



Lake Joondalup
Baptist College

Possums and Puggles



Pre Kindergarten
2019

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The Lake Joondalup Baptist College Pre Kindergarten is available for children turning three years of age by 30 June 2019. This program is offered only to students enrolled in the Kindergarten 2020 program at LJBC.

Pre Kindergarten Philosophy

The Pre Kindergarten Learning program at LJBC will inform a creative, play-inspired curriculum enabling children to connect with each other and their world; to have a strong sense of well-being and be confident and effective learners. It will seek to provide children with meaningful experiences that promote the development of spiritual, social, emotional, language, intellectual, creative and physical skills.

Aim

Our aim for the Pre Kindergarten at Lake Joondalup Baptist College is to foster a safe, positive, nurturing environment that reflects best practice in early childhood education and where young learners and their families are supported in all aspects of their life development.

The program will seek to provide a positive introduction to schooling, where families may feel part of a caring and trustworthy community and be partners in their child's education. Students will be encouraged to achieve to their best potential and develop the habits of life-long learners and where they may grow in Wisdom, Justice and Mercy, within a Christian context.

Curriculum

The program will follow the nationally recognised *Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)*, to form the foundation for ensuring that children in early childhood education and care settings experience quality teaching and learning. It will have a specific emphasis on play-based learning and will recognise the importance of communication and language, early literacy and numeracy and social and emotional development.

Fundamental to the *EYLF* is a view of children's lives as characterised by *Belonging, Being and Becoming*. The framework recognises that from before birth children are connected to family, community, culture and place. Their earliest development and learning takes place through these relationships, particularly within families, who are children's first and most influential educators.

Through the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF), we will seek to build upon the children's experiences and prior knowledge and provide the best foundation for their learning in Early Childhood. Our outstanding Early Year's team of educators will aim to facilitate the children's learning in a play-inspired setting.

The educational program should contribute to the following learning outcomes:

1. Children have a strong sense of identity.
2. Children are connected with and contribute to his or her world.
3. Children have a strong sense of well-being.
4. Children are confident and involved learners.
5. Children are effective communicators.

The Pre Kindergarten program will aim to seamlessly flow into the WA Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines in Kindy and the Western Australian Curriculum which is introduced from Pre Primary. Literacy development and the love of literature will be a core curriculum focus in Pre Kindergarten. Our program will focus on language by encouraging effective communication through vocabulary expansion, listening and asking questions.

Numeracy and strong foundations in mathematics will be features of the Pre Kindergarten program. The time taken in the Early Years is important for students to develop numeracy concepts by using concrete and play-inspired materials to experiment and 'have-a-go' in a safe environment.

At Lake Joondalup Baptist College, we pride ourselves on supporting all students to reach their full potential. We will endeavour to provide an inclusive curriculum that challenges and empowers students so that the dignity and uniqueness of each student is identified, valued and respected.

The introduction of the National Quality Framework marks a significant change in the way we, as a community, see children and their place in society. All professionals working in education and care services are responsible for continuous improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for children.

The National Law and National Regulations requires an Approved Service to provide a program that is:

- based on an approved learning framework delivered in accordance with that framework (EYLF)
- based on the developmental needs, interests and experiences of each child, and takes into account the individuality of each child

Program

Mondays in the Kindergarten Gold Classroom

Group 1 (Possums)	8.30 – 10.30am
Group 2 (Puggles)	11.00am – 1.00pm
Teacher	Mrs Cindi Bingham
Education Assistant	Ms Leah Bailey

Program example

8.30am	Arrival and sign in, gather on mat for greetings
8.35am	Interactive mat learning activity/game
8.45am	Indoor activities / learning centres
9.25am	Pack away, gather on mat for music/songs
9.30am	Grace, wash hands, eat snack together
9:45am	Outdoor play and activities
10.15am	Gather on mat inside, review day, story
10.30am	Goodbyes

Speech and Occupational therapists and our Primary School Nurse will be present at various Pre Kindergarten sessions in Semester 1, to provide opportunities for advice, support and early intervention strategies. Positive parenting ideas and sessions will be also provided by experts in the field.

Attendance

In Semester 1 (Terms 1 and 2), all students must attend Pre Kindergarten with one parent or carer. In Semester 2 (Terms 3 and 4), all students will attend Pre Kindergarten independently. The carer may be a grandparent, aunt, uncle or close relative. All carers must sign the Criminal Check Declaration provided by the College.

Parents are reminded that siblings over the age of six months are not permitted to attend Pre Kindergarten. We encourage you to spend this session with your Pre Kindergarten child. Siblings under the age of six months will need to have a pram or carrier to rest in. Change facilities, including a change table and nappy bin are provided in the Primary disabled toilet.

Uniform

- LJBC colourful shirt from the Uniform Shop (short-sleeved in Summer, long-sleeved in Winter)
- Own pants, short or skirts (elasticated, easy pull-ups for toileting independence)
- Sports shoes and socks (must be Velcro tabs for ease of removing)
- LJBC hat (extra small)
- Own backpack containing:
 - ✓ Labelled water bottle
 - ✓ Healthy snack in a labelled container
 - ✓ Full change of clothing

Communication

- Parent Handbook (PK section)
- Early Years Prospectus (PK section)
- Pre Kindergarten Booklet (all PK)
- Regular teacher email correspondence
- Information session for parents in February

Further information regarding the Primary School can be found in the LJBC Primary Handbook on our website at www.ljbc.wa.edu.au.