



Introduction

Gulyali Preschool is located with Woy Woy Public School. Our Preschool has been operational since 1977 and is one of three departmental prior to school learning environments located within a primary school on the Central Coast. The word gulyali means pelican in the local Darkinjung language.

About Gulyali Preschool

Our day is a careful balance between following routines, which help provide security and confidence AND ever-changing learning experiences, which are based on the children's interests and the early childhood curriculum.

Our Preschool is staffed by a Teacher and a School Learning Support Officer.

Our operational hours are in line with the Department of Education school terms and our daily hours are the same as the school hours. There is no provision for care outside these hours and the preschool is not open during school holidays.

Gulyali Preschool caters for 40 children per week and is comprised of 2 groups of 20 children. The children attend for a 5 day per fortnight attendance pattern (3 days one week, two days the next week.) The Seahorse the Seahorse Group attends on Monday, Tuesday and every second Wednesday. The Pelican Group attends on Thursday, Friday and each other Wednesday. Unfortunately we unable to offer a variation in the

attendance pattern. We endeavour to accommodate individual needs and work commitments wherever possible when placing children; however we cannot guarantee choice of days.

Entry Guidelines

Children are eligible to enrol in preschool classes from the beginning of the school year if they turn 4 years of age on or before 31 July of that year. Children attend departmental preschool classes for one year only.

Where the number of children applying for a position exceeds the number of places available, priority enrolment will be given in the following order:

1. Children living within the local school boundary
2. Children living outside the local school boundary who have siblings enrolled in the school
3. Children living outside the local school boundary

Under each of the above eligibility criteria category, specific enrolment criteria. Priority will be given to Aboriginal children and children who experience disadvantage, in particular families experiencing financial hardship and who are unable to access other children's services.

What your child will learn at preschool

Children learn a great deal during their preschool year via a variety of carefully planned teacher and student initiated play-

based activities. The program centres on the 5 outcomes of the Early Years Learning Framework:

1. Children have a strong sense of identity.
2. Children are connected with and contribute to their world.
3. Children have a strong sense of wellbeing.
4. Children are confident and involved learners.
5. Children are effective communicators

Fees

Fees are \$20 per day. Exemptions may be granted to families who:

- hold a Health Care Card
- are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- are suffering financial hardship.

Each case is reviewed individually.

What does your child need to bring?

Children are required to bring a complete change of clothing, a hat and a small sheet to preschool every day.

Children also need to bring all the food they will eat throughout the day from home. The children have two food breaks per day, recess and lunch. The NSW Department of Health 'Munch and Move' program is an integral part of our Preschool program and we encourage healthy eating at all times.





Enrolment Procedures

Applications commence on 1 May for vacancies that will occur in the following year.

All families wishing to enrol their child for Preschool should contact our school office to obtain an Enrolment Application. Please note applications must be accompanied by an original birth certificate, proof of residency in the local area and documentary evidence of the child's immunisation status.

To obtain an application form or additional information regarding preschool enrolment, please contact:

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