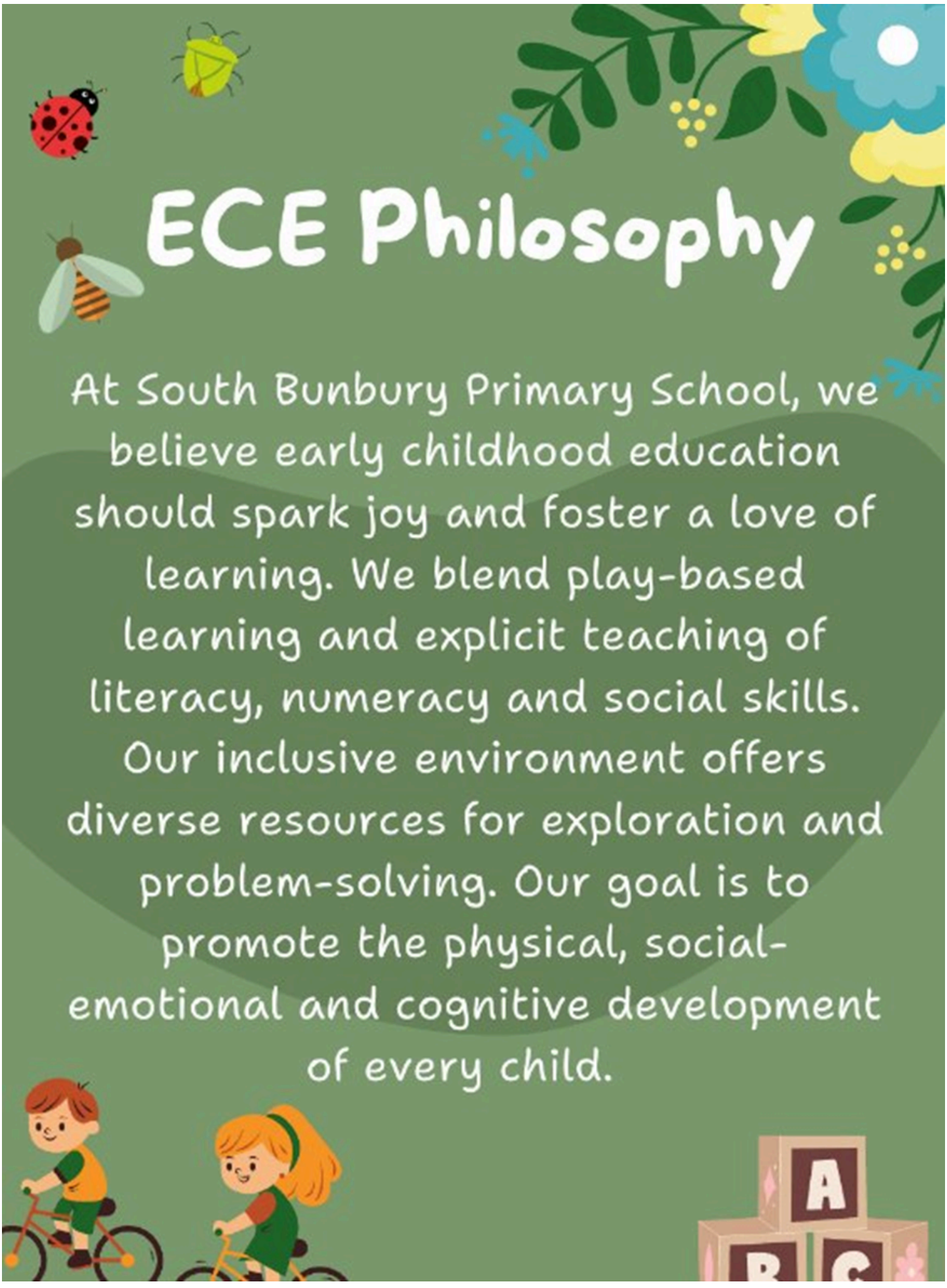
Kindergarten Information Booklet 2026


ECE Philosophy
At South Bunbury Primary School, we believe early childhood education should spark joy and foster a love of learning. We blend play-based learning and explicit teaching of literacy, numeracy and social skills. Our inclusive environment offers diverse resources for exploration and problem-solving. Our goal is to promote the physical, social-emotional and cognitive development of every child.
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SOUTH BUNBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We welcome you and your child to the South Bunbury Primary School Kindergarten. We hope your child has an enjoyable and rewarding year and trust that you and your child will soon feel at home and enjoy the experience of making new friends.

In Kindy, teachers aim to help children learn that school is a safe and fun place to be. Children are provided with a purposeful play-based learning program through which they develop their social, emotional, physical and creative skills as well as learn important literacy and numeracy skills. Development of skills in all these areas is necessary for later learning in school. The Kindy year is also a great opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet each other and become part of our school community.

South Bunbury Primary School Kindergarten maintains the required adult to child ratio by having one Teacher and an Education Assistant in each class. Staff members welcome the support and assistance of parents and carers throughout the year.

To assist us in helping your child, it is important that there is open communication between staff and parents. Good communication results in better understanding and less confusion. Please remember if you have a question, please do not hesitate to ask; no question is too small.

We look forward to working with you and your child as they begin their school journey.

Kind regards,
SBPS Kindergarten Staff

School Term Dates 2026

Please see Kindy Term Calendars (Term 1 attached to the back of this booklet)

Term 1
Monday 2 February - Thursday 2 April
Term 2
Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July
Term 3
Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
Term 4
Monday 12 October - Thursday 17 December

Pupil free days (School Development Days)

There are six school development days during the year where students do not attend.
Term 1 29 and 30 Jan
Term 2 24th April
Term 3 20th July and 17th August
Term 4 18th December

Communication

Please see School Communication Plan attached

School contacts
Phone: 9796 4600
Email: southbunbury.ps@education.wa.edu.au

You will receive a notification to join Seesaw and Compass for school and class communication purposes. Please ensure your notifications are on.

Kindy Class Times

8.50am - 2.50pm
Included in this pack is the Kindergarten Timetable Term 1 2026.

What your child needs each day

- School bag with spare clothes in a packet/wet bag
- Water bottle
- Separate morning tea container
- Lunch box
- Library Bag (Day to be confirmed)

Please label all items sent to school.

Clothing

- School uniform and hat, available at Uniform Concepts in Bunbury.

- Spare set of clothes: Please provide a spare set of clothes and underwear in a plastic bag or wet bag throughout the Kindy year.
- Sunscreen: Apply before school; sunscreen is also available at school.
- Shoes: Preferably with velcro fasteners; gum boots and a raincoat for wet days.

Please label all clothing with your child's name

Food and Drink

Morning Tea

Fruit, vegetables, crackers, yoghurt, etc., in a small, named container.

Lunch

Children eat their own lunch from their lunch box.

Our school encourages a traffic light system at lunch time; asking children to consume green foods first - a sandwich, a piece of fruit or vegetables and/or a yoghurt; before consuming one amber food such as a cereal bar or muffin.

We ask that red foods are not brought to school; these include juice boxes, soft drinks, lollies, chocolates, fruit leathers and chips.

There are many fabulous websites and Facebook groups that provide ideas for school lunches. Simply search 'School lunchbox ideas'.

Important information about food and drinks

Please note we are a nut aware school, please avoid sending raw nuts, peanut butter, Nutella, etc to school.

Please advise the teacher if your child has any food allergies or food intolerances as cooking is included in the learning program.

Only water in water bottles please.

Kindy children will be able to order from the canteen from Term 2 onwards.
Online ordering is through the Spriggy School app.

Before the First Day of Kindy

You can help your child's first days at Kindy to go smoothly by using the weeks beforehand to provide your child with some practice time for:
·Going to the toilet by themselves, including washing hands after using the toilet,
·Trying out their water bottle to make sure they can use it,
·Opening and closing their lunch box and bag by themselves,
·Putting their shoes on and taking them off by themselves and storing socks with the shoes,
·Eating their morning tea and lunch from their lunchboxes.

Arrivals/Departures

Children must be brought to and collected from the door of the Kindy by an adult.
No child will be released to anyone but the custodial parent or the authorised person.
If there is a change, please inform us as to who will collect your child.

If you arrive after 8.50am in the morning or need to collect your child from school early, you will need to sign them in/out at the front office.

Separating from your child at Kindy - Tips

💡 **Before the First Day**

1. Practice Separations
   - Start with short separations at a friend's house or with relatives.
   - Let your child know when you will return and always follow through.
2. Talk About What to Expect
   - Use simple, positive language to describe what school will be like.
   - Read books about starting school (e.g., The Kissing Hand, Llama Llama Misses Mama).
3. Visit the School Together
   - Attend transition sessions so the environment feels familiar.
4. Establish a Goodbye Ritual
   - A special hug, handshake, or phrase can offer comfort and predictability.
5. Keep Your Emotions in Check
   - Children take emotional cues from parents. Stay calm, upbeat, and confident.

💡 **During Drop-off**

1. Keep Goodbyes Short & Positive
   - Avoid lingering. Long farewells can increase anxiety.
   - Say goodbye confidently and leave—even if your child is upset.
2. Don't Sneak Away
   - Leaving without saying goodbye can lead to mistrust or more anxiety next time.
3. Acknowledge Their Feelings
   - "I know it's hard to say goodbye. You'll be okay and I'll see you after school."

Birthdays

Your child may bring a treat (cupcakes, icy pole, etc) to share with the other children. Children with allergies will be asked to have cupcakes in a named container for them that will stay in the freezer for use when needed.

Important Information

Throughout the year various changes may occur in your child's life. Some changes have dramatic effects on children's behaviour at school. Please keep the Kindy staff informed of any changes in your child's life (new baby, family illness, moving house, parent separation, death of a friend or family pet, poor sleep the night before, etc).

Parent help

We welcome parents during the day to assist with activities or even to read a book to a group of children. This begins in Term 2.

Toileting

Summer is a great opportunity to encourage your child to become independent in toileting. At the beginning of the Kindy year, please let staff know as soon as possible if your child has not achieved this important milestone and is not fully toilet trained and/or not independent in toileting and needs reminding.

We are aware that, at Kindy age, many children will still have toileting accidents.
If your child wets while at Kindy, we will supervise your child in changing and putting their wet clothes into a plastic bag.

If your child soils, we will supervise your child in changing their clothes, and encourage them to clean themselves as much as they can. As we are unable to ensure your child is fully clean, we will contact you to come to Kindy to assist.

Absences / Illnesses

In case of absences from school, please notify the school on day of child's absence by sending a text to the number: 0488 903 921.

Staff members are unable to administer medications without parental written consent and a medical plan. This includes antibiotics, Panadol etc.
If your child needs regular medications, such as asthma medication, please see the front office staff who will assist you in ensuring the relevant documentation is completed.
It is best that children with cold and flu symptoms be kept at home to reduce the chances of other children contracting them.

There are certain notifiable diseases and conditions:

Measles	Mumps	Chicken Pox	Head Lice
Rubella	Scabies	Conjunctivitis	Whooping Cough

If your child contracts any of the above, please notify the school immediately.

Infectious Disease Exclusion Table

Common cold/Influenza	Your child can return to school when symptoms have subsided.
COVID 19	Exclude and advise to stay at home for at least 5 days and until acute symptoms (e.g. fever, sore throat, runny nose) have resolved.
Chicken Pox	Exclude from school until all sores have crusted.
Cold Sores	Young children unable to comply with good oral hygiene practices should be excluded if lesions are uncovered and weeping.
Conjunctivitis	Exclude from school – highly contagious. Child can return to school when discharge has stopped.
Diarrhoea	Exclude until diarrhoea has ceased for 24 hours.
Head Lice (Pediculosis)	Exclude until lice and eggs (nits) are killed.
School Sores	Exclude until 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has commenced. Lesions on exposed skin must be covered with a waterproof dressing.
Hand, foot and mouth	Exclude until all vesicles have formed crusts that are dry.

A few things to expect at Kindy

Most of the activities we do at Kindy will not produce anything on paper or to take home. The value of activities mostly lies in the development of language, physical and social skills, or perhaps problem solving. Some of their work is kept for their portfolio which will come home at the end of Term 2 and then at the end of the year.
When work does come home, make a huge deal about their efforts, even if the final product is less than a 'masterpiece'. Ask them about what they did, what it is and display it somewhere special.

Please expect them to get dirty at Kindy because play is hard work. Kindy children can get paint on their shirt, sand in their shoes, grass in their hair and more!

All children develop at different rates. Teachers continually observe your child's progress and are always happy to share their observations with you. At times, it may be noted that your child is having some difficulties with aspects of their development and/or learning. To ensure that each child is catered for individually in the learning program, according to their needs and development, Teachers may feel that referral to other agencies is required for further advice. In these instances, we will speak with you as soon as the issue arises.

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SBPS Kindergarten Staff

Kindergarten Timetable Term 1 2026

Time: 8.50am – 2.50pm

Kindy Yellow – Mondays, Tuesdays and alternate Wednesdays
Kindy Green – Alternate Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2/2	3/2	4/2	5/2	6/2
2	9/2	10/2	11/2	12/2	13/2
3	16/2	17/2	18/2	19/2	20/2
4	23/2	24/2	25/2	26/2	27/2
5	Labour Day Public Holiday	3/3	4/3	5/3	6/3
6	9/3	10/3	11/3	12/3	13/3
7	16/3	17/3	18/3	19/3	20/3
8	23/3	24/3	25/3	26/3	27/3
9	30/3	31/4	1/4	2/4	Good Friday Public Holiday