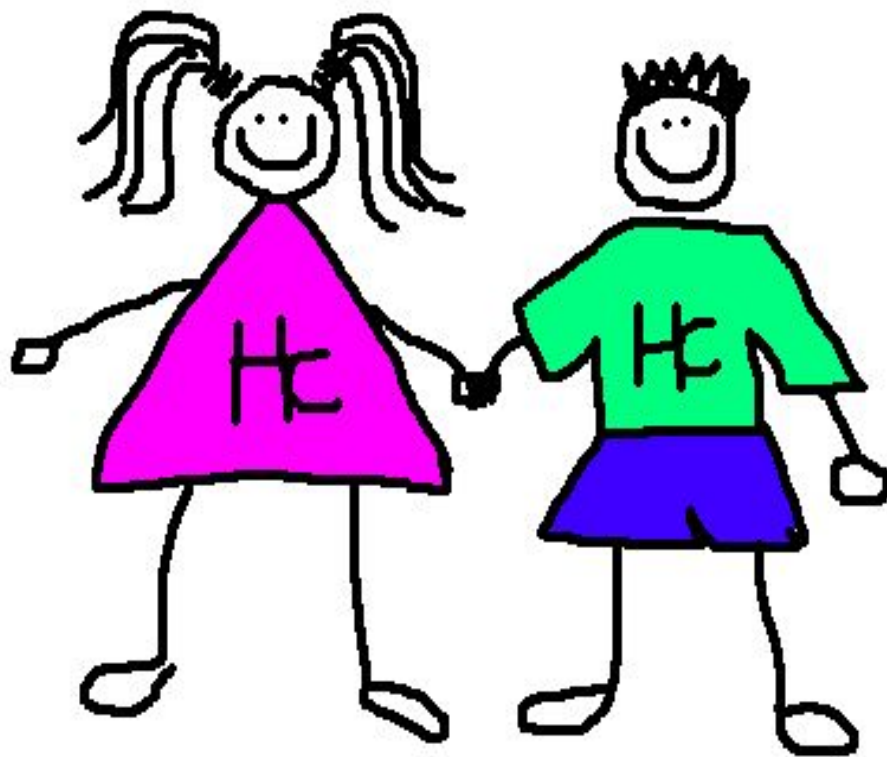
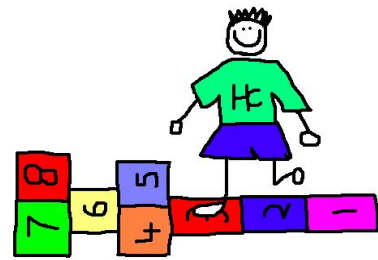
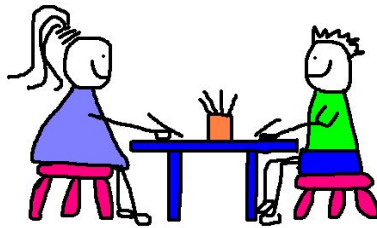
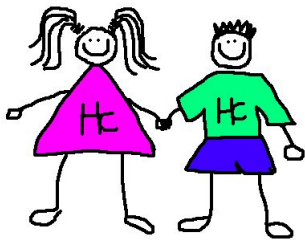


Welcome to

Happy Campers

2 1/2 - 5 year old Pre-Kindy





OUR PHILOSOPHY

Happy Campers is a privately owned and run Pre-Kindergarten, established since 1998 by highly qualified and experienced teachers specializing in Early Childhood Education. Our philosophy is to provide an **environment rich** with opportunities to socialise, build resilience and promote learning opportunities in a diverse indoor/outdoor play-based environment.

As a team we pride ourselves on providing a **holistic approach** to teaching, providing a warm, supportive and nurturing environment for your child. We take delight in the simple things that to the adult eye may seem unimportant or go unnoticed but to us (your Childs' educators) we get **great rewards** from observing how your child interacts with the many different learning environments and varied resources we set up for them and the learning and the social interactions that happen within it.

We believe in **collaborative learning and sharing of ideas**. Whether it's helping each other to feed and look after our "sick pets" in our "vet clinic", saving the baby dinosaurs from the volcanoes in our dinosaur land, making water valleys, roads and buildings in our huge sandpit or even working together to make magic soups from fresh flowers for the fairies in our fairy garden. Our ideas to encourage social play and their enjoyment is endless.

Our objective is to **provoke inquisitiveness and curiosity** from the things in our setting or the discussions we have about a topic of interest. We will encourage and support your child to explore and discover and ask questions about the things that interest them. We will help them find answers to help build their knowledge in the things they are interested in and share this with their peers. We get just as excited (even more than your child sometimes) when we see your child reach **different milestones** throughout the year. It could be in their ability to make new friends and express themselves during play, make new discoveries in our garden or science area. Learning to independently dress themselves, learning to use scissors or roll play dough effectively and craft a shape or expressing themselves through free painting.

It's all the little things we notice and enjoy sharing with you along the way on your child's learning journey. We hope your child will enjoy the varied tactile and sensory experiences of the different art and craft we do over the year. Along with all the other language, social, educational and physical benefits that come from being part of our Happy Campers family the building of your child's confidence, resilience and interest in learning is

key.

Our families over the years tell us that our programme is like no other, it is **exciting and stimulating** and the staff always go **over and above** to make the children and parents feel that their individual needs are being met. Most of all, their children come home having felt **safe and secure** and having had loads of fun, often asking their parents all week, "Is it a Happy Camper day yet mummy!" Our service is not like a daycare in any way. We see ourselves as a boutique educational Pre-Kindy offering a very high level of personal care and attention to you and your child.

We programme under the **National Quality Standards** and the Early Years Learning Framework that has been rolled out across the country called Belonging, Being and Becoming. This ensures that the level of education in the pre-school sector across Australia is of a high standard and is accessible to all children by all care providers from home day cares, small kindergartens like us, large day care centres and primary schools.

We have recently been assessed over two long days and after much anticipation received an **"Exceeding the National Standard"** in our program. Our high standards and hard work over the years to provide a fantastic service to so many families have paid off.

As we observe your child, we get to know their interests and provide opportunities to build their **imaginative and inquiry skills**, expand their learning journeys and learn how to live sustainably and care for our precious environment.

As experienced **educators specialising in Early Childhood Education** and as mothers ourselves, we know that children learn through enquiry, playing and having fun in a stimulating environment.

Our planned activities we share will be open ended to accommodate the different developmental stages of all the children so they can experience the **feeling of success** as they move freely through the Pre-Kindy.

Play is the foundation of learning in early childhood. It promotes creativity, critical thinkers, and **self-regulation** and problem solvers. We will provide opportunities for your child to explore, experiment and to initiate play to enable them to express themselves and feelings and to make meaning of their experiences.

We have indoor climbing equipment that provides opportunities for the children to use their larger gross motor skills in a specific way all year round. The children will enjoy a specifically designed and varied obstacle course to strengthen their muscles and to coordinate their bodies whilst balancing, jumping, hopping and throwing. The children will have access throughout the day to enjoy sand, water and climbing fun in our large outdoor playground, which is bright, safe, grassed and very well shaded.

Our daily **music and movement** activities are not only GREAT FUN with lots of giggles but also facilitates the learning and enjoyment of language and numbers through song and

dance. It also provides further opportunities for body awareness, coordination and experimenting with sound using a variety of music styles, role play props and percussion instruments. “Block your ears neighbours”!!

SELF CONFIDENCE and POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS

- Our predictable daily routines at Happy Campers are set up to give the children a sense of predictability, security and a sense of control of their day. They get to know that as the day progresses they will have fun with their friends, do some great things and then Mum or Dad will be there to see them and hear about their day.
- As the children move through the diverse and exciting environment, positive behaviours will be continually reinforced in order to develop their ability to interact with others and to maintain a safe, secure and happy environment for all.
- Many of the rules or boundaries we have here at Happy Campers, are the **same as those that have begun in the home** but may seem more difficult when in a larger social group and when their energy is high. Behaviours such as sharing toys, waiting our turn, walking inside, listening at story time and being gentle to our friends are just some of the necessary skills that will assist the children to feel confident and secure when they play.
- If a child is finding it difficult to manage or find the appropriate behaviour in a particular play situation, we will help your child through it and guide them with the positive behaviour required. This is a **great learning opportunity** as they are evolving from a world all about them, to playing successfully in a group. It is a huge growth area and we get great joy from seeing your child have positive experiences.
- We believe that **open communication with parents** helps build awareness of your child's social development and in working together, we can assist them to grow and learn an understanding of playing in a social group. Feeling secure, confident and happy in play situations is the key to building healthy self-esteem.
- As we are educators who specialise in childhood development, it is this area of social play that we most enjoy seeing the children improve. We also get great joy watching the involvement of the children's personalities, confidence and the way they develop their interest and confidence to take risks and experiment with their craft and a variety of craft mediums during the year. We celebrate the individual craft masterpieces we see. We take photos of the process as it evolves and share it with you.
- The educators are always happy to talk to you about your child, but as we are responsible for the **safety of children departing from the hall**, it is often easier to **discuss your child's progress** after the session when the majority of the group has left. If you can't stay due to having other sleeping or active babies, please feel free to call or email us anytime after the session or any time during the week.

ARRIVAL & PICK UP ROUTINE

Mondays Tuesdays Wednesdays and Thursdays

8:45am

- When you enter our hall, there can be so much choice for your child and can initially seem overwhelming. First settle in your child by assisting your child to find their name card and put their bags on their mat. Help your child take off their shoes, take out their water bottle and place their morning tea lunch box in the basket provided. This will be their special spot for the day where they will have their morning tea and access their drink during the session.
- Take your child to have a look around the space and see the many things on offer for the day and choose an activity to do with your child. The teacher will then ring the bell where we will sing our good morning song. Help your child to sit at the central mat. This is when we encourage the parents to say goodbye and depart.
- In our experience, we find that if children have a little tear of apprehension they do settle well within minutes as we have many nurturing staff and special things to distract an upset child. We will not let your child remain distressed and we will always contact you if necessary. Our parents often enjoy our texts and photos sent to them showing that their child has settled well and is happy.
- Before you leave, please sign your child's name in the attendance book. If someone else is collecting your child, please write this in the book or any other information that you may feel we need to know that may affect their day. If they were awake in the night or an exciting event, place or thing they may like to tell us about. Also send us photos of the event to encourage some news telling.

12.15pm Pick Up

Please wait near the door into the Hall until we have sung our "goodbye song".

- Your child will receive a goodbye stamp to ensure a personal touch from the teacher in what can often be a busy time with all the parents and baby siblings entering and exiting the hall!!
- If for some reason you are running late please call us to let us know so we can reassure your child or take them outside with the other children so they don't hear the goodbye song and get anxious.
- If you choose the extended day program that finishes at **2.45pm**, the pickup routine remains the same, signing out when you leave.
- Ask about the options for coming to our afternoon sessions on a **casual basis**.

2.45pm Full day Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

When you feel you and your child are ready, they can stay for our "**Lunch Club**". The children enjoy their lunch together then we slow our day down with quiet classical music. We read some books or listen to audio stories to assist their little bodies and minds to rest before the new afternoon activities. Please let us know if you would **not** like your child to sleep or on the other hand if you would like them to sleep, as every child's energy levels and needs are different. The children can bring their own special little comforter if they need. We have our own rugs and resting couches for them. It feels just like home or

as some parents have said, “grandma’s house” The children love it and the afternoons have different activities and the group plays at a slower pace. It makes for a lovely day.

TOILETING

We **do not insist** on your child being toilet trained. Yes, it is ideal for children that attend *Happy Campers* to be, or in the “transitional phase” of toilet training. But if they are not ready to start the process but are mature enough to leave mum and join in our activities, **we still want them to come regardless**. We are more than happy to assist your child on the toilet or to change their pull up. We understand and respect that all the children are at different stages and we work closely with you and reward your child as they show interest to sit on the toilet and we delight with them in their sense of achievement!

An easy to use pull up is often suggested during their introduction phase at Happy Campers as the environment is so stimulating and distracting!

Please dress your child in clothes that can be managed by them when toileting e.g. difficult buttons or tights can really hold children up. Elasticated clothing works best.

Pack a spare set of clothing and underwear all year round for “accidents”, messy craft and water play.

As all children are at different developmental stages in toilet training, we will discuss your child’s individual needs on enrolment.

CHILDREN’S CLOTHING

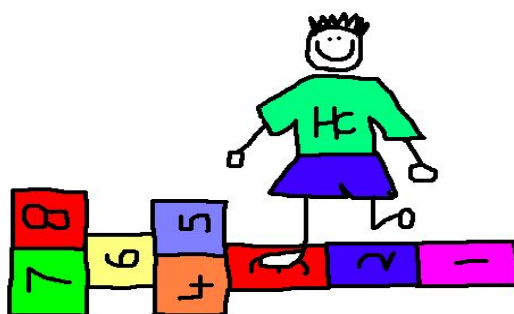
Please label hats, shoes, jumpers and drink bottles!

Children are active learners through hands-on experiences; many of them can be messy. A change of clothes is always handy! Especially for those children who enjoy watering our garden!!

Please pack a hat each day and put sunscreen on your child prior to coming.

Children are encouraged to take off their shoes during the session, especially to allow space for the development of little toe muscles for jumping and balancing on our indoor obstacle course and outside play area and sand pit.

Slip-ons or **velcro fastening** shoes or sandals are ideal for encouraging independent dressing. Tying up shoelaces for a big group of children means lots of other children are waiting for us all to sing our goodbye song. They are so proud of themselves when they can be independent so easy shoes please.



FOOD & SNACKS Morning tea time will be around 10am

Busy minds and active bodies leads to hungry tummies!

As we are encouraging the children to grow in their self-help skills, please consider the following when you provide your child with their morning tea.

- **Wholesome, low in sugar snacks.** Foods high in additives and colours give children no nutritional value and can adversely affect their energy levels.
- **Easy to open wrappers.** For developing finger dexterity and independent eating.
- **Yoghurt pots spill on the carpet and are asked to be left at home please.** Screw top yoghurts are fine!
- **SAFETY ALERT- Grapes and cherry tomatoes sliced in half to avoid a choking incident**
- **NUT FREE FOODS.** We have a NO NUT POLICY at *Happy Campers*. Some children have allergies that they may not be aware of at this time and others have diagnosed nut specific reactions. So please exclude any nut based spreads (*including Nutella*) or commercially packaged fruit bars or nut snacks.
- **We will always encourage** the children to eat their healthy food and fruit first before they have their treat e.g. biscuits etc.
- For children who are staying until 2.45 pm, please pack lunch in a separate container as we put the lunches in the fridge in summer.
- **An easy open and labeled water bottle.**
The children are encouraged to access their drink throughout the session.

MEDICATION

- We are required by law to keep a record of any medication given to your child during our session. A parent's written authorisation for the administration of medication is required and a form will be provided. Please hand any medications directly to the teacher.
- Once your child is enrolled, we are required to have a copy of your immunisation records and birth certificate to keep on file. Please bring these along on your child's first day.

SUNSCREEN

- We are a Sunsmart centre. Please apply sunscreen to your child each morning. There is a table outside the hall door, which will constantly have sunscreen in case you forget. Unless otherwise stated, we will assume your child has sunscreen on. We will reapply later if necessary.

ILLNESS AND INJURY

We teach hand washing and hygiene skills both after toileting, blowing their nose and before eating to reduce the spread of “bugs”.

If your child is not well, please do not send them to *Happy Campers*. Illness such as gastroenteritis, influenza, conjunctivitis, coughs and colds are contagious and can spread rapidly through a group of children. Where we can we will always try to accommodate a makeup class for being so considerate to others.

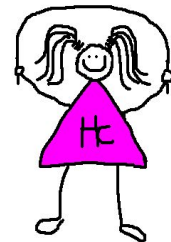
Should your child require attention through illness or injury whilst in our care, you will be informed immediately.

All our staff have a current Senior First Aid qualifications with asthma and anaphylaxis care.

Should we be unable to contact you we reserve the right to seek help from the nearest doctor or hospital.

Please ensure that all medical information, including emergency phone numbers is kept up to date on your child’s enrolment form.

EMERGENCY AND EVACUATION PROCEDURES



To maintain our license, our emergency and evacuation procedures must be regularly maintained.

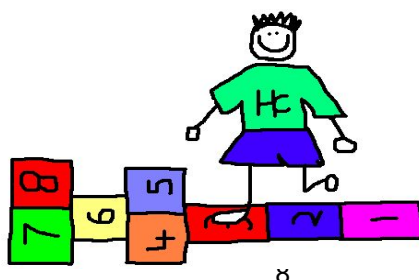
During the year we will conduct a lighthearted evacuation procedure to ensure that all children understand what happens in the event of an emergency evacuation.

We will let you know when this will occur and give you further details.

Last year we used the visit from Mr. Policeman and going out to watch Funny Phil our garbage truck man to practice walking outside holding the rope and walking to the grass area! They loved it.

TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD’S PLACE

Please send your enrolment and any other paperwork via email to Amy or Bonnie at enquiries@happycampersprekindy.com.au or bring hard copies in when you come in to visit or on your first day.



FEES and PAYMENT

Full term fees are payable prior to the commencement of each term.
Contact Amy or Bonnie if you wish to set up a payment plan.

Morning Session	845 to 1215	\$78.00
Full Day	845 to 245	\$133.00
Casual Days	Invoiced Separately	

Missed Sessions: if there is room on different days we will always try to accommodate some make up classes if your child misses a day due to illness or if you are on holiday. Make up classes must be taken in the same term, and no cash refunds are offered. In the past, parents have really appreciated this flexibility that is not offered elsewhere. So always feel free to call us to discuss.

Please deposit payment to our **Happy Campers account:**

BANK: WESTPAC

ACCOUNT NAME: Happy Campers

BSB: 036-034

ACC #: 504615

Please put your child's name in the payment description.

Please email enrolment form to email below or bring in on first day:

If you have any questions please call Amy or Bonnie on 0431335560 or email us.

Thank you and we look forward to welcoming your child and family to Happy Campers

HAPPY CAMPERS CONTACT DETAILS

SERVICE PHONE NUMBER- 0431335560

Please call or text this number for messages regarding attendance/absence or emergencies.

Amy's Mobile 0417903093

Bonnie's Mobile 0417960502

These numbers are alternative contacts for the service.

Email: enquiries@happycampersprekindy.com.au

Thank you for taking the time to read the information and choosing to enroll your child in our unique and nurturing Pre-Kindy.

It is always very exciting when your child begins a new learning experience, the benefits of negotiating their peer group and learning about following routines independently without their parent is vital for a smooth transition into the school system. My caring staff and I are committed to developing your child's skills and emotional wellbeing. We look forward to celebrating with you each milestone and the many interests your child explores and achieves throughout the year.

Love Your Happy Campers Team xx