



HAWKER PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
AN INDEPENDENT PRIMARY SCHOOL



Together we grow

2022

**KINDERGARTEN AND PRE-PRIMARY
INFORMATION HANDBOOK**

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN AND PRE - PRIMARY

The early years of school provide the transition from the familiarity of your home to the wide new world of the primary school. They provide the foundation of your child's education.

Our aim is to provide a safe, warm and inclusive environment where each individual is respected, develops to their full potential and enjoys a positive attitude towards learning. We encourage children to make the most of their opportunities and provide stimulating integrated real-life experiences that will equip them with the skills they will need to be successful in the future.

We encourage children to think for themselves and be independent at Kindergarten and Pre-Primary. Please do the same at home.

Learning in early childhood is active, collaborative, creative and meaningful. Routines are established, values emphasised and effort encouraged. Hawker Park promotes behaviours that are conducive to students becoming well rounded responsible and caring citizens.



THE FIRST FEW DAYS AT KINDERGARTEN

During our initial transition sessions (weeks 1 - 2) we encourage you to spend some time with your child engaging in an activity, then make goodbyes brief and positive. Be assured that tears (if any) will not last long - there is a lot to explore! Too many extra adults in the classroom can be daunting and in the early days we want to focus on the children.



To allow children to settle in smoothly to Kindergarten, we implement a transition timetable for the first two weeks. All children will attend full days by the third week from 8.30am – 2.50pm and this is when we ask parents to drop their child at the classroom door to be greeted by their teacher. This morning routine is in line with whole school procedure.

Practise putting on shoes, using zips, buckles, buttons, opening up plastic wrap on sandwiches and other packaging. This will assist children to be independent during their day at school. The expectation is that children will commence Kindergarten toilet trained, unless extenuating circumstances prevail.



MORNING

Children are always to be dropped off and collected at Kindergarten and Pre-Primary by an adult (not a sibling) and if that person is not the regular parent or guardian, you must provide written instructions for the collection of your child. Please remain with your child until the commencement of the school day.

The staff car park is not to be used by parents. Please use the short term car parking bays on Hawker Avenue.

CLOTHING FOR KINDERGARTEN

The most appropriate clothing for Kindergarten is either play clothes, the school uniform or our unique “I’m a Hawker Park Kid” t-shirt which are available from the uniform shop.



All children are required to purchase the “I’m a Hawker Park Kid” hat and leave it at school to comply with Hawker Park’s “No Hat, No Sun” policy.

Please be aware that although children are provided with aprons, accidents sometimes happen and paint does not always come out easily. Please don’t wear your best clothes!



CLOTHING FOR PRE-PRIMARY

All Pre-Primary students are expected to wear the school uniform as this is now the first compulsory year of education.

Sneakers or joggers are encouraged as the best footwear. Soles on other shoes can be slippery for climbing and children may be asked to remove these for safety reasons when playing outside. Velcro fastenings are preferable, unless children are able to tie their own shoelaces.

ATTENDANCE

Please be aware that although Kindergarten is not a compulsory year, once you have enrolled you have made the commitment to attend each session. At our school we are both highly sympathetic to, and very understanding of legitimate illness among our students. The research below indicates that good attendance habits established in the early years of schooling (Kindergarten) translate to successful learning.

“Student Attendance and Educational Outcomes; Every Day Counts” was prepared for the Department of Education by the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, UWA in May 2013. The report was based on the attendance patterns of some 415 000 Government school students in WA. It tables some interesting points.

KEY FINDINGS

- 1. Disparities in attendance rates are evident from early schooling.**
It is critical that good attendance patterns are established in the early years, particularly Kindergarten.
- 2. In all analyses, average academic achievement on NAPLAN tests declined as absence rates increased.**
Every day of attendance contributes positively toward a child’s learning. Gaps in student learning from one poor year of attendance have a flow on effect in future years.
- 3. Educators cannot improve attendance alone.**
The community needs to recognise the importance of education. Absences for *birthdays, holidays in term time, appointments that could be done out of hours, for a day of rest after a busy weekend etc.* are not legitimate reasons for non-attendance at school.

Pre-Primary is a compulsory year, students enrolled are required to attend each day. Therefore, if your child is absent, you are required to advise the school on the morning and provide a note to explain the absence on their return to school.

SIGNING STUDENTS IN / OUT OF SCHOOL

If your child arrives after the morning bell at 8.30am, they **must** sign in at the front office and receive a **Late Note** for the teacher.

Do not take students out of school without completing a **Leave Pass** from the front office, authorised by a staff member.

If your child is absent, please **notify** the office on (08) 9422 2000 or hawkerpark.ps@education.wa.edu.au before 8.30am.

SKOOLBAG

Download the SkoolBag app to your phone to receive updates and important information.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our main communication with parents is through our **Hawker Headlines** which shares good news, acknowledges achievements related to our community and conveys essential information. It is available on the website www.hawkerparkps.wa.edu.au/news-events/hawkers-headlines/

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

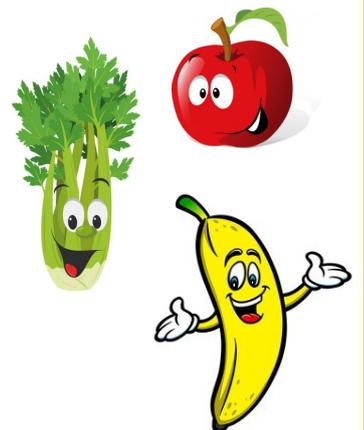
Parents are partners in the education process. We encourage parents to support school activities and events which will benefit their children. By being involved, parents develop a greater understanding of the aims and objectives of the program. Throughout the year parents are invited to participate in various ways and help facilitate groups of students for specific learning purposes or incursions.

PARENT - TEACHER MEETINGS

You may discuss your child's development or any concerns informally or after school. Alternatively, you may wish to make an appointment for a meeting on a Wednesday.

WHAT TO BRING

- large back pack (to fit lunchbox, jumper, change of clothes and work going home)
- healthy recess in a separate named container (e.g. fruit, vegetables or crackers) every day
- packed lunch every day (no lollies or chocolate)
- water bottle every day
- shoes every day
- spare change of clothes in a plastic bag
- hat every day (leave at school)



PUT NAMES ON PROPERTY

Please put your child's name on ALL their property and remember that over a week we see many, many hats, lunchboxes, drink bottles, shoes and sundry hair clips and bobbles. If your child's name is on their property, we can easily return items to your child.



TOYS (OR WHAT NOT TO BRING)

Please be aware that toys or money are not to be brought to school as children can be upset if they are broken or lost. However, there will be opportunities during the year when children are invited to bring in items of interest to share.

BIRTHDAYS



We enjoy making each child's birthday a special day. You are welcome to send in a special treat (e.g. Freddo Frog or bubbles) to be distributed at the end of the day. We would appreciate the handing out of birthday party invitations to be outside the classroom to avoid any potential upsets.



HEALTH

Children with colds, sore throats, ear infections, coughs, impetigo, nits/head lice or ringworm **MUST** be kept at home. If your child has been vomiting please keep them at home for at least 24 hours after their last vomit, even if they say they feel well and want to come to school. Please keep your child's medical records and all phone numbers updated at school.

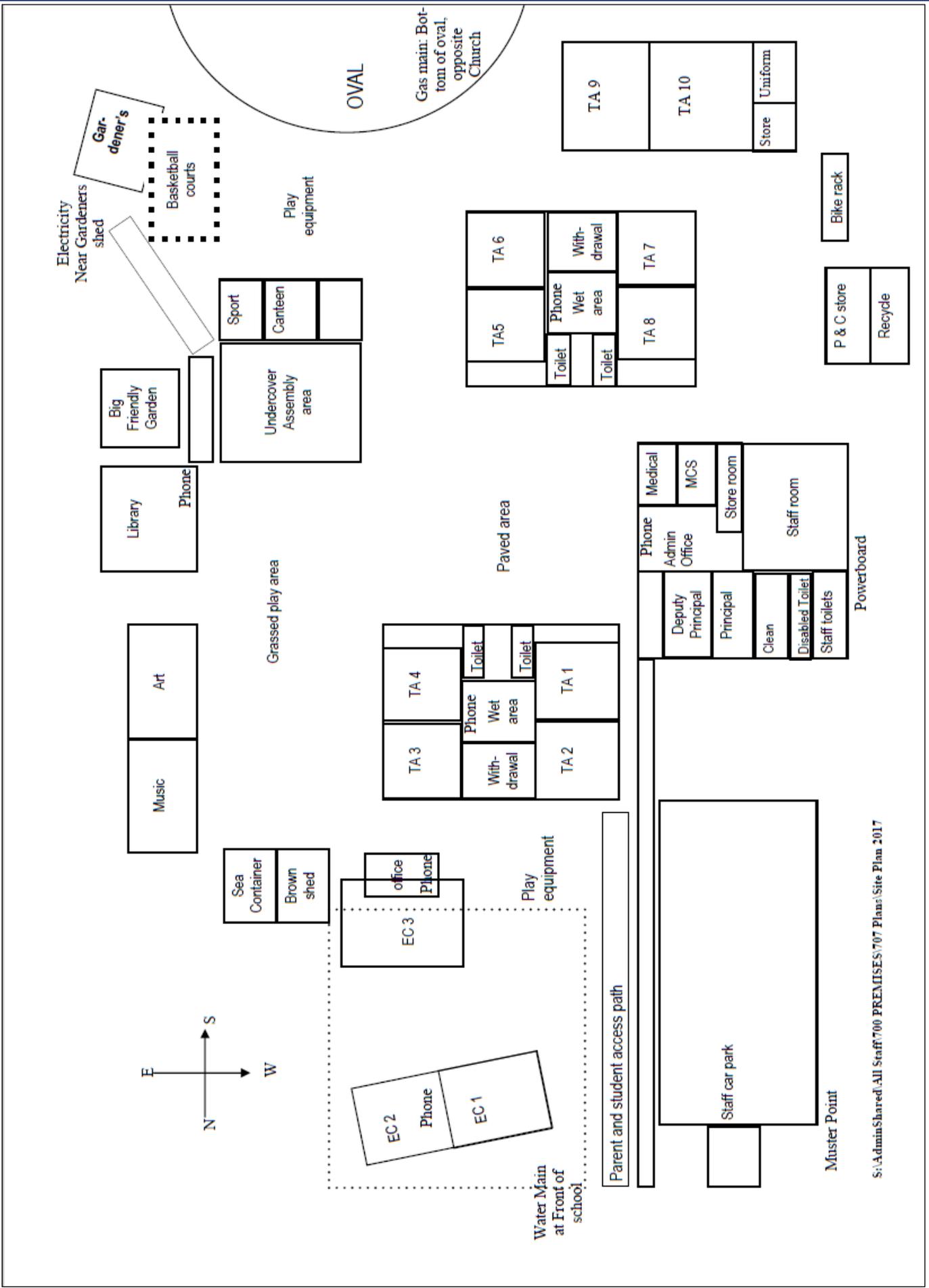
ANAPHYLAXIS



Several children attending Hawker Park Primary School have a condition known as FOOD ANAPHYLAXIS, which is a sudden, severe and potentially fatal allergic reaction to nuts, especially peanuts. This condition is genetic and is not a disease – your child cannot catch it.

The school strongly urges your help to make our school environment allergy safe. You can do this by choosing alternatives to peanut products for your child's lunch.

At Hawker Park Independent Primary School, we value
Respect, Kindness and Manners.



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Contact Number for Hawker Park Primary School is (08) 9422 2000