

# Welcome!



# Information For Parents

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## **Welcome**

Welcome to our community at Calvary. We look forward to working together with your family for the benefit of the children and to God's glory.

## **Our vision**

We aim to nurture each child in a caring Christian environment, working in partnership with families, to provide skills for life.

## **Our services**

- Transition sessions will be available for children in Term 4.
- Children are eligible to commence full-time kindergarten in January if they turn 4 before May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Playgroup sessions are offered on Fridays during term time. \$2 donation per family.

## **Term dates**

Our terms generally follow the same dates as public schools, and we commence terms on Mondays.

## **2017 Fees**

Full Time Kindergarten = \$175.00 per term

Transition Visits = \$25.00 for 3 visits

Early Entry = determined on a pro rata basis of full time fees

Occasional Care = \$20.00 per day (subject to availability)

A \$5 reduction applies to Full Time Kindergarten fees if fees are paid in the first two weeks of term or in installments with full payment completed by the last day of term.

Important note: A \$50.00 deposit is required at the time of enrolment and is then deducted from the first term's fees.

Fees may be paid by electronic online banking or by cash or cheque.

Westpac Banking Corporation

BSB Number: 035-053

Account Number: 17-2527

*Please put child's name in the description so that we can identify the payment.*

Please note: Fees are set annually by the Kindergarten Council. A minimum of one term's notice will be given if there is to be an increase or change in fees.

## **Support services**

Specialised assessment and support is available free of charge from the Department of Education and Child Development for children who meet the criteria. (eg. speech, psychology, disability support, Aboriginal inclusion).

If you have any concerns about your child's development please speak to the kindergarten director who can advise you of the referral process.

**Calvary Lutheran Primary School      Ph: 8382 5144**

Calvary Lutheran Primary School offers a primary school education for Reception to Year Seven. The school has extra support in the foundation areas of maths, literacy and music. There are also specialist teachers in the library, Japanese, special education, music, art and computing areas. Please contact the school office to discuss enrolment into the school and to receive a prospectus.

**Child and Youth Health**

Termly visits from the Child and Youth health nurse occur. Children aged between 4 years 3 months and 5 years of age eligible for an appointment to have their vision, hearing, and general development checked. If there are any areas of concern the nurse will refer the child on to a relevant professional.

**Immunisation**

It is expected that children have had the immunisations recommended for their age. The 4-year-old immunisations are due during their Kindy year. We require your child's immunisation information upon enrolment.

**Exclusion**

It is important that you keep children at home if they are showing any signs of being unwell. If children become unwell during their kindy session, parents/guardians or a contact nominated by parents will be notified to come and pick the child up, within half an hour. Please notify staff immediately should your child contact an infectious disease. We notify families regarding outbreaks of infectious diseases.

<u>Illness</u>	<u>Affected Child</u>
Chicken Pox	Exclude until all sores have crusted and the child feels well
Conjunctivitis	Exclude until discharge from eyes has ceased
German Measles	Exclude until fully recovered or at least four days after onset of rash
Glandular Fever	Exclusion not necessary
Head Lice	Exclusion until day after appropriate treatment
Influenza	Exclude until well
Measles	Exclude for at least four days after onset of rash
Mumps	Exclude for nine days or until swelling goes down
School sores	Exclude until appropriate treatment has commenced. Sores on exposed surfaces need to be covered with a watertight dressing
Whooping Cough	Exclude child for five days after starting antibiotic treatment
Common Cold	Exclude whilst nasal discharge and coughing is frequent and contagious.

**Children who have had vomiting or diarrhea must be kept home for 24 hours after the last episode.**

**First aid**

All minor accidents will be treated by staff and reported to parents.  
All blood spills, cuts, breaks in the skin need to be covered.

### **Giving medication**

Staff do not normally administer medication and cannot administer the first dose. Should it be necessary, we have a form to be signed by a parent. Medication must be in the original container/packaging with the child's name and dosage on the label as dispensed by the chemist. Staff record the time medication is given.

For children with asthma, an asthma plan needs to be completed by a doctor and a copy given to Kindy staff along with medication including a spacer and mask.

### **Children need to bring**

- a named bag suitable for hanging
- a named hat—legionnaire cap or wide brimmed (always required for outdoor play)
- a piece of fruit/vegetable sticks for fruit time
- a healthy, packed lunch on full days (9.00 -3.00)
- a change of clothes in a plastic bag
- a library bag
- a drink bottle with water only (no cordial or juice)

Logo hats and tee-shirts are available for purchase at the Kindy in various colours.

*Do not bring toys* from home—they might get lost, or cause unnecessary arguments.

### **Clothing & sunscreen**

- easily washed, casual clothes for messy and active play (name all clothing)
- suitable shoes, sandals or sneakers (not thongs or ugg boots)

We expect that sunscreen has been applied before coming to Kindy. This gives it time to take effect. If forgotten there is some at Kindy you may use on your child. Staff reapply sunscreen on the children at lunch time.

### **Healthy food guidelines**

Our preschool has the following guidelines for families for food brought from home:

#### **Fruit time**

Please provide one piece of fruit for shared fruit time, plus fruit in your child's lunch box as part of their lunch. Parents and carers are asked to supply only *fresh* fruit and vegetables at fruit time to:

- provide children with important minerals and vitamins
- encourage a taste for healthy foods
- encourage chewing which promotes oral muscle development
- encourage healthy skin, hair, gums and teeth; muscle development; good bowel habits; better concentration and interest in activities; brain development; promote good eating habits for long term health, and provide children with important vitamins and minerals.

#### **Accepted lunch foods**

- Bread or rolls, dry biscuits, bread muffins, bagels, scones, pikelets, rice cakes, focaccia, fruit bread, pita bread
- Fresh apple, banana, orange, pineapple, watermelon, peach, apricot, kiwi fruit, plum etc
- Dried apricots, peaches, apples, pears, sultanas, dates etc

- Tin Fruit - in natural juice or water
- Vegetables such as carrot, cucumber, celery, tomato, mushrooms, snow peas, capsicum, corn etc
- Dairy Foods – cheese, slices, sticks, triangles
- Yoghurt
- Meat and alternatives – sliced beef, lamb, turkey, ham, chicken
- Fish- tuna or salmon
- Boiled eggs (unless we advise you of a child with an egg allergy)

**Foods not accepted** because of high salt, fat or sugar

Chips	Sweet Biscuits
Muesli Bars (high in sugar)	Cake/buns
Roll ups/fruit bars	Dunkaroos/Dig its
Chocolate/lollies/sweets	Cordial/fruit boxes/soft drink

### **Foods containing nuts are not accepted**

We have a nut minimisation policy. Nut allergies in children can be immediate, severe and life threatening. Children can suffer from a anaphylactic reaction which causes swelling in the body, in particular the throat. This can happen within minutes of consumption of nut products or by merely coming in contact with these products.

#### What products need to be avoided?

Peanuts	Candle nuts	Hazelnuts	Macadamia nuts
Brazil nuts	Cashew	Almonds	Chestnuts
Walnuts	Mixed nuts	Pecans	Pine nuts
Pistachio nuts	Peanut butter/peanut paste		Nutella spread
Other nut pastes eg Almond paste			

#### These foods may also contain nuts and are to be avoided:

Cakes, muffins, biscuits, breakfast cereals, chocolates, nougat, dips, muesli bars.

### **Food guidelines for special occasions**

Calvary Kindergarten staff recognise that on special occasions (such as birthdays and end of year parties) there is a place for foods which are often high in salt, fat and sugar. Such foods are acceptable to bring along to special occasions as it is not a daily occurrence. Healthy food choices are encouraged on these occasions as well.

***All lunches and water bottles should be placed inside on the trolleys upon arrival at Kindy.***



## Our Curriculum and Reporting

Calvary Kindergarten is a DECD-affiliate kindergarten, providing a Christian education. Learning occurs through a play-based curriculum and direct teaching. Children will receive a profile folder at the end of their time at Kindy which will include a selection of their work over the year, photos and a summative report. Summative reports are sent to your child's school.

### **Christian Studies**

The Lutheran School Association's Christian Studies Curriculum Framework is the basis for teaching children about Christian living, Christian beliefs, the Christian church & Christianity in the world. It is used in Lutheran schools & preschools in South Australia.

### **Play**

The curriculum framework for use in South Australian early childhood settings is the Early Years Learning Framework. The Framework conveys the highest expectations for children's learning through five learning outcomes:

- Children have a strong sense of identity
- Children are connected with and contribute to their world
- Children have a strong sense of wellbeing
- Children are confident and involved learners
- Children are effective communicators

"Play provides opportunities for children to learn as they discover, create, improvise and imagine. When children play with other children they create social groups, test out ideas, challenge each other's thinking and build new understandings. Play provides a supportive environment where children can ask questions, solve problems and engage in critical thinking. Play can expand children's thinking and enhance their desire to know and to learn. In these ways play can promote positive dispositions towards learning."

*(Belonging, Being and Becoming - The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia, Commonwealth of Australia, 2009)*

We program each fortnight according to the children's interests and needs based on information that we gather through observation. We also introduce new topics to the children. We feel that it is important that parents and teachers work in partnership to help children develop to their full potential.

### **Newsletters**

Parents are informed through newsletters about our program and the detailed program is always on display. Our Kindy newsletter is a joint newsletter with Calvary Primary School and Out of School Hours Care. Newsletters are emailed to families fortnightly. Hard copies may be requested.