Welcome to Osborne Kindergarten.
Kindergarten session times are:

8.45am – 3.00pm (five days per fortnight-please refer to the schedule you will be given). Please note: Wednesdays is a 2:30 finish.

Term 1 Transition
To allow for a smooth transition into Kindy, children will attend half days only, in smaller groups of only 10 children until the end of Week Two. This is very important to help your child settle in to their new environment. Your teacher will advise you at the orientation session of the exact times for these first two weeks. If you are not able to attend the orientation your times will be mailed to you.

Arrival & Collection
Each morning the doors will open at 8:45 & you will be greeted by the staff. You are required to stay with your child until then. We encouraged you to stay and participate in ‘puzzle time’ during the first 15 minutes of each day. If someone different is picking up your child you must inform the teacher & fill in the “Pick up Book”. Only a nominated adult may collect your child. Please be on time when picking up as it can be distressing for your child if you are late.

We value the support of families in our Kindy. Parents are essential to our Kindergarten Program, and to your child’s ongoing education. There is a Help Roster for parents to stay for the morning and help. Please add your name to our roster when you can. You & your child will love spending time together when you stay for the morning. We also ask you to wash our laundry a few times during the year. Towels and aprons used by the children are sent home each week to be washed and returned & your child will love the extra responsibility involved in this task.

Communication between parents and teachers is very important to us. If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please speak to the teacher. Please let us know if anything has changed at home that may affect your child. If we know, we can better help him or her deal with issues that are affecting them. Also, if we have any concerns about your child we will discuss them with you so that you are kept well informed.

Parents and Citizens’ Association
The P & C works in harmony with the Principal and school staff to ensure the school has the necessary resources to enable our children to develop.

New parent involvement in the P & C is most welcomed and encouraged. You are invited to join us at any of our meetings, or simply make it known that you wish to be involved. Meetings are currently held in the staff room twice a term. Exact dates are advertised around the school and in the School Newsletter.

After School Care
Mulberry Tree Kids Club will be running at Osborne Primary. If you require afterschool care, please call Mulberry Tree Kids Club on 9345 2211.

Commencing Kindergarten is a wonderful part of your child’s education and we know they will enjoy themselves learning through play! We hope you will join in on every occasion possible. Osborne Primary School offers a program of quality education from Kindergarten right through to Year 6. Our school is a happy and healthy environment and we hope you will be a part of our school for many years to come.
WHAT TO BRING

School Backpack - Big enough to take an A4 folder, clothes, hat, lunchbox & water bottle.

Change of clothes
In the backpack there must be a change of clothes at all times. (Spare pants or skirt, shirt and underwear). This is for toileting accidents or in case your child gets wet in water play. Summer clothes; shorts/skirts, tee shirt and underwear. Winter clothes; long pants, shirt, underwear, leggings and jumper.

Morning Shared Fruit time
Each day it is your responsiblity to provide a piece of fruit for your child to share in class. It may also be vegetables, savoury biscuits, cheese, dried fruit (such as sultanas, apricots, dates). Please remember a piece of fruit (or similar) every session.

Lunch
As part of the Kindergarten program we promote Healthy Eating. Lunches should consist of a healthy sandwich or meal with a healthy side such as fruit, yoghurt, cheese, muesli bar or vegetable sticks.
In line with the Department of Education directive, we do not allow fast food, soft drinks, chocolates or lollies in children’s lunch boxes. These are “treat” items and should be given with your discretion at home.

Drink Container
A bottle of water with your child’s name on it needs to come to school each day so that your child has easy and constant access to a drink.

Hat
Each day your child must have a hat with their name marked inside. Our school has a “no hat, no play” policy. We do not allow the children to play outside in the sun without a hat.

Suitable Clothing
Try to dress your child in shoes that are easy to take off and put on by themselves. Please dress them in clothes that can be worn in the sand pit and that they can easily climb in. Shorts or long pants and tee shirts are ideal. Long dresses are not practical as they do not allow free movement. Please write your child’s name on each item of clothing.
All children must have a labelled spare set of clothes in their bag in case of little accidents such as getting wet in water play or paint spills.

Cushion
Your child needs a small cushion for rest time. The size of the cushion should be no bigger than 30cm x 30cm. As space is limited we cannot accept large pillows.

School Contributions
School Voluntary Contributions to the Kindy funds are requested from both the school and the P & C and are payable early in the school year. The rates are determined by the School Council. All of your Voluntary Contributions go directly towards purchasing equipment and resources for your children to use.