Is There Anything in Your Bag Today?

Today I did my maths and science,
I toasted bread.
I halved and quartered, counted, measured,
Used my eyes and ears and head.
I added and subtracted on the way.
I used the magnet, blocks and clay,
So please don’t say,
“Anything in your bag today?”

I’ve learned about a snail and a worm,
Remembered how to take my turn,
Helped a friend when he was stuck,
Shared and played with the blue tip truck,
Looked at works from left to right,
Agreed to differ, not to fight.
So, please don’t say,
“What? Nothing in your bag today?”

You see I’m learning as I play,
I learn to listen and how to talk
To run outside, and when inside to walk,
To wash my hands and put pasting brush away,
So please don’t ask
“Did you only play today?”

Yes, I played the whole day through,
I played to learn the things I do.
I discovered a problem, found a clue
And worked out for myself just what to do.
But all of this is in my head
And not in my bag like you said.
So for now on could you just please say,
“Tell me all about your day today.”
GENERAL INFORMATION

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OUR VISION

Together at Alinjarra Primary School we equip our students to strive for excellence, be healthy active lifelong learners and responsible members of the community who possess the necessary skills, knowledge and attitudes to achieve their individual potential.
Welcome to the Kindergarten Programme at Alinjarra Primary School. We hope your time with us will be a happy and memorable one.

The Kindergarten Programme is a developmentally based programme designed to meet the social, linguistic, physical, creative and cognitive needs of four year old children.

Each developmental stage is carefully considered with the interests of the children in mind. A programme of structured and unstructured learning experiences is designed to enable the children to achieve appropriate levels of development.

The Classroom environment is designed to facilitate learning through play. Children have the opportunity to independently discover concepts. Equipment and materials are selected with children’s curiosity in mind.
# 2015 School Calendar

## Term 1
- **Office Open:** Tuesday 27th January
- **Staff P.D. Day:** Thursday 29th January, Friday 30th January
- **School Resumes:** Monday 2nd February
- **Labour Day:** Monday 2nd March
- **Term Ends:** Thursday 2nd April
- **Easter:** Friday 3rd April, Monday 6th April

## Term 2
- **Staff P.D. Day:** Monday 20th April
- **Commences:** Tuesday 21st April
- **Anzac Day:** Monday 27th April
- **W.A. Day:** Monday 1st June
- **Term Ends:** Friday 3rd July

## Term 3
- **Staff P.D. Day:** Monday 20th July
- **Commences:** Tuesday 21st July
- **Term Ends:** Friday 25th September

## Term 4
- **Staff P.D. Day:** Monday 12th October
- **Commences:** Tuesday 13th October
- **Term Ends:** Thursday 17th December
- **Staff P.D. Day:** Friday 18th December
SESSION TIMES

The times for Kindergarten will be 8.45am to 2.55pm on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday with each group attending from 8.45am to 2.55pm on alternate Fridays. Children must be dropped off and picked up by an adult (unless prior arrangements have been made with the Principal). Please be punctual when dropping off and picking up your child. Children can become quite distressed if they are not picked up on time. Please do not leave your child unattended before the starting time. Children will be greeted at the door at 8.45am. Greeting the children is very important, particularly at the beginning of the year.

**The above structure may be subject to change prior to the start of the 2014 school year due to fluctuations in enrolment numbers.**

OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT: Please note that all outdoor equipment is out of bounds before and after school for safety reasons. Please make sure your children stay off the equipment.

FIRST WEEKS OF 2015

The Kindergarten programme at Alinjarra Primary School is conducted over 5 full days per fortnight.

The programme has a staggered start to allow the children to adapt to the new environment, the staff and the new timetable.

Attendance for Kindergarten students will be as follows:

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<th>Week 1 (Commencing 02/02/15)</th>
<th>All students will attend for 1 half day session this week.</th>
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<td>All students will attend 2 morning sessions this week.</td>
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<td>Week 3 onwards (Commencing 16/02/15)</td>
<td>Normal sessions will commence. A planner will be provided showing attendance days.</td>
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FRUIT AND LUNCHTIME

Each day children will need to bring a piece of fruit to share at fruit time. In addition, once the full day programme has commenced, children will need to bring their own lunch or, alternatively lunches may be purchased from the canteen. Children will also need to bring along a drink bottle (water only) each day.

At present the canteen operates on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Your child’s lunch order must be dropped at the canteen before school and will be picked up by Kindergarten staff at lunchtime.

SCHOOL BAGS

Please provide a school bag of your own choice, large enough to fit your child’s work, jacket, hat, lunchbox and a spare set of clothes. The bag should be approximately 30cms x 40cms. Please, no small novelty bags as these cannot hold all of their belongings (appropriate sized school bags are available for purchase from the uniform shop).

PICK UP PERMISSIONS

If someone other than the usual person is picking up your child on a certain day this will need to be documented. The class teacher will inform you of the procedures in place in the classroom to ensure your children are safe.

It is necessary for staff to hand your child over to a responsible adult at the end of each session. If you wish to have an older sibling pick up your child this will need to be put in writing, signed and verified by the Principal.

SCHOOL WEB PAGE


Alinjarra Primary School has a fantastic website that promotes our school. We encourage parents to bookmark it and check it on a regular basis. You will find all sorts of information that may be of significance, for example the latest newsletter, term planners, class activities, P&C page and other interesting pictures and articles. It is a great site and new things are added on a regular basis.
DRESS AND UNIFORM

Alinjarra Primary School has a Dress Code and children are encouraged to wear school uniform. The Uniform Shop is located in Room 3 and is open each Tuesday morning from 8.30am until 9.00am.

If not in uniform, please ensure children are dressed in clothes in which they can relax and enjoy themselves, without fear of getting dirty. NO JEWELLERY.

FOOTWEAR

The Department of Education and Training Guidelines for Kindergarten children recommend that children go barefoot in the Centre and playground. The benefits highlighted are:

➢ Better grip on climbing equipment.
➢ Exercise and lack of confinement for growing feet.
➢ Children not spending a session wearing wet shoes and socks.
➢ Children learning to put shoes and socks on.

PARENT HELP

Kindergarten has a voluntary Parent Roster, which you are invited to fill in so that you can come and spend the morning with your child. If you bring younger siblings please note you are solely responsible for them.

You may also be asked to help by doing the Kindergarten laundry once or twice throughout the year.
**P & C MEETINGS**

The P & C Association works with the school staff to provide improved resources for the children.

This group of parents/caregivers meets (in the school Staff Room) on a Tuesday evening during Week 3 and Week 8 of each school term. The meeting commences at 7.00pm and lasts for 1 hour. It is important that we have as many parents as possible attending meetings so that your opinion on various matters can be heard and discussed.

Forthcoming meetings will be advertised in the school newsletter.

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**CONTACT DETAILS**

Please ensure that all work, mobile and emergency phone numbers we have for you are kept up to date. Be sure to inform the class teacher or office staff if any of your contact details change. When a child is sick or injured, it is vital that we are able to contact you immediately.

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**LABELS**

Children are encouraged to be as independent as possible in Kindergarten. To assist them to be responsible for their own belongings we ask you to label hats, clothes, lunchboxes, bags and other items children will be bringing to school.

Children should always have a spare set of clothes in their bag and these also need to have their name on them. Accidents will happen and it is much less embarrassing and stressful if children have their own clothes to change into.
TOYS

Please *do not allow your child to bring personal toys* from home. It only upsets children when these items become lost or broken and there is more than enough to keep them occupied during their day at Kindergarten!

BIRTHDAYS

This is a special occasion and certainly one worth celebrating! Please feel free to bring in a cake for your child to share with classmates. Cupcakes are most easily distributed but please ensure there are enough for all children in the class. *Please do not send cakes that contain peanuts and/or are decorated with nuts of any kind.*

ATTENDANCE

Your children will get the most out of the Kindergarten programme if they maintain consistent, regular attendance. However, out of consideration for other children and adults in the Centre, please ensure you keep the children home if they are unwell. If your child is absent, you may send an SMS to 0409 682921 with your child’s name/reason/date, or send a message via the ‘Skoolbag’ app, or upon returning to school, inform your child’s teacher of the reason. Verbal or written explanation is satisfactory.

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please do not bring your dogs on to the school grounds. Some children are fearful of animals and need to feel safe in the school grounds. For health reasons we do not like dog excreta in the grounds.
HATS

Alinjarra has adopted a policy of “NO HAT, NO PLAY” for recess breaks and sports days. Such a move is to help in lowering the incidence of skin cancer by preventing sunburn and skin damage in the primary years. This policy is well supported by the parent group in general and operates all year round. So your children do not miss out on outdoor play, please ensure there is always a hat left in their bags. Please provide a wide brimmed hat for your child to wear. Beanies, visors, baseball caps and the hood from a jacket do not provide appropriate cover and are not to be worn. We offer Kindergarten students a free soft, broad brimmed hat with a school and sponsors logo. You may however purchase a logo free hat.

HEAD LICE

The school has a head lice policy that it has developed in consultation with the School Council, Teachers and the Dept of Health. The complete policy is available on request. The school undertakes the following steps to ensure that a clearly defined process is followed when a child is found to have head lice:

- Student given a brief, age-appropriate explanation about head lice.
- A letter is sent home to inform parents that their child was found to have head lice and on the same day, parents of other children in the class are sent information and asked to check their child’s hair. A confirmation slip is to be returned to school.
- A student returning to school without having commenced treatment may have the parents contacted by school nurse or admin staff and the child may be excluded from school.

REQUIREMENTS

The Department of Education supplies the funds for books, pads and general paper supplies, however there are personal items that the children are required to supply. Each child will be provided with a detailed list which has been approved by the School Council. These items can be purchased from any supplier. We endeavour to keep the cost of this list to a minimum.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
POLICY 2015

Alinjarra Primary School Council has endorsed the schedule of Contributions and Charges for 2015. The schedule is broken into two sections and will allow you to calculate all costs that you might incur during the school year.

1. CONTRIBUTIONS

The total amount of contributions parents and carers are asked to pay has been contained with the $60 maximum set in the School Education Regulations 2000. Monies collected will supplement school expenditure in the areas listed below. While contributions are voluntary, the quality of our teaching and learning programme will be maximised when each family makes its contribution to the cost of supplementing funding gained from other sources, including the State and Commonwealth governments.

- Materials used in educational programmes which are provided for students to consume or take ownership of a finished article. For example technology and enterprise resource materials.
- Printing or copying text materials for use in educational programmes.
- Subsidies for students’ participation in activities that are part of an educational programme and are not provided by the school or staff at the school. Subsidies will be determined by the school.
- Provision of equipment that is not under the direct supervision of the school in order to conduct an educational programme. For example, the school may hire or borrow materials from resource centres to enhance educational programmes.
- Stationery items including computer discs, audio visual tapes, pads or extra scrap books and so on.

The School Council has elected to set the contributions in a sliding scale to assist parents with more than one child at our school. The scale is as follows:

- One child $60
- Two children $110
- Three or more children $130

2. CHARGES FOR EXTRA COST OPTIONAL COMPONENTS

A breakdown of estimated charges for your child’s participation in incursions, excursions, activities etc for 2015 has been included in the schedule below. Details on charges collected in previous years have formed our 2015 charges schedule.
Students will only incur costs if they are involved in a particular activity. The amounts indicated are on the schedule to represent the maximum charge for the scheduled activities in 2015. As in the past you will be asked to make payment for each activity as it approaches. However, if costs are a concern parents may contact the Principal, Mrs Lesley Meyers to make alternative arrangements such as instalments or a subsidised amount.

The schedule includes costs associated with ....

- Specific learning activities and available to all students, but conditional on payment being made e.g. incursions, excursions, classroom cooking etc.
- Specific learning activities are available to selected students, but conditional on a payment being made e.g. PEAC

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# Some costs are estimates only based on historical data.