

## Lake Park Kindergarten 2023 Orientation Schedule

MEYM will email families a link towards the end of the year to book in for orientation sessions A or B/C and group interviews will be held during orientation session 1. Children who have not yet turned 3 years of age will be unable to attend orientation and will only be able to attend the program upon turning 3 years of age. These families will be contacted by the teacher with a date for interview and start date.

To support children in a smooth transition into the kindergarten program for the new year, we are offering a staggered start to their orientation sessions at the beginning of 2023. Many children can feel overwhelmed in a new environment with lots of other children and long hours. By having only a portion the group in attendance for the first two sessions and reduced hours, we can provide a supportive environment to enable each child to build a sense of belonging and security in the kinder environment and relationships with educators. Please note that we will work with individual families if children would benefit from a longer orientation program (case by case basis). One parent/guardian must remain with their child during 1<sup>st</sup> orientation session only. Parents/guardians do not need to stay for subsequent orientation sessions (unless recommended by the teacher if your child needs more support settling). During this initial orientation session while the children explore their environment and play get to know the co-educator and their peers, the teacher will conduct a group introduction to kinder, providing families with information relating to the program and routine. There will then be the opportunity throughout the rest of the session, for families to have a brief individual chat with the teacher to discuss any important information relating to their child such as specific learning and development goals and needs.

**Please remember to bring with you to orientation: your completed “Getting to know your child form” which can be downloaded from our website [www.meym.org.au](http://www.meym.org.au) ; your child’s up to date Immunisation History Statement; Medical Action Plan\* (if applicable) and; a photo of your child.**

\*If your child has a medical condition, your group’s teacher will contact you prior to the end of term 4 2022 to arrange a phone interview to complete a communication and risk minimisation plan prior to your child’s orientation in 2023.

3YO & 4YO KINGFISHER MIXED AGE PROGRAM	4YO DRAGONFLY PROGRAM
<b>Monday 30 January 2023</b>  <b>CHILD FREE DAY 1 - SET UP DAY</b> <b>NO KINDERGARTEN ON THIS DAY</b> (Teachers Only)	<b>Friday 27 January 2023</b>  <b>CHILD FREE DAY 1 – SET UP DAY</b> <b>NO KINDERGARTEN ON THIS DAY</b> (Teachers Only)
<b>ORIENTATION SESSION 1</b> <b>Tuesday 31 January</b> <b>Session A</b> 8:30am – 10:30am <b>OR</b> <b>Session B</b> 11:00am – 1:00pm <b>OR</b> <b>Session C</b> 2:00pm – 4:00pm <b>One parent/guardian must remain with their child</b>	<b>ORIENTATION SESSION 1</b> <b>Thursday 2 February</b> <b>Session A</b> 8:30am – 10:30am <b>OR</b> <b>Session B</b> 11:00am – 1:00pm <b>OR</b> <b>Session C</b> 2:00pm – 4:00pm <b>One parent/guardian must remain with their child</b>
<b>ORIENTATION SESSION 2</b> <b>Monday 6 February</b> <b>Session A</b> 8:30am – 12:00pm <b>OR</b> <b>Session B</b> 12:30pm – 4:00pm	<b>ORIENTATION SESSION 2</b> <b>Friday 3 February</b> <b>Session A</b> 8:30am – 12:00pm <b>OR</b> <b>Session B</b> 12:30pm – 4:00pm
<b>CHILD FREE DAY 2 - ADMIN DAY</b> <b>Tuesday 7 February</b> <b>NO KINDERGARTEN ON THIS DAY</b> (Teachers Only)	<b>CHILD FREE DAY 2 - ADMIN DAY</b> <b>Thursday 9 February</b> <b>NO KINDERGARTEN ON THIS DAY</b> (Teachers Only)
<b>NORMAL SESSIONS COMMENCE</b> <b>Monday 13 February</b> 8:30am – 4:00pm	<b>NORMAL SESSIONS COMMENCE</b> <b>Friday 10 February</b> 8:30am – 4:00pm