ENDEAVOUR SCHOOLS

2015 ESC
Early Childhood Program
Information Booklet

A Friendly and
Fun School
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PROGRAM HOURS

Monday:  8.40am to 3.00pm
Tuesday:  8.40am to 11.10am
Thursday:  8.40am to 3.00pm

Lunch:  12.20pm - 1.00pm
Welcome to Endeavour ESC Early Childhood Program

We are sure that this is going to be an exciting year for all of us in our program. We welcome you and provide this information to help you and your child. Endeavour ESC will run a 15 hour Early Childhood Program, that is where children attend 2½ days per week - all day Monday and Thursday and Tuesday morning.

Drop-off and Pick-up

Children need to be delivered to the classroom door and supervised until the commencement of the school day at 8.40am. They will also need to be collected from the classroom by a responsible adult. Please notify school staff if someone other than yourself will be collecting your child. If you wish to collect your child outside of normal session times then please call at the school office to collect a release form and have it signed by an Administration member. You will be asked to drop off and pick up your child from outside the classroom to establish independence.

Please be prompt when collecting your child from the ESC Early Childhood Program. This helps to establish a positive and consistent routine for your child.

Clothing

We encourage all children at Endeavour to wear school uniform. As many of our activities involve building and making a mess, comfortable and easily cleaned clothes are recommended. **ALL REMOVABLE CLOTHING AND POSSESSIONS NEED TO BE LABELLED CLEARLY WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME.**

All children must wear a wide brimmed or bucket style hat during outside activities throughout the year.
**Requirements**

Each child will need his/her own resources for the forthcoming year. Your child requires the following items for ESC Early Childhood Program:

- 6 triangular HB lead pencils
- 1 roll paper towel
- 2 packets Texta wind up crayons - pack of 15
- 1 pkt Faber Castell ‘Junior Grip’ triangular coloured pencils
- 2 bottles Hand Sanitiser
- 1 hand towel
- 4 whiteboard markers
- 6 glue sticks (Uhu / Bostik brand)
- 4 boxes of tissues
- 1 bag of cooking salt
- 1 pkt kitchen sponges or Chux
- 1 bag of cotton balls
- 2 x A3 scrapbooks
- 1 x cloth library bag
- 2 x A4 plastic document wallet
- 1 x 1kg plain flour
- 1 x tin of Cream of Tartar

**All students will also need a A3 Portfolio Display Folder which can be purchased from Port Kennedy News for approximately $8.00.** We have asked for specific brands with some items. Whilst we realise they cost more initially, from experience these brands will last all year not just literally 5 minutes!

During the year your child will be able to use a variety of materials which are supplied by the school. However, we ask that you help us by providing the following items for use within our class.

- 1 pkt sequins or rhinestones
- 1 pkt coloured crepe paper or cellophane
- 1 packet of Blu-Tack
- 1 pkt coloured pipe cleaners or pom poms
- 2 packets paper plates (1 small and 1 large)
- 1 pkt of googly eyes or feathers

All children are required to bring a school bag large enough to fit spare clothes and any work they may bring home.
Cooking

Classroom cooking experiences are a regular part of the program. In order to do this we ask for a $12.00 contribution from all families at the beginning of the year.

Toys

Children are NOT to bring their toys to school due to safety and security concerns. There are plenty of things to play with at school.

Fruit

A shared fruit session will take place daily. We ask that parents send along a piece of fruit for each session. Fruit can be anything “healthy”, for example, apple, orange, mandarin, pear, banana, cheese, sultanas, carrots, capsicum, cucumber, watermelon, strawberries, cabbage, cauliflower, tomatoes, mushrooms, pineapple, tinned fruits, etc. **We ask parents NOT to send any nuts or nut products (this includes peanut butter and nutella) to school due to some children suffering allergies.**

Lunch

At lunch time the children will be seated for approximately 20 minutes. Children are required to eat their own lunch as provided by their parents. We strongly encourage children to eat a healthy and well-balanced lunch each day while recognising individual children’s food preferences. Lollies, however, are not an acceptable part of lunch at school. **We ask parents NOT to send any nuts or nut products (this includes peanut butter and nutella) to school due to some children suffering allergies.**

Children may order lunches from the school canteen. Orders need to be placed at the canteen before school.
Classroom Helpers

As we have a high staff to student ratio we don't require parent helpers on a regular basis. However, there will be plenty of opportunities throughout the year to come into the classroom and help the children learn.

NB: A confidentiality form must be completed.

Recycle Materials

We use many materials in our program and we are great recyclers. Children can bring in any items that you don’t need at home. Listed below are some of the items that are always needed in our centre. Please feel free to send along any other items that we have not included. They will be used!!!

Containers such as ice cream, margarine, yoghurt, cream, etc.

Cotton wool balls  Wool
Plastic bottle tops  Pop sticks
Boxes – any size/shape  Silver paper
Shells  Cooking equipment
Seeds (washed and dried)  Straws
Cards  Buttons
Macaroni  Paper plates
Gum nuts  Sawdust
Wood scraps (small)  Wrapping paper
Small mosaic tiles  Magazines
Paper – computer/wallpaper  Pots and pans
Ribbons, braiding, lace  Gladwrap / Alfoil rolls

(*No toilet rolls or kitchen rolls please - for health and safety reasons)