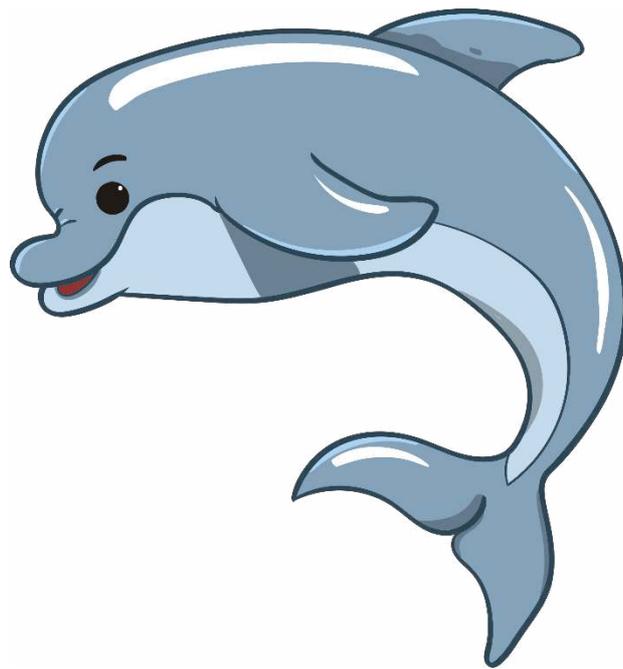


♥ Welcome to
Kindergarten



Welcome to **Kindergarten**, known as the **Dolphin** room. We are very pleased that you made the decision to place your child at Scallywags.

Our goal is to provide a quality Kindergarten program within a long day care setting. The educators follow the Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guideline and the Early Years Learning Framework to ensure a quality program for students.

The team in this room are currently Karen Ball and Heather Hayes. We are keen to get to know you and your child.

Introductions

My name is Heather Hayes and I am an Educator in the Dolphin room. I have a Diploma of Early Childcare and Education. I attend regular seminars and workshops to keep me up to date with advancements in the early childhood field. I aim to give children all the love, care and attention they deserve while at the centre. I look forward to working with you and your child in the dolphin room.

My name is Karen Ball. I am the Kindergarten teacher in the Dolphin room. I have a Diploma of Teaching and a Degree in Early Childhood Education. I am passionate about early childhood education and keep up with current developments through internet forums, reading and attendance at workshops. I believe that parents are the children's first teachers. Parents have a wealth of knowledge about their own children. I look forward to working with you during this important Kindergarten year and getting to know both you and your children.

Separation from your child.

For some children this is the first time that they have been away from family. This is a huge step for both parent and child. Please feel free to stay with your child for as long as you need to.

When you are ready to leave the best way to separate is to confidently say "Goodbye" and tell your child you will be back after lunch or afternoon tea, depending on the length of their day. Leave quickly; please do not "drag out" goodbye as it can cause great distress. Staff will contact you if your child does not settle, or you are able to phone after leaving to check on your child's wellbeing.

When collecting your child, chat about the day and what children have been doing.

Please be positive about Kindy, as children need reassurance that it is a safe place.

What do I do on the first day?

Arrival and dismissal routines will be clearly visible. Please ask if you need help.



How do we communicate with you?

We send monthly newsletters which will be emailed. A printed copy will be available on the noticeboard. Other items such as art or invitations may be placed in your child's "pocket" located in the hallway.

Please ensure that your contact details remain current so that we can contact when required.

A communication book is placed by the sign in sheet. If we are unavailable, please leave a message here. This book is checked each morning and evening.

Karen is happy to meet with parents as requested. Please make an appointment for a mutually acceptable time.

If you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to contribute your thoughts, or to offer help.

What to supply each day:

- Spare clothes – in case of toileting accidents or messy play.
- Sun safe wide brim hat (We supply sunscreen for children each time they go outside to play)
- Morning tea – items such as fruit, yoghurt, cheese
- Lunch – sandwich or similar
- Afternoon tea – Something that children enjoy.
- Shoes – thongs are often associated with accidents, please consider this when choosing footwear.
(We encourage bare feet)

We encourage healthy food, please do not send chocolate, lollies, chips roll-ups etc. We call them “at home treats”

Please no nut bars, Nutella, peanut butter or nuts in any form.

- In Kindergarten children are required to rest but not necessarily to sleep. If your child requires a sleep, please provide a set of sheets – cot sheets work well.
In winter a small blanket is recommended

WATER IS THE PREFERRED BEVERAGE – a water bottle is recommended.

Water from Bubblers is available when outside. We also have cups and water if required.

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH CHILD'S NAME -THIS KEEPS STAFF SANE.

Please ask for assistance if you are unsure what to bring. We are here to help.