

Welcome!



Information For Parents

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Welcome

Welcome to our community at Calvary. We look forward to working with your family for the benefit of your 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 visits are available for children in Term 4.
- Children are eligible to commence full-time kindergarten in January if they turn 4 before May 1st.
- 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. There is no Kindergarten on the last Friday of term.

2020 Fees

Full Time Kindergarten = \$185.00 per term

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

Occasional Care = \$25.00 per day (subject to availability)

A \$5 reduction applies to Full Time Kindergarten fees if fees are paid in the first two weeks.

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 Foundation 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

Children aged between 4 years 3 months and 5 years of age are eligible 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. Please call 1300 733 606 to make an appointment.

Immunisation

It is generally expected that children have had the immunisations recommended for their age. It is a requirement of National Regulations that information about your child's immunisation status is provided upon enrolment. Please speak to the Director if you conscientiously object to immunisation of your child.

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 contract 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 (required on days when the UV Index is 3 or above)
- a piece of fruit/vegetable sticks for fruit time
- a healthy, packed lunch
- 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
- waterproof boots and jackets are required for outside play in wet weather

Hats and sunscreen are required on days when the UV rating is 3 or above, a sign indicates this at the Kindy entrance. We expect that parents/carers apply sunscreen in the morning at home or upon arrival at Kindy. Staff support children to reapply sunscreen at lunch time.

Healthy food guidelines

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

Fruit time

Please provide fresh fruits/vegetables for "fruit time" in your child's lunch box. Parents and carers are asked to supply *fresh* fruit and vegetables 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; 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 an 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 intentional teaching. Families are informed of their child's learning and engagement in the Kindergarten via the electronic KeptMe app. Summative reports are provided for families and sent to your child's school at the end of the school year.

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, and are available on the school website.