*Literacy Kits are available to borrow from the Centre. Ask staff for more information

HATS, T-SHIRTS, WINDCHEATERS AND DRESSES WITH THE PRE-SCHOOL LOGO MAY BE ORDERED FROM THE CENTRE.

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WELCOME
We welcome you and your child to our Centre. This booklet has been produced to help you with information that may be useful in relation to your child attending the centre. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to ask one of our staff members.

PHILOSOPHY
We believe that we provide a deep sense of safety and caring for the children, where the development of life skills and competencies are promoted. As a result, the children of this centre will receive an enriching pre-school education regardless of gender, family structure, socio-economic status, physical or intellectual impairment or distance of their home from the centre. Eudunda Community Preschool is a Department of Education and Children's Services site and as such, our service, by trained education staff, reflects this department's deep commitment to quality and equity and the future of ALL our children.

ENROLMENT
Please see staff for enrolment forms.
* NOTE: It is important to keep staff up-to-date with changes in personal details ie. health issues, emergency contact numbers etc.

NO HAT, NO PLAY IN THE SUN!
Eudunda Community Preschool Centre is a SA Skin Cancer Council accredited Sun Smart Centre. Please ensure your child has a labelled broad rim or legionnaires hat at all times while attending Preschool. Children without hats will have to remain in the shade. During terms 1 & 2 sunscreen should be applied in the morning and the centre will provide sunscreen for reapplication at lunchtime.
CENTRE MANAGEMENT

We are a locally governed Department of Education and Children’s Services site, the centre is run by a Governing Council comprising of parents of children who attend the centre.

Kindy fees are $60 per term. (Pre-Entry $20) Fees are used for the purchase of new equipment for the children to use and to help with the day to day running expenses of the centre.

(Fees are determined & set by to G/C in accordance with the financial commitments and budget of the Centre)

It is very important that all fees are paid or we will not be able to continue to run the centre with its current high standard of equipment and supplies.

All families with young children are most welcome to attend.

Governing Council Meetings are held at 7.30pm on Tuesday in the 3rd and 8th weeks of term.

ALL PARENTS ARE MOST WELCOME.

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup for children aged 0 – 5 years and their parents/carers is held at the Centre every Monday morning during school terms, from 9.30am.

Activities include painting, sandpit play, cooking, songs, games, craft, etc.

A small fee is charged to cover insurance, craft material etc.

Parents are asked to bring a piece of fruit for their child to be shared at snack time.

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FRIENDS OF CHILD AND YOUTH HEALTH

Friends of CYH hold sessions at the Centre once a month on Fridays. For further information about these sessions please contact the Centre or Fiona Schiller 0885811129.

All families are welcome.
**ELIGIBILITY**
All children in South Australia are entitled to spend four terms at full-time Pre-school (4 sessions per week). They may be also able to have a term of Pre-entry prior to commencing full time Pre-school. This service will only be provided if there is sufficient enrolment space and staffing.
When calculating when your child is eligible to attend Pre-school it is important that you first determine when you plan to send them to school as they are only able to spend four terms at Pre-school. (There are flexible arrangements for children with additional needs)
For children living more than 9km from the centre, starting dates can be discussed with the Director.

**CENTRE CLEANING**
The Centre is cleaned by a contract cleaner paid for by the Centre from Parent Contributions and Fundraising. At the end of each term Parents will be asked to help with an end of term cleanup to ensure that the Centre and its equipment are maintained in a clean and hygienic way. From time to time Parents will also be asked to participate in Working Bees to improve and maintain facilities and equipment. Parents are encouraged to assist with these as they help us maintain a safe up to date centre.

**OCCASIONAL CARE**
This service is provided by the Department of Education and Children’s Services Office for children aged 2 – school age.
The service is available on Wednesday mornings from 9.00am - 12.00 noon.
A fee is payable. Government concessions may apply to eligible families.
Enquiries and bookings can be made at the centre during preschool hours.
Occasional Care is a service of the Eudunda Community Preschool Centre and as such falls under the same Directorship and Governance as the Preschool.
SESSION TIMES

9.00AM - 3.00PM - Tues and Thursday
Pre-Entry - Tues 9.00am - 11.30am

Format of the Day
9.00 am
Activities
10.00am Snack Time
Free Activities
11.15am Group Time, Music, News, Stories etc
12.00noon Lunch and rest period
Activities
2.15pm General Clean Up
2.30pm Group Time
3.00pm Dismissal

* Format of the day may vary according to programmed activities.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD IS NOT DROPPED OFF PRIOR TO 8.50am AND IS PICKED UP PROMPTLY AT THE END OF THE SESSION.

LUNCH AND SNACK

Please provide separate clearly labelled containers for snack and lunch.
Healthy foods are encouraged at all times. Suggestions could include sandwiches, fruit and vegetables, salad, cracker biscuits, cheese and dried fruit.

We do not encourage sweets, lollies, chips, sweet biscuits or cake. Your child will need a piece of fruit or vegetable for snack and a sandwich or suitable substitute for lunch.

We are a ‘NUT FREE CENTRE’ so please do not send any nuts or nut products with your child.
The centre provides individually labelled cups and cold water for the children to drink. These cups are washed on a regular basis. However, if you prefer, you may provide a suitable labelled cup, which remains in your child’s bag.

Please do not send any fruit boxes, drinks or cordial with your child. All children will be required to clean their teeth after Snack and Lunch whilst at the Preschool Centre.

An initial toothbrush and on-going toothpaste will be provided by the Preschool Centre to all children accessing our Preschool and Occasional Care Programs.

Toothpaste will continue to be provided by the Preschool in accordance to recommendations for children provided by health professionals. Subsequent toothbrushes will be supplied by the Preschool Centre and billed to the Parents/Caregivers at ‘cost’ prices. Toothbrushes will be cleaned once a term or as needed in accordance to health professionals recommendations. Eudunda Community Preschool Centre will continue to include health and hygiene education in our curriculum program with the support of local and state professionals.
BUS POLICY

Children may be taken to buses each afternoon by staff members. There can be NO access to buses in the mornings. There is a limit to the number of children to be taken to the bus for safety reasons. The limit to the number of children taken to the bus is reviewed regularly and is dependent on staff numbers. Priority will be given to children who will be starting school in the following term. Eligibility is determined by Eudunda Area School and takes into account availability of seats, proximity to existing bus stops and individual circumstances. All applications for bus travel must be made to and approved by the Principal of the Area School and written notification received by the Preschool prior to children being taken to the bus. It is the parent’s responsibility to organise bus transport for their child, after discussing their child’s eligibility with the Director. If estimated temperature is 35 degrees or over, children WILL NOT be taken to the buses. If rain sets in during the day staff will ring parents by 2.30pm to notify them of the necessity to make arrangements to pick up their child. *Children living within the township of Eudunda are not eligible for bus travel.

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