

Centre news



MARCH 2024

Upcoming events

- Clean up Australia Day – 1st to 4th March
- Dr Seuss Day – 1st March
- World Wildlife Day – 3rd March
- Safe sleep week 4th – 8th March
- International Women's Day – 8th March
- St Patrick's Day – 15th March
- Nowruz - Iranian/Persian New Year – 20th March
- Earth Hour – 22nd March
- Harmony week – 20th to 26th March
- Holi Festival – 25th March
- Ride your bike or scooter day – 25th March
- Easter Hat Celebration, Meet and Greet – 27th March

Safe and nourishing: Our commitment to children's Well-being and healthy eating

We prioritize the safety and well-being of all children in our care, especially those with severe allergies such as Anaphylaxis. To ensure a safe and joyful learning environment, we maintain a strict nut and egg-free policy. We kindly ask parents to refrain from bringing any food into the center when dropping off their children. Your cooperation in this matter greatly contributes to the overall wellbeing, safety and happiness of our community.

Additionally, we cater Kids Gourmet Food (KGF) options that meet the highest nutritional standards. KGF dedicated team collaborates with nutritionists, dieticians, and national advisory groups to develop a six-week rotational menu, adhering to the Australian Dietary Guidelines. Mealtimes are more than just nourishment; they are opportunities for children to explore diverse flavors and textures while enjoying positive social interactions. KGF are committed to instilling a love for healthy eating in children, offering a varied menu designed to capture children interest and inspire them to make nutritious choices as they grow.

Harmony week

We are excited to celebrate harmony week—a time dedicated to celebrating Australian multiculturalism and the successful integration of migrants into our community. It is a chance for all Australians to embrace our cultural diversity and discover what we have in common. Harmony week is truly a community celebration.

Persian New Year

We will be commemorating the Persian New Year. Let us dress our loved ones in their finest attire to show our support for our Persian staff members and join in their festivities.

Ride your bike or scooter day

Ride your bike or scooter at kindy 25th March. Bring your bike or scooter for ride your bike to school celebrations at Turrumurra kindy! Do not forget your helmet and knee pads safety first!

The festival of Holi

The festival of Holi is a two-day festival. The festival of Holi signifies the victory of good. It marks the arrival of spring and the end of winter. It also celebrates the beginning of a good spring harvest season. The Holi celebrations start on the evening of Purnima. It falls in the Hindu calendar month of Phalgun.

We will be doing colour runs at Kindy. We ask parents to please pack old clothes you do not mind getting coloured dye on as we will be celebrating in true Holi style with colour runs & using different colours for the children to run & have fun celebrating Holi traditions & customs.

If you **do not** wish your child to participate, please advise management via email at info@turrakindy.com.au

Easter hat celebration; meet and greet

Turrumurra Kindergarten Easter Hat Meet -Greet will held on the 27th March 2024. Start at 3:30pm-4:30pm. The purpose of having this Easter Hat celebration is we wish

we can have this opportunity to meet our new parents and new children. Also, we hope that we can provide parents a time to gather and communicate with our staff members. Parents, please get ready your children Easter hat and put up the decoration for the Easter hat. Please feel free to create yourself an Easter hat at home. Looking forward to see everyone here. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us through

Policy updates

Education Curriculum and Learning Policy

Policy explains the service is implementing the early years learning framework (EYLF) and what educators will do to meet EYLF learning outcomes and the regulations. For example, educators will:

- Base each child's learning around their interests and knowledge
- Regularly assess what each child knows, can do, and what they understand
- Regularly extend learning through planned and spontaneous experiences and intentional teaching
- Partner with families to promote children's learning and regularly invite families to contribute
- Value every child equally
- Provide families with information about their child's learning and participation in the program whenever requested
- Build connections between the service, schools, and the local community
- Promote play and implement activities that are meaningful to children and support their wellbeing, learning and development
- Use strategies like demonstrating, dramatic play, role play, open questioning, speculating, explaining, shared thinking and problem solving to promote and extend children's learning
- Provide opportunities for children to learn from each other
- Evaluate the curriculum at least weekly
- Regularly document learning so it is easy to understand
- Display the curriculum
- Work with the educational leader to continually improve teaching practices.

Delivery and Collection of Children Policy

- All children must be signed in and out by the person who delivers or collects the child. If this person forgets, they will be signed in or out by the nominated supervisor or an educator.
- Children can only be collected by a parent, authorised nominee, or a person authorised by a parent or authorised nominee to collect the child

- Children may leave the premises if a parent or authorised nominee provides written authorisation
- No child will leave with an unauthorised person. If the person becomes aggressive or violent and will not leave the Nominated Supervisor or educator will implement lockdown procedures and ring the police
- No child will leave with anyone not known to educators. The person must be able to produce photo identification if required
- If a parent collecting a child appears to be intoxicated, or under the influence of drugs, educators will inform the police of the circumstances, person's name, and vehicle registration number if they insist on taking the child
- If an authorised nominee appears to be intoxicated, or under the influence of drugs, and staff feel the person is unfit to take responsibility for the child, they will not let the child leave with the person. They will contact the parent and advise that another person needs to collect the child
- If a child has not been collected by closing time, the Nominated Supervisor will:
 - Try to contact the parents or other authorised nominees
 - If unsuccessful, leave a voicemail or SMS advising someone will wait up to 30 minutes before ringing the police or Child Protection
 - Wait for 30 minutes and, if the parents or authorised nominee has not arrived, ring the police or Child Protection for guidance.

Food, Nutrition and Beverage Policy

- Food and drinks provided must be healthy, meet the nutritional and cultural needs of each child and be consistent with the Australian Dietary Guidelines and Infant Feeding Guidelines
- Food will be safely stored and prepared following procedures in the Health, Hygiene and Safe Food Policy
- Children must have access to safe drinking water at all times
- Children who do not eat at mealtimes or are hungry will be provided with food at other times
- Educators will never use food as a reward or punishment
- Services that provide food will display a weekly menu
- Educators will include learning about healthy food options in the curriculum
- Educators will provide healthy food information to families and encourage them to serve healthy food at home
- Bottles of breast milk or formula will be stored and heated safely following the procedure in this policy.