

LIBRARY

Children may borrow centre books from the book room. Each child will be issued with a library bag that will be returned to the kindergarten at the end of each term. A parent volunteer will help children borrow a book each Wednesday. We do ask that books are only kept for one week.

CURRICULUM

Our kindergarten programme is based on the Early Years Learning Framework, which is a requirement of the Education Department. We collect pieces of children's work and take numerous photographs of children during their engagement with various learning experiences. We prepare individual children's portfolios that are a work in progress and are available to children, and you, for reflection.

CHILDREN'S ILLNESSES

Children are NOT to be sent to the centre if they have, or suspect, any contagious condition. Eg: chicken pox, conjunctivitis, head lice. Please consult your family doctor or kindergarten staff for further advice.



STAFF

Director: Libby Kranz
Teacher: Carmen Aragon Milovanovic
Lauren Griffin
Early Childhood Worker: Lorna Patterson
Annette Zubrinich
Michael Zubrinich
Michelle Martin

Staff members are employed by Department of Education and Child Development. Teachers are trained and registered with the Teacher's Registration Board.

GOVERNING COUNCIL FOR 2015

Chairperson: Fiona Kost
Secretary: Rhiannon Briffa
Financial Administrator: Paula Tarran
Committee Members :

Carly Humphrys, Kimberley Owens, Kate Griffiths, Melissa Frick, Jane Wilson, Maresa Lyons.

There is an AGM at the beginning of each year to elect office bearers and committee members. Being part of the committee provides greater insight into the operation of the Centre and preparation of the physical environment, as well as the purchasing of equipment. Generally, there is a meeting held once a month at the Centre during the evening.

Please consider being a part of this committee; it is a great way of contributing to your child's early education.

PARENT INFORMATION

The building is owned by the Department of Education and Child Development.

The staff and governing council would like to welcome families starting with us, and hope that you enjoy an enriching and enjoyable time during your association with Neta Kranz Kindergarten. There is a communication pocket for each family hanging on the foyer doors. Please check this regularly, as this is how we impart important information such as newsletters, receipts and excursion notices. Staff encourage parents/caregivers to approach them regarding any concerns/issues, or any other queries, you may have.

Our Mission Statement

At Neta Kranz Kindergarten we provide a play based and inclusive programme. We endeavour to create a safe, caring and aesthetically pleasing environment, where children and their families/caregivers are valued.

Philosophy

We recognise the importance of each child's early experiences and the knowledge they have acquired prior to attending kindergarten. As educators, we plan to provide experiences that support, enhance and extend children's learning. Children construct understandings through discovery and exploration; therefore we provide a play based curriculum. We utilise the Early Years Learning framework to support our programming. Each child is treated with respect and valued as a unique individual. We acknowledge and respect the bond that Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have with this land.

Families are valued and recognised as children's first educators and we intend to support and assist families in their role. Building connections between home, the centre and the community develops a sense of belonging and enhances self worth, which increases self esteem. Children's learning and development is enhanced when early childhood professionals respect their cultures and ways of knowing and being. Opportunities for discussions with families are promoted, as it provides information on what values are important to them. It is vital that we support the development of positive mental health and we incorporate Kids Matter principles to assist the well being of every child.

Parent Participation

Parents are welcome to assist in a variety of ways for example:

- Preparing fruit and/or taking a fruit group
- During clean up at the end of sessions
- Washing/ironing of dress-up clothes
- Sharing a special skill you have e.g.: music, different language or sewing
- You could become a member of our governing council
- Supplementing our resource base eg: wood for woodwork, boxes for collage, wool, etc.

Healthy Eating Policy

At Neta Kranz Kindergarten we have a Healthy Eating Policy and children accessing lunch care will need to bring a packed healthy lunch which adheres to the policy. A copy of our lunch care policy is supplied within the enrolment package. Foods sent with children that are unacceptable will not be allowed to be consumed at kindergarten and will be sent home.

Lunch Care

If your child accesses lunch care we ask that lunches are supplied in a clearly labelled insulated lunch box/bag or lunch box with an ice-pack. Lunches are then to be placed in the labelled box on the kitchen cupboard; lunches are not to be left in children's bags.

Fruit



We sit together in small groups and share fruit.

This provides opportunities to interact with one another and experience a variety of fruits. Therefore, each child needs to bring a piece of fruit to each session. Any other healthy alternatives are acceptable, i.e. cucumber, cheese, sultanas.

Please note nuts are not suitable for this age group. We also have children who are critically allergic to nut products.

Fruit time is also used to reinforce healthy lifestyles.

We provide children with a drink of water after they have finished eating, to 'rehydrate their bodies'. We also use this time as a literacy/numeracy learning experience. We use 'fruit tickets' depicting the appropriate numeral and the same number of visuals i.e. the numeral 7 and 7 stars.

The children have the opportunity to problem solve, match, count with 1:1 correspondence and identify the numeral to decide how many children should be in a particular group.

Celebrations

We are very happy to experience events that are reflective of other cultures. This may mean preparing and eating foods, or participating in songs, dances or craft activities.

We believe this provides opportunities for our families to experience diversity.

CENTRE PROGRAMMES

The Federal Government have introduced Universal Access which means children are entitled to 15 hours per week of kindergarten in the year prior to starting school.

We provide Sessional Kindergarten Monday to Friday mornings or Monday to Thursday afternoons.

Times **Morning 8.45am to 11:45am**
Afternoon 12.15pm to 3.15pm



There are limited places for full-day attendance available.

Early/Late Care

Care before, or after, a session is available, but only for extenuating circumstances i.e. work commitment, when no other care can be arranged, but **must** be organised beforehand with a staff member.

Please remember, staff members require time to prepare the learning environment and reflect on the programme.

Greek Language Learning

We have a teacher who is fluent in speaking Greek and due to the benefits of learning an additional language at an early age, we introduce our children to Greek using a variety of meaningful activities.

Benefits include:

Development of life skills: general reading and mental skills improve during additional language learning. When exposed at a young age, noticeable benefits occur in areas of cognitive development, including, creativity, problem solving and reasoning. In addition to life skills, language learning aids in adapting and coping with unfamiliar situations and changes.

Fees

\$65.00 per term. Governing council would appreciate prompt payment at the beginning of each term. Please put fees in an envelope marked with name and amount. A receipt will be issued and placed in your communication pocket; alternatively fees can be paid via direct bank deposit. These fees cover the art material and equipment that your child uses, plus general running expenses. Therefore, the fee applies whether holidays or sickness interrupts the week.

Kindergarten Fee -	\$65.00 per term
Lunch Care -	\$5.00 per day
Early or Late Care Fee-	\$2.50 per 15 minutes
Familiarisation visits	\$20.00 (includes hat)

Direct Bank Deposit:

Bank Name: Bank SA

Account Name: Neta Kranz Children's Centre

BSB: 105-054

Account Number: 220287240

*Please include child's full name in the details section

Sun Hats

'NO HAT - NO OUTDOOR PLAY'

The policy of the centre is to encourage protection against skin cancer. Thus, we advocate the 'legionnaire' style hat, where the neck, ears and face are protected. A hat will be included with your kindergarten fees. The hat will remain at the centre until your child leaves for school.

You are encouraged to take hats home regularly for washing. PLEASE RETURN PROMPTLY!



Clothing

We recommend that your child wears practical, easy to manage clothing. We suggest that you send a spare set of clothing for your child in their kindy bag, for those little accidents that may occur during play, as our supply of centre clothes is limited.

When clothing is appropriate, it is safer and easier for children to participate.

Kindergarten t-shirts and jackets in size 4 & 6 are available onsite for purchase. Please see a staff member for assistance.

Polo Shirt - \$30.00

Jackets - \$33.00