

## Why are we running a 3-year-old program?

Spencer Park Primary School is offering a pre-kindy program, running one hour each week from term 2 onwards. Early intervention is an excellent strategy in addressing learning needs, whether these needs are social, emotional, academic or physical.

With the average age of students at primary school now being six months older, it makes educational sense to provide some educational access to our future kindy students and establish relationships and partnerships with parents.

Through the introduction of this program it is intended that both students and parents will be able to participate in a variety of play based activities that will provide parents with skills, knowledge and advice and students with an opportunity to learn, engage and socialise with other children. It is also a great opportunity for parents to meet one another and future teachers of their children in a relaxed and welcoming environment.



## Help your child make the best start...

A key part of this program is your involvement in the practical activities and learning styles of your child. You are an essential part of your child's development and having a good knowledge of school expectations and learning programs will greatly benefit your child when they commence kindergarten and help you know that you are giving them the best start possible. Some of the things that will help your child to learn will be:

- Reading simple books with your child and asking simple questions that promote thinking.
- Helping your child to learn the social rules at school.
- Fun ways to engage your child with numbers.
- Modelling the difference between home talk and school talk.
- Become familiar with school programs and kindergarten routines.
- Meeting school staff and staff from other agencies to prepare your child for a smooth start to Kindergarten.

## A Smart Start

The "Smart Start" program is a wonderful initiative used by other Education Districts and the Local Government. As part of the THREE program, Smart Start topics will be provided. There is information on:

- Sleep!
- Making your home safe.
- The importance of fantasy play.
- Storytelling.
- Tantrum Tamers.
- Games not Gadgets.
- Activities to stimulate learning.

We will endeavour to organise speakers to visit as well as community members who will come and speak to us on various topics.

## Community and Health Services

A number of Health Professionals will be attending our sessions and are a wonderful source of knowledge and advice.

They will be providing information as well as observing your child to identify needs. Some of these services will include:

- Community Parent Centre
- School Nurse
- Occupational Therapist
- Speech Therapist
- Dietician
- School Psychologist





### Expression of Interest

Please fill out the form below and return to Spencer Park Primary School ASAP.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Name

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Child's Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred Contact Number

*Please note that there are limited numbers, so get in quick!*

### Session Information

The sessions will run on a Thursday, from 9:00am to 10:30am.

The sessions will be held at Spencer Park Primary School.

Meetings will vary from session to session. We will be covering the following areas:

- Fine motor skills
- Reading to children
- Social skills
- On-entry readiness ... and LOTS more!

There is NO COST TO YOU.

#### Parents must attend.

To register your interest, please the Expression of Interest form and return to the school today.

#### Want to know more?

Enquiries should be directed to

- Kindergarten Teacher
- Mr Jeremy Hadlow, Principal

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## Spencer Park Primary School Pre-Kindy Program

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