



♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

KINDER 2025

Kindergarten is a place where:

- Students learn to become part of a larger group and to work and play cooperatively, through explicit teaching of our 3R's, Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.
- The diversity of students' interests is recognized and used as a starting point for engaging play-based learning.
- The excitement of learning is fostered, and students' natural curiosity is stimulated.
- Levelled reading books are not sent home, however a love of books is fostered.
- Students are provided with opportunities to discover, explore, think, experiment, communicate and solve problems, all of which provide the foundations for future learning.

The Kindergarten program is carefully planned for each student's social, emotional, physical and intellectual needs, using the Early Years Learning Framework and the Kindergarten Development Check

What class will my child be in after Kinder?

After completing Kindergarten, all students move into full time Prep.

First Day

We aim to make the first formal contact your child has with school a happy one and he or she may need your reassurance to help in this new situation. It would be appreciated if an adult could come to school with the child on the first day, leaving as soon as the teacher thinks he or she is settled.

Staggered Enrolments

To help encourage a happy beginning at school the intake of students will be a gradual one. This will give the teacher time to provide individual attention and to help your child cope with this new school experience.

School for Kindergarten starts on **Tuesday 11th February 2025.**

To and From Kindergarten

It is important that the teacher knows the plans for each student's arrival and departure. Any change from the normal routine needs to be communicated to the teacher. It is strongly recommended that all students be brought to school and collected by a responsible adult, known to the teacher. Please advise the teacher if someone different is collecting your child.

Dismissal

At the end of the Kindergarten session, students will be supervised in the Kindergarten room until they are collected. If there is a long delay students will be taken to the office to wait, and families phoned.

Kindergarten Times: Doors open at 8:30am

Monday and Tuesday – 9:00 am – 2:45pm– Wednesday 9:00am – 12:55pm

What Your Child Will Need

1. A drink for recess, plus lunch and a drink for the lunch break. In line with our Move Well Eat Well policy we encourage water .
2. A large strong school bag, preferably the backpack type. - We do have a school bag you can order from the Uniform Shop.
3. A library bag on library day available, from the Uniform shop.

Morning Tea As part of our health and wellbeing program the children are encouraged to have fruit and/or vegetables at morning tea break. Each child will need to bring a piece of fruit or vegetable.

Labelling

Please label everything – drink bottles, lunch boxes, polar fleeces, sport tops, bags, even shoes if possible!

School Levy

A School Levy of \$240.00 is charged for each student attending Kindergarten to assist in the purchase of materials and equipment used during the year, together with provision of out of school excursions. All stationery, book hire, art and craft, and miscellaneous learning aids are provided to the student as they are required during

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the year. The School Levy should be paid within the first two weeks of school. This can be paid by BPAY, cash and EFTPOS at the office. Please contact the office if you require a payment plan. A hat is included in the levy and will be given to children on their first day of school. More detailed information relating to specific school services, uniforms, etc. is available in our booklet **"Information for Parents"**. If you have not yet been issued with a copy, it is available for your collection at the School Office.

Allergy Policy

Montagu Bay Primary School is an allergy aware environment. **Please avoid nut products where possible, including peanut butter, nutella, peanut based margarines and nuts.** We also ask that parents speak to the teacher before bringing food to celebrate birthdays to school to avoid any known allergens.

Is There Parent Involvement?

Support and assistance from parents and our school community is greatly valued.

At Montagu Bay Primary School there is an active and involved School Association. They organize fundraisers and provide advice to the Principal. They will often seek extra support from the broader community.

A monthly newsletter is produced & forwarded to each family through email and an **APP** called **Schoolzine** (Information in Kinder pack). It is a great help to both the school and your child if parents and carers take a few minutes each month to read the Newsletter as it contains important information that you will need to know about your child's activities at school. We have a school Facebook page for celebrating learning and to remind our community of approaching events: <https://www.facebook.com/montagubayprimaryschool> Once a fortnight you will receive a post on the seesaw app focused on your child's learning experience at school.

Parent teacher discussions are in June Term 2 following the Kindergarten development check (KDC). These sessions provide an opportunity for a two-way conversation about your child and their progress.

Parents and carers can also be involved with their child's progress through a parent help roster. The Classroom Help roster will commence when students have settled into class routines. More information and an invitation to participate will be sent home during Term 1.

Parents wanting to help out in the classroom must have a Working with Vulnerable Children Card. We need to see the actual card at the office when you sign in.

The process for registration is found at the [Department of Justice Working with Children Registration page](#). You can submit the registration form online (conditions apply), but to complete the process you will need to **attend in person a Service Tasmania shop** to:

- ☐ Verify your identity
- ☐ Have your photo taken
- ☐ Pay the application fee shown on your "Application Receipt"

We hope to make your child's time at school an enjoyable learning experience. If at any time you are concerned or unsure about any school matters, please feel welcome to make a time come and discuss these queries firstly with the teacher, if you require more clarification organize to meet with the K-P Team leader Mrs. Bronwyn Douglas and then with me if your question remains unresolved. We are always keen to help and maintain a positive home school partnership to ensure your child reaches their full potential.

Cathy Young
Principal