

# Lake Park Kindergarten 2024 Orientation Schedule

Families to book in via emailed link, for orientation sessions either A B or C. Interviews will be held during orientation.

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 2024. Many children can feel overwhelmed in a new environment with lots of other children and long hours. By having only a portion of 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 their 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 the 1st orientation session only and 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 to 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 Medical Action Plan\* (if applicable) and updated Immunisation History Statement if this has been recently updated.

\*If your child has a medical condition, your group's teacher will contact you prior to the end of term 4 2023 to arrange a phone interview to complete a communication and risk minimisation plan prior to your child's orientation in 2024.

3YO & 4YO KINGFISHER MIXED AGE GROUP	3YO & 4YO DRAGONFLY GROUP
<b>CHILD FREE DAY 1 - SET UP DAY</b> <b>Monday 29th January 2024</b>  <b>NO KINDERGARTEN ON THIS DAY</b> (Teachers Only)	<b>CHILD FREE DAY 1 – SET UP DAY</b> <b>Wednesday 31st January 2024</b>  <b>NO KINDERGARTEN ON THIS DAY</b> (Teachers Only)
<b>ORIENTATION SESSION 1 - ONE THIRD GROUP AT A TIME</b> <b>Tuesday 30th January</b> Session A; 8:30am – 10:30am <b>OR</b> Session B; 11:00am – 1:00pm <b>OR</b> Session C; 2:00pm – 4:00pm One parent/guardian must remain with their child	<b>ORIENTATION SESSION 1 - ONE THIRD GROUP AT A TIME</b> <b>Friday 2nd February</b> Session A; 8:30am – 10:30am <b>OR</b> Session B; 11:00am – 1:00pm <b>OR</b> Session C; 2:00pm – 4:00pm One parent/guardian must remain with their child
<b>ORIENTATION SESSION 2 - HALF GROUP AT A TIME</b> <b>Monday 5th February</b> Session A; 8.30am – 12.00pm <b>OR</b> Session B; 12.30pm – 4.00pm	<b>ORIENTATION SESSION 2 - HALF GROUP AT A TIME</b> <b>Wednesday 7th February</b> Session A; 8.30am – 12.00pm <b>OR</b> Session B; 12.30pm – 4.00pm
<b>CHILD FREE DAY 2 - ADMIN DAY</b> <b>Tuesday 6th February</b>  <b>NO KINDERGARTEN ON THIS DAY</b> (Teachers Only)	<b>CHILD FREE DAY 2 - ADMIN DAY</b> <b>Friday 9th February</b>  <b>NO KINDERGARTEN ON THIS DAY</b> (Teachers Only)
<b>NORMAL SESSIONS COMMENCE - WHOLE GROUP ATTEND</b> <b>Monday 12th February</b> 8:30am – 4:00pm & <b>Tuesday 13th February</b> 8:30am – 4:00pm	<b>NORMAL SESSIONS COMMENCE - WHOLE GROUP ATTEND</b> <b>Wednesday 14th February</b> 8:30am – 4:00pm & <b>Friday 16th February</b> 8:30am – 4:00pm