At the Pinnaroo Kindergarten your Child will need........

- Comfortable **play clothes**. Art smocks are provided for painting & messy play but children will still get their clothes dirty.
- Kindy Bag
- Lunch Box that can be easily opened by your child
- Packed healthy Morning Tea and Lunch
- Water Bottle filled with Water
- A Sun smart hat (not a baseball cap)
- Library Bag (Wednesdays)
- Spare set of clothes

Please label all your children’s belongings clearly
Pinnaroo Kindergarten Information

Kindy Contact Information

Pinnaroo Kindergarten
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Pinnaroo Kindergarten is administered by DECD (Department of Education and Child Development). We are in the Murray & Mallee region and our regional office is located in Berri and the phone number is 85952323.

Session Times

Kindergarten Session run on:
Mondays 8:45am to 12:30pm
Wednesdays 8:45am to 3:00pm

Staff

Please feel free to chat to Kindergarten Staff about any concerns or issues you may have about your children. We will try to help you in any way we can.

Director: Kelli Harvey  ECW: Ros Wurfel  Preschool Support Worker: Margy Schulz

Staff are available  Monday: 8:30am to 4:00pm  Wednesday: 8:30am to 4:00pm

Enrolments: All children must be enrolled prior to starting kindergarten a DECD will need to be completed before children can access kindergarten sessions. Please see staff for an enrolment pack or a time to meet with the Kindergarten Director.

Bus Care

Bus Care is provided for Children who arrive on Buses before 8:45am and catch buses home after 3:00 on a Wednesday. The Pinnaroo Primary School Buses will drop children off in the mornings and pick them up on a Wednesday and take them home. Please speak to the Kindy and Pinnaroo Primary School Staff to access this service.
**Sickness/Absence:** If your child is sick or going away e.g. holidays appointments please let the staff now by communication book, phone call or a chat. Children need to be kept home if they are sick and or suffering from an infectious disease.

**Play Based Program**
The Pinnaroo Kindergarten purpose is to provide a quality, fun, play based active learning environment, rich in experiences that enable children to develop a confident self-identity and worth in collaboration with their families and local community. Staff use The Early Years Learning Framework: Being Belonging Becoming to program for the individual needs and interests of the children attending the centre.

**Special/Additional Needs**
Please see staff on enrolment if you think your child has any additional needs and we will work closely with you to offer any help we can. The Kindergarten works closely with support services provided through DECD, Child & Family Health and Murray Mallee Community Health to help meet the needs of all the children that attend our centre.

**Library:**
Children will have the opportunity to borrow a library book from the Pinnaroo community Library on a Wednesday.
Please fill in the pale blue library card with your child’s details and sign it then and return to the Kindy so your child can borrow on enrolment.
Please return your book each Wednesday and bring your named library bag. Library books are the property of the Pinnaroo Community and need to be returned in the same condition as they are borrowed.

**Kindy Fees**
Kindy Fees are set by the Pinnaroo Kindergarten Governing council at the AGM. The fees are used to provide paint, paper, equipment and other consumables for an active play based program. If you are having any difficulties paying your fees please see the director so a payment plan or alternative arrangements can be made.

$50 per term

**Literacy Kits**
Each child has the opportunity to borrow a literacy kit each week. This is a kit that contains a book and some activities relating to that book. The Kits can be found in the white cupboard in the quite room of the
kindergarten. Please record what you borrow in the red folder. Please enjoy the kit with your child. Please check the kit before retuning and report any missing or damaged items to the staff!

Usage Fee
$10 paid in the 1st term of Kindy (Once off Payment) Kits can not be borrowed until terms fee’s are paid

Food
Please send a packed healthy morning tea and lunch. Children are encouraged to make healthy choices first when eating e.g. fruit/vegies at morning tea and sandwiches, wraps and rolls first at lunch. If children are hungry when it is not snack time they are allowed to sit at a table and eat while supervised by a staff member. Please be aware that we are a nut aware Kindy. Please send snacks that do not contain Peanuts.

Water
Children are to have water bottles full of water when arrive for Kindy. Fresh rainwater is available to them all day for refills.

Coloured Packs /Communication Books
All children have their own coloured pack which contains a communication book. This pack and book is for use of staff and families to communicate about each child’s needs. Please use the communication book for positive communication about your child’s learning, if there is a message you need to get to staff, change of pick up or any concerns you may have! Coloured packs will contain the Kindy newsletter and notices during the term about the Kindy program. If you have any questions about either process please see the staff.

Kindy Clothing is available for purchase, prices are as follows. Please see Kindy if you would like to purchase anything or for help with sizing.

- Jumpers $28
- Polo Shirts $18
- T-shirts $10
- Hats $14

Lost Property Please see staff for any lost property.

Spare Clothing
The Kindy has a small supply of clothing, which is used if a child has an accident or wets their pants or get really wet form a activity. Please wash and return any clothing that is borrowed as soon as possible.

Parent Resource Library
A parent resource library is available which is situated above our computing areas. Please feel free to borrow by recording your name in the little red/black book on the Kindy shelf. There are some excellent books about help. with child rearing and a folder with some useful pamphlets on parenting.
Centre Policies and Procedures
The Pinnaroo Kindergarten has the following site specific policy in line with DECD and national quality Standards. These have been included in your enrolment pack for your perusal. Please see staff with any questions you may have. These are reviewed annually by the Pinnaroo Kindergarten Governing Council.

Behavior Guidance Policy
Healthy Food & Nutrition Policy
Sun Protection Policy
Hot Weather Policy
Dealing with Complaints
Nut Awareness

Governing Council
Each Year in November a Governing Council is elected to run the centre. The Governing Council meets twice a term to discuss and make decisions about the running of the centre. For example Fee Payment, Centre maintenance, fundraising, curriculum and program. All families are welcome on the committee. The kindergarten cannot operate without a governing council and all help is greatly appreciated.
The positions include:
Chairperson
Secretary
Treasurer
Play group Rep
Pinnaroo Primary School Rep
Mallee Cogs Rep