Curriculum

The aims and objectives of the Kindergarten are to assist the children to:-

- foster/maintain a very positive view of the school.
- bridge the gap between home and school
- learn to listen, share and express ideas within a small and larger group situation
- grow in self-confidence
- develop at his/her own rate
- communicate their thoughts, ideas and feelings clearly
- deepen and lengthen their concentration span
- enjoy the satisfaction of work well done and share this with their parents
- appreciate and practise social skills
- become aware of the body’s capacities and limitations
- acquire good habits of health and hygiene
- choose and explore a wide range of materials
- share in the wonder and excitement created by books, stories, rhymes, songs, music and the natural environment
- foster a range of skills in the area of physical, drawing, pre-writing, reading, sensory skills and memory.

Kinder Hours

The Kindergarten will operate on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. 9.00am – 2.55pm. Children are to be delivered to the Kindergarten either by parent, sibling or by their bus buddy. Children who catch the bus are taken to bus line by their bus buddy or the teacher.

Term Dates 2013

Easter Break: 29th March - 2nd April
Term 1: 6th February - 19th April
Term 2: 6th May - 5th July
Term 3: 22nd July - 27th September
Term 4: 14th October - 19th December
Library
Children can borrow school library books straight from their classroom. Children are encouraged to have a waterproof Library bag. They are available from the Uniform Shop.

Reports.
Parents will be given the opportunity of formally speaking with the Kinder teacher about their child’s development during Parent / Teacher meetings at a date to be advised. During term time the teacher will be available to speak to parents if the need arises. A simple written report will be sent home at the end of the year.

Communication
The student diary is the major source of communication between school and home. Any extra information will be sent home in the form of notices or included in the newsletter or on the school website.

Fees & Levies
Invoices for fees and levies are sent out in February, annually, and statements monthly. Fee discounts are available for 2 or more children and also for full payment by March 31st. Student assistance forms are now available from the school office. Accounts are payable by 31st December and can be paid by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, direct debit, electronic transfer or Centrepay.

Levies cover all materials that will be used in the Kindergarten. It also covers excursions, use of the Port Huon Sports Centre during times of wet weather for activity. There will not be any further costs unless to support a P&F initiative, fundraising for charity or our Student Representative Council activities.

Uniform
Kinder children wear school sports uniform of Rugby top, track pants, polo top, shorts, short white socks, and sand shoes/sneakers. Children can alternate between shorts and track pants depending on the weather conditions. Children require a smock (preferably waterproof which covers all clothes). ALL items of clothing to be clearly named including socks and shoes. Hair longer than shoulders should be neatly tied back.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be open for purchases on Book Day. Orders may be placed at any time before end of term 3 and orders collected on Book day.

Disruption at Home
If there is any emotional strain or change in the family, parents are requested to inform either the Kinder teacher or Principal. (This could vary from a parent/grandparent being in hospital to a marriage breakup etc)

Sickness at School
Children who sustain minor injuries will be treated at school. Parents will be contacted in cases where the child is not able to remain at school. Information forms will be issued at the beginning of the year. These forms will provide us with current information. If a child requires regular or incidental medication parents are requested to complete a medication form which is available at the school office. All medication must be given to the teacher or teacher aide not left in the child’s bag.

Care of Property.
All children are expected to use the buildings and facilities at the school with great care and to look after personal property which should be CLEARLY NAMED.

Sport and Other Events.
Kindergarten will participate in as many whole school activities as is possible, (including learn-to-swim). We wish to make sure that Kindergarten is actively included as a part of the school even though only operating for three days.

Parents
Parents are invited to be a part of the Kinder by helping in various ways. Please ensure that if you intend to volunteer that you have filled in the enclosed Police Check form and returned it to the school office. You will not be able to start volunteering until this process is complete.

Stationery
Stationery will be available by on-line ordering or collection at school on book day.

Absence
If a child is absent from Kinder, parents are asked to notify the school before 9.30am.