Ardrossan Kindergarten:
**Values:** respect, happiness, individuality, self worth and trust.

**Vision Statement:** Children will gain the skills to be motivated, social and confident members of the community. The kindergarten will provide a play based, nurturing environment that will foster children’s love of learning. We look forward to getting to know you and your child.

As Early Childhood Educators we recognise and value parents as their child’s most important educators – no one knows more about your child than you do.

Our role is to provide an extension of your care and education. By communicating with each other and working together we can enhance your child’s development.

**Our staff are:**
- **Director:** Danielle Parsons
- **Kindergarten ECW:** Kali Sims
- **Support ECW:** Sharon Freer
- **Occasional Care Coordinator:** Michelle Wheare
- **Occasional Care ECW1:** Belinda Chapman

**Services available:**
- Kindergarten – for children who are 4 years old
- Pre-entry – for children who are turning 4 years
- Occasional Care – for children 6 months – 5 years
- Playgroup – for parents/carers with children 0 – 5 years

**Hire of Facilities** – the kindergarten building and grounds are available for hire for such as children’s birthday parties. Contact the kindergarten for fee charge and times available.
Kindergarten

Your child can begin full time kindergarten the term after they turn 4 years although this may vary depending on the school they are to attend. Full time kindergarten is for 4 sessions per week.

**Current session times are:**
- Tuesday 8.45 – 3.00 (2 sessions)
- Thursday 8.45 – 3.00 (2 sessions)

Pre-entry

Pre-entry is for children who are turning 4 years during that term. Pre-entry is for 1 session per week.

Occasional Care

Occasional Care is for children 6 months to 5 years. Children may attend 1 session per week. One session is for children under 2 years and two sessions are for children over 2 years. Priority of access is given to:
- Children not enrolled in another early years service e.g. Preschool or Family Day Care
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children
- Children with at least one parent not in the paid workforce
- Children from low-income families
- Children with additional needs or at risk
- Children of parents with a disability

**Session times are:**
- Tuesday 8.45 – 11.30 (1 session for under & over 2)
- Thursday 8.45 – 11.30 (1 session for over 2)

Playgroup

Playgroup is run by parents. Children up to 5 years old are given the opportunity to play, create and socialise with other children and parents. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to become familiar with the kindergarten environment and for parents to get to know each other.

**Current session time is:**
- Friday 9.30 – 11.30 (1 session)

Fees

The kindergarten uses fees to be able to provide equipment and resources for the children plus maintain a safe and clean environment.

- Kindergarten and pre-entry fees are charged each term. Each family will be invoiced early in the term. At present the fee is $1.25 per session.
- Full time kindy - $50 for 10 week term
- Pre-entry - $12.50 for 10 week term
- Occasional Care fees are:
  - $1.50 per session per child for families with a valid Health Care Card.
  - $5 per session for non Health Care Card holders
  - Second sibling is half price for any session in same week
- These fees are payable on arrival.

- Playgroup is $2 per session per child 6 months and over or $5 per family of 3. No fee for child under 6 months.

What do we do at Ardrossan Kindergarten?

At Ardrossan Kindergarten we provide a warm, supportive and secure learning environment. We focus and promote the development of each child’s self worth, social skills and skills for life. All children are seen and treated as individuals.

Our program is planned using The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia, Belonging, Being & Becoming. Knowledge of children’s skill levels and interests also impact on planning. We promote play based learning where children learn through the play experiences they engage in.

Parent Involvement

We encourage parents/caregivers to spend time in our sessions and join in various curriculum activities. Your interest is most beneficial to your child feeling good about themselves and recognise the importance of what they are doing. We believe that this is your kindergarten and our aim is that you will take every opportunity to be involved and support the activities of the centre for the benefit of your child.

You can be involved by helping during sessions, attending performances and excursions, becoming a member of the Governing Council, volunteering for the cleaning roster and participating in events and fundraising activities.