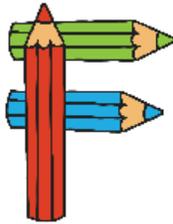


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Franklin School

2022 Preschool Information



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Dear Families

Welcome to Franklin School. We are excited to have the opportunity to welcome you and your child/children into our school community in 2022 as they begin their “adventures in learning” with the ACT education system.

Our preschool program focuses on inquiry learning through investigations.

This booklet is designed to provide you with the information you will need to know now, before your child starts school, and as the school year progresses. We provide additional information in the form of newsletters, as well as regular updates on our website, through Seesaw, and of course, we welcome daily contact with our families in person, via phone (6142 1110) or emailing to your individual child’s teacher.

We look forward to sharing this stage of your child’s learning and working in close partnership with you.

Regards,

Kate Flynn
Principal

Our dispositions:



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The Community Coordinator at Franklin School

Hi, my name is Hannah, and I feel very lucky to be the Community Coordinator at Franklin School. The role of Community Coordinator at Franklin is to work with students, families and the school community to engage and support wherever I can. I spend a lot of my time getting to know families and connecting with them at our community programs such as playgroups, Park and Play and parenting programs that I run. I really enjoy this and it is great to get to know our school community and bring them together to connect and share ideas and knowledge about parenting and to make friends with other school families. I run these programs in our community room which is purpose built for groups and families to use and I regularly share our program schedule in the newsletter.

I am up to date with local services that families sometimes need and am happy to share information and make referrals wherever necessary. I am always open to having a chat and if you ever need to talk about what your family is experiencing and how we can help, please feel free to get in contact or simply, pop into my office. Everyone welcome. You will often see me in the playground in the morning or at pick up so please feel free to come and say hi.

I am also available to talk about life at school. If you are unsure about anything school related or have any concerns, feel free to pop by and see me. I love to help!

I hope that your family have a fantastic start to the Preschool year, and I am really looking forward to meeting all of you.

Regards,
Hannah

Tips for preparing your child for school

- Label all clothing, hats, lunch boxes & drink bottles
- Eating independently - practise using a lunch box, opening packets and unwrapping sandwiches, feeding oneself, practise using utensils (fork, spoon), talking with your child about healthy foods (nude food)
- Work on tying shoelaces and taking shoes and putting them back on the right feet, socks on and off (Velcro shoes can be helpful)
- Provide opportunities for your child to practise dressing themselves (taking jumpers/jackets on and off)
- Teach your child how to use the toilet and wash their hands
- Talk to your child about the exciting experiences they will encounter at preschool
- Talk to your child about the process of leaving at preschool to make new friends
- Read and share books with your child
- Encourage your child to carry a bag, pack away toys and care for belongings
- Provide opportunities for your child to follow simple directions
- Extend their concentration by engaging in games and puzzles, encouraging them to complete activities



What's in my backpack?

Backpack: school hat
school jumper
change of clothes
a drink bottle
a lunch box



Lunch Box

As we have three eating times across the day, we suggest that you provide familiar foods that your child enjoys eating at home. It is important to know that staff are unable to heat food for children, but you can purchase some fabulous food containers that keep lunches nice and warm (if needed).

A cooked lunch is available from ANGLICARE, ordered at Anglicare canteen — cost \$5. This includes lunch and a piece of fruit. You will still need to send snacks.

The children have:

Snack time in the morning: fruit, yoghurt, vegetables

Lunch Time—approximately 1pm

Snack Time in the afternoon - fruit, vegetables, cheese, crackers.



NUTS—We are a NUT FREE school. We will advise if you have accidentally added food containing nuts to your child's lunchbox

Why a change of clothes?

Sometimes, even when a child has been well and truly toilet trained, accidents can happen. Children get caught up in an activity and the excitement of their learning and they just “forget” until it is too late and then they may need a change of clothes, including undies. We don’t make a fuss, staff just assist children to manage the changing of their clothes.



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Sunscreen

We do encourage families to ‘slop’ on sunscreen at the beginning of the day and also to provide sunscreen (roll on is easiest) for children to apply at recess and at lunch time. We will let you know our new protocols once we are accredited. In 2022 the school will be working towards becoming a SunSmart School. Until this happens we will continue not to supply sunscreen.

What should I wear to school?

At Franklin School students wear school clothes. It is so much easier to say “Today is a school day, go and find your school clothes!”.

School clothes at Franklin are a red t-shirt, school jumper and school hat. We encourage children to be comfortable and to be able to run and jump and skip and hop and they need to do this in comfortable clothing. Children at Franklin also get dirty and dusty and get glue and paint on themselves so hard-wearing easy-care clothes suit the learning that they need to do.

Jeans, shorts and leggings are great things to wear on the bottom half for a busy day at school and enclosed shoes for running around, bike riding, playing, climbing. Thongs don't keep little toes safe, we don't encourage thongs at school.

Please label all items.

School uniforms can be purchased from Working Gear:

<https://workinggearschools.com.au/product-category/uniforms-by-school/franklin-school/>



Franklin Swap shop

Franklin community room has many second-hand items of uniform in good condition and sorted into sizes. Families are welcome to come and have a look and find pieces of clothing for their children. You can either bring in items of uniform to swap or you can take items and leave a gold coin donation. The swap shop is open in school hours and families are welcome to come and have a look.

How much does it cost for school?

Each year the school charges a one-off Voluntary Contribution Fee which contributes to the running of the school. In 2022 this fee will be \$120 per child. The cost of Voluntary Contributions are set by the School Board. The School Board is chaired by a member of our school community.

There is also a book pack payment. The book pack payment is used to contribute towards consumables used in classrooms and in a preschool classroom there are many and various types of consumables from paints and crayons to paper, glue, glitter and shaving cream! The cost of the preschool book pack will be advised.

How can you pay for these two things?

Families are able to make use of EFTPOS, Cash or Quickweb.

Quickweb

Located on the school website under the Payment tab, Quickweb is facilitated by Westpac Bank and enables a secure payment option directly into our account without the need for the above account information. It also identifies more accurately who and what the payment is for.



What to do when:

My child is sick

Ring or email the front office (02 6142 1110 infoFranklinECS@ed.act.edu.au) and let them know that your child is unwell

We are taking leave and will be absent

Email the front office, informing of the dates your child will be absent from school and why (eg: holidays)

We arrive late to school (after 9.10am)

Sign in at the front office and collect a late pass

We need to leave early (before 3pm)

Sign out at the front office and collect an early leaver pass

There are excursions:

- Fill in the paperwork, make your payments on-line, over the counter using the EFTPOS facility or place the cash and paperwork in the box on the counter
- You can volunteer to attend with your child's class & fill out mandatory ACT Directorate volunteer paperwork



I have a question, query or concern:

- Speak to your child's teacher
- Send an email to arrange a meeting
- Speak to our Community Coordinator Hannah Freyne
- Share your concern with the executive teacher, deputy principal or principal

I want to volunteer at school:

- Talk to your child's teacher about your interest and the time you are available
- Join the Franklin Parents and Citizens Association
- Nominate for the School Board
- Attend excursions
- Share your skills with us
- Ensure you have a Working with Vulnerable People card (apply through ACCESS Canberra)



What days will my child come to school?

To assist families we provide you with, each term, a calendar that highlights your child's preschool days.

Term 1 - 2022

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	31-Jan 	01-Feb 	02-Feb 	03-Feb 	04-Feb 
2	07-Feb 	08-Feb 	09-Feb 	10-Feb 	11-Feb 
3	14-Feb 	15-Feb 	16-Feb 	17-Feb 	18-Feb 
4	21-Feb 	22-Feb 	23-Feb 	24-Feb 	25-Feb 
5	28-Feb 	01-Mar 	02-Mar 	03-Mar 	04-Mar 
6	07-Mar 	08-Mar 	09-Mar 	10-Mar 	11-Mar 
7	14-Mar Canberra Day	15-Mar 	16-Mar 	17-Mar 	18-Mar 
8	21-Mar 	22-Mar 	23-Mar 	24-Mar 	25-Mar 
9	28-Mar 	29-Mar 	30-Mar 	31-Mar 	01-Apr 
10	04-Apr 	05-Apr 	06-Apr 	07-Apr 	08-Apr 

Term Dates 2022

Term 1: Monday 31 January – Friday 8 April

Starts: Monday 31 January - beginning of the week

Thursday 3 February – end of the week

Public holiday – Monday 14 March: *Canberra Day*

Concludes: Tuesday 5 April – beginning of the week

Friday 8 April 2022 – end of the week

Term 2: Tuesday 26 April – Friday 1 July

Starts: Tuesday 26 April – beginning of the week

Thursday 29 April – end of the week

Public holidays – Monday 25 April: *Anzac Day*, Monday 30 May: *Reconciliation Day*, Monday 13 June; *Queen's Birthday*

Concludes: Tuesday 28 June – beginning of the week

Friday 1 July – end of the week

Term 3: Monday 18 July to Friday 23 September 2022

Starts: Monday 18 July – beginning of the week

Thursday 21 July – end of the week

Concludes: Tuesday 20 September – beginning of the week

Friday 23 September – end of the week

Term 4: Monday 10 October to Friday 16 December 2022

Starts: Monday 10 October – beginning of the week

Thursday 13 October – end of the week

Concludes: Tuesday 13 December – beginning of the week

Friday 16 December – end of the week

Early Learning Programs

We offer educational programs for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years.

Quokkas & Wallaroos: 6 weeks to 2 years

16 places with 5 educators (each)

Bilbies & Long neck turtles: 2-3 years

20 places with 5 educators (each)

Kookaburras & Sea Dragons: 3-4 years

22 places with 3 educators (each)

***Preschool Possums:** 4-5 years

22 places with 3 educators

**open to children enrolled at Franklin Preschool only. Alternate Wednesday bookings are available.*



What we provide

- All meals: morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a late snack
- Nappies
- Linen & bedding

OSHC Programs

We offer before and after school care programs to children of Franklin School. We also operate on site vacation care programs throughout the school holidays.

Our OSHC programs are guided by the My Time Our Place learning framework for school age children and in accordance with the national quality framework.



Operating Hours

We offer all our programs Monday – Friday from 7:30am – 6:00pm, with closure on all public holidays. We shut down for 2 weeks over Christmas and New Year period. Families are not liable for fees during this time.

Enrolments

If you would like to enrol your child into any of our programs, please visit our website: www.anglicare.com.au
Create your application through our online waitlist and someone from our admin team will be in contact with you.

Tours & Enquiries

If you would like to book a tour or have any questions regarding our programs, please contact the centre directly and one of our team members will be more than happy to speak with you.

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