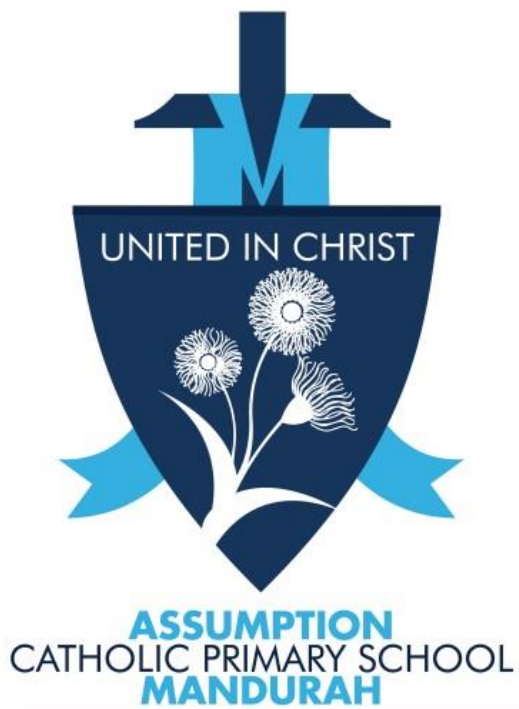
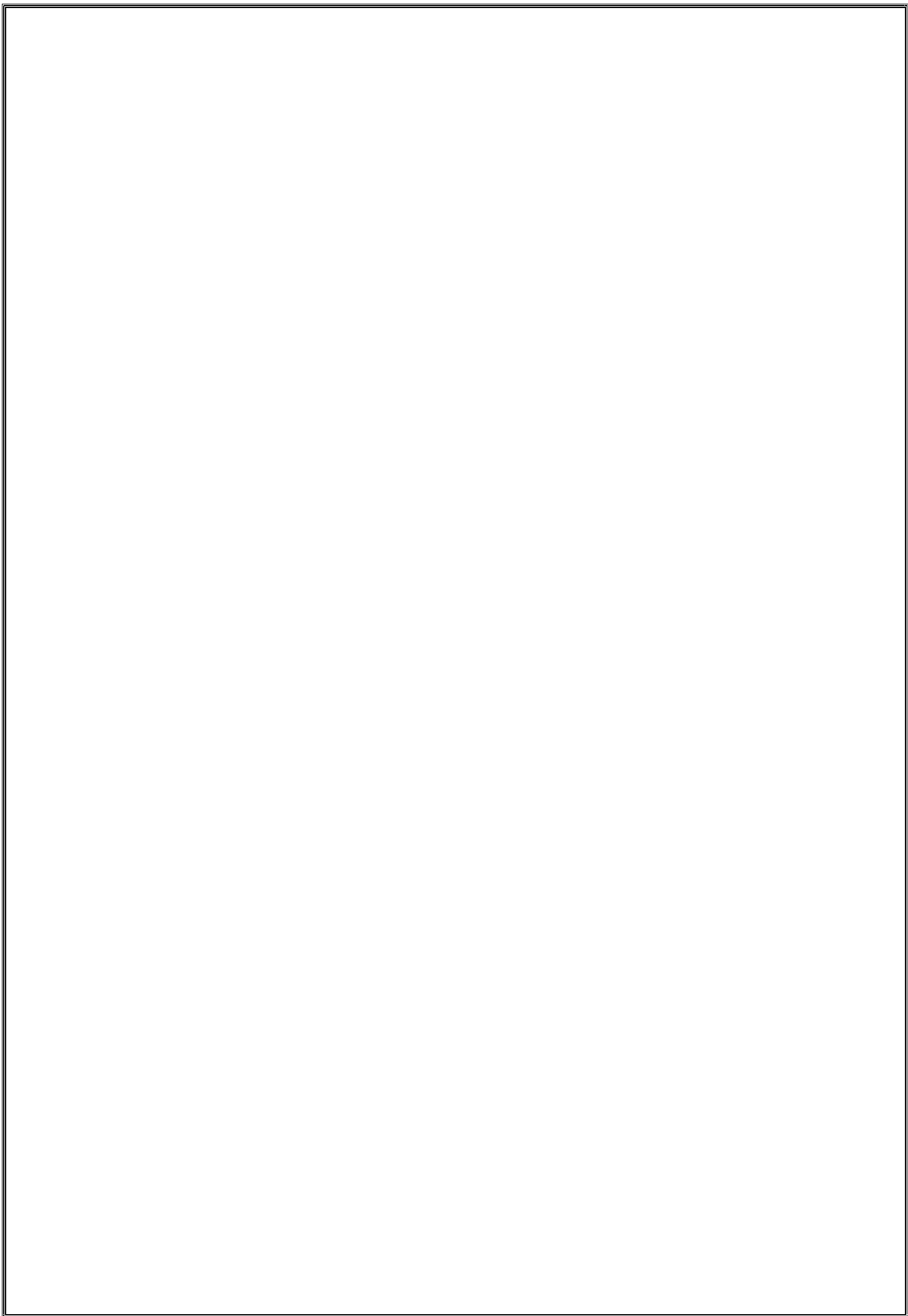


PRE – KINDY

2023







WELCOME

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the children and families commencing at Assumption Pre-Kindy. We look forward to working together with your family as a team to provide the best learning environment for your child. Our Pre-Kindy program provides an introduction to schooling for children and their families and sets the foundation for future school learning.

We are looking forward to having lots of fun together!

STAFF

PRINCIPAL

Ms Miranda Swann

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Mrs Andie Bartley

Mrs Vanessa Dicker

PRE-KINDY TEACHER (*Tuesday*)

Mrs Kara Manaloto

PRE-KINDY EDUCATION ASSISTANT (*Tuesday*)

Mrs Janine Crawford

SESSION TIME

Tuesday 9.00am - 2.50pm

(The children will attend Pre-Kindy for a full day on their first day)



ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

All children must be taken to and from the Pre-Kindy classroom by an adult.

Parents are encouraged to join their child in Pre-Kindy from 9.00am - 9.15am. This is a great time to read a book, engage in a puzzle or activity with your child.

Please notify the teacher if your child needs to be picked up early from school. If your child is to be picked up by someone other than yourself, please enter their name in the **communication book**, which is placed inside the entry to the classroom.

WHAT IS PRE-KINDY

Pre-Kindy is an educational program for children aged three years. The program is play-based and provides children with meaningful experiences that promote the development of spiritual, social, emotional, language, intellectual, creative and physical skills. The teachers will create a caring, safe and stimulating environment that will nurture your child's disposition to wonder, explore and construct meaning about the world.

WHO MAY ATTEND

Regulations prevent us enrolling a child into the Pre-Kindy program until they have turned three years old. If your child has not turned three years old when the program commences, they may be enrolled, and we are happy to hold their place for you until after their third birthday. Please note that enrolment at Assumption Pre-Kindy does not guarantee a place in the four year old Kindergarten. For further enrolment information please contact the school office.

SCHOOL FEES

School accounts will be sent home each term. The cost of this program is \$75.00 per day (\$750.00 per 10-week Term) and payable in the first week of each term.



THE PROGRAM

The Pre-Kindy program aims to:

- Provide an environment supportive of the Catholic ethos which acknowledges the innate spirituality of every child, fosters the child's ability to wonder, the opportunity to experience awe, overcome difficulties, love others, and reflect God their creator.
- Provide a happy, stimulating, and supportive environment where the children feel welcome, secure and valued.
- Provide a program that will cater for a wide range of developmental abilities and interests allowing children to develop to their full potential.
- Provide a program that will emphasise learning as an interaction process. The child interacting with the environment, through a balance of teacher initiated or directed activities, free play, and discovery learning.
- Encourage children to become self-reliant and to be able to make choices.
- Develop in the children the ability to communicate verbally and nonverbally their thoughts, ideas, and feelings.

Children learn through play because:

- It is a natural and spontaneous activity for a child.
- It allows for children's differences and encourages an individual approach.
- It encourages children to learn through trial and error and experimentation.
- It gives teachers the chance to observe and assess individual progress in an informal learning environment.

The Pre-Kindy program will place special emphasis on:

- Skills (social, emotional, language, intellectual, creative, and physical)
- Formation of friendships
- Children's interests
- Creative expression
- Sensory experiences
- Experimentation



WHAT TO BRING TO PRE-KINDY



1. A **school bag**. It is recommended that all children bring an appropriately sized school bag. This makes it easier to transport any artwork, notes, lunchbox etc.
2. A **hat** for outdoor play. Please note that the school has a “**NO HAT, NO PLAY**” policy.
3. A **piece of fruit (or vegetable)** for ‘fruit time’. Some suggestions other than your regular fruits are sultanas, carrots, cauliflower, celery etc.
4. As Assumption is a nut friendly school, please ensure that children **do not bring nuts or food containing nuts to school**. This includes peanut butter and nutella sandwiches.
5. A **drink bottle of WATER ONLY** so children can help themselves to a drink throughout the day.
6. A **small packed healthy lunch** in a lunch box to be eaten individually at lunch time. At lunch time if the children are thirsty, we encourage them to drink from their water bottle. **Please do not send along boxed fruit drinks.**
7. A **spare change of clothes** (suited to the season) in a plastic bag in your child’s school bag to allow us to attend to accidents or spills. Please include two pieces of underwear.
8. A **small hand towel** for rest time.
9. On the **first day** please bring a **large box of tissues** and a **72-page scrapbook**. The scrapbook will be used to place your child’s work in over their time in Pre-Kindy.

Please ensure all your child’s items are clearly labelled with their name.

WHAT TO WEAR

Children need to wear comfortable play clothes to Pre-Kindy that can get messy and that are easy to manage for quick dashes to the toilet. e.g. shorts, long pants, short skirts or simple dresses. There is an Assumption Kindy shirt available from Perm-a-Pleat Schoolwear which may be an option but not a necessity. Also please send your child in shoes that they can manage to take off and put on by themselves (velcro straps or slip-on shoes).

We understand that not all three-year old's are toilet trained. We are happy to support the children in this learning process and encourage the wearing of 'pull-ups' to assist with their independence.

Please apply sunscreen to your child before they come to Pre-Kindy. We will have sunscreen available to re-apply when needed.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

The children are asked **NOT** to bring toys or personal belongings to Pre-Kindy as items lost or broken often cause the children undue stress.

SETTLING IN

One of the first things a Pre-Kindy child needs to learn is how to be away from his/her parents or primary caregiver. This may take some time for some children as they learn to cope with their new environment and routine. It is very important that each child feels happy and comfortable in the Pre-Kindy environment.

The Pre-Kindy staff will work closely with parents/caregivers to ensure that your child is given the best chance to settle in at their own pace.



GUIDING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOUR

Responsible freedom is encouraged through the development of self-confidence, self-reliance and self-regulation, in a safe and secure democratic setting, where children have clearly defined limits. The children will be involved in the setting of these limits, and they will be enforced consistently and fairly. The role of the Pre-Kindy teacher is to encourage positive behaviour and interactions through positive reinforcement.

We believe a child has the right to talk about their feelings and frustrations with unconditional acceptance. We will respect and comfort a child regardless of that child's behaviour. Children will be given verbal reminders of appropriate behaviours and if necessary, will be given assistance to appropriately assert themselves to others. On a daily basis appropriate behaviour are demonstrated and acknowledged by the teachers.

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Please inform us of any condition that may affect your child's well-being, and equally of any circumstances that may affect their behaviour on a particular day. This helps us to cater for the needs of your child.

If your child is unwell, please do not send them to Pre-Kindy and ensure that they remain at home until fully recovered. Please let us know if your child has an infectious disease such as chicken pox, measles etc. so that other parents can be notified.

Should your child become unwell or be involved in an accident while at school you will be notified. For this reason, it is important that telephone numbers and emergency contacts are kept up to date at all times.

MEDICATION

As a matter of general policy, staff members are not able to accept the responsibility of administering medications without the completion of appropriate forms which are available at the school office. You are most welcome to come to the school to administer the medication yourself.

ALLERGIES

Please let us know of any allergies or medical concerns, so that a Medical Action Plan for your child can be put in place, if requested.

Assumption Catholic Primary School is a 'nut friendly' school. Parents please be aware that some children are allergic to nut products. ***Foods with nuts or traces of nuts should not be brought to Pre-Kindy.***

There may be class groups who also may have other serious allergies, if this is the case, the class will be informed so that the needs of the children can be accommodated.

BIRTHDAYS



Birthdays are a special time in the lives of young children. To celebrate your child's birthday, you are welcome to bring in small individual treats for your child to share with their friends.

- fruit kebabs
- small cupcakes...if icing, please consider colourings and additives
- small fruit muffins
- veggie sticks and dip
- one small chocolate/lollipop per child

COMMUNICATION

We consider **communication** between home and school to be very important. Our first concern is the happiness of your child. Should anything happen at home to upset your child in any way, we would appreciate it if you could let us know as this may impact at Pre-Kindy.

We will keep you informed about the Pre-Kindy program through notes sent home and a parent noticeboard on the classroom door.

The school newsletter is available weekly, each Thursday afternoon. Newsletters are issued in electronic form only so please ensure your email address is correct.

If you have any queries, concerns or information regarding your child's well-being, please do not hesitate to speak with the Pre-Kindy teachers. Teachers are always available for a quick chat during class time for parents to share information. However, if you need a longer meeting an appointment can be made at a mutually convenient time.

COMMUNICATION BOOK

Our communication Book is an important tool for parent/teacher communication. All children must be taken to and from the Pre-Kindy classroom by an adult. Please notify us through the Communication Book if someone other than one of the child's parents is collecting your child.

We realise that unforeseen circumstances may arise at times; therefore, if there is a change of person collecting your child or you are running late, please telephone the school to let us know.

CAR PARKING

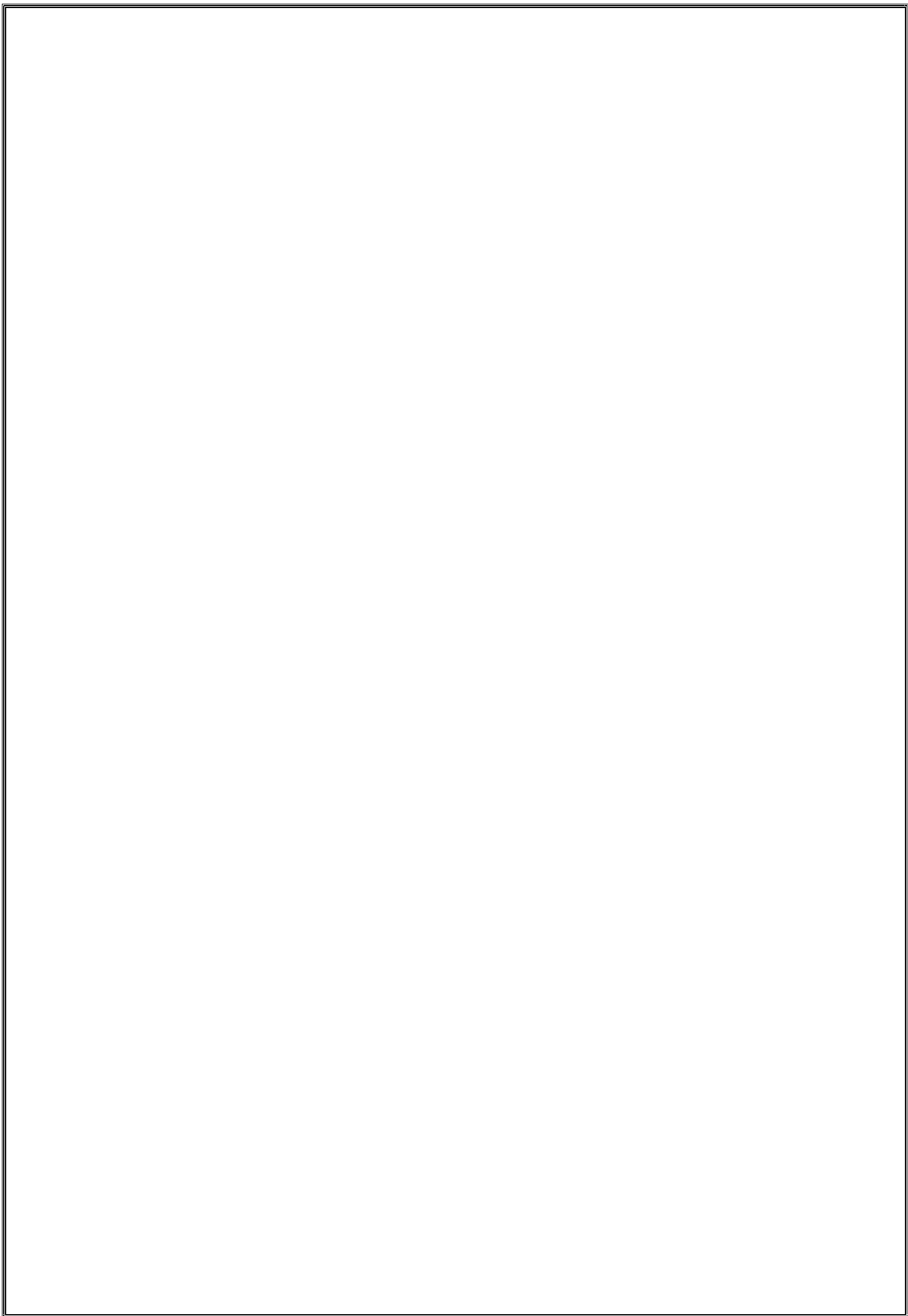
Parents' Car Park

The parents' car park is located at the rear of the school. Please do not park vehicles in the area designated for dropping off and picking up students. Parents are requested to reverse park so that when leaving vision is clear and all our children are safe.

Staff Car Park

The staff car park is located at the front of the school on Gordon Road. **Please note this is for the use of staff only.**







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