who can we see?

I can see.....

I can see.....

Smiling at me.....

Smiling at me.....

Hello everybody

Hello everybody

What can you say ?

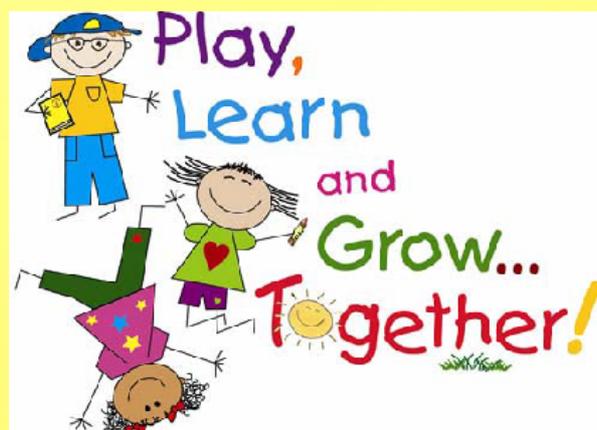
What can you say ?

Good morning everybody.

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Every day

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At KindiLink we work closely with other supportive agencies in the Midwest and we would like to thank them.

Special Thanks

Allied Health

Ngala- Midwest Gascoyne

Rangeway Parenting Centre

Geraldton Foodbank

Beyond Blue

The Hippy Program

