

LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING

Birth – 4 Playgroup

This program is for babies and young children from Birth to 4 years old and their parents and families. There are a variety of activities and resource for children covering all areas of learning. The program promotes positive parent/child relationships. There are a variety of activities and resources for children, covering all areas of learning. It is held on a Monday and runs for an hour and fifteen minutes. Children are asked to bring a snack and their own drink. Tea and coffee are supplied for parents.

We provide a book and toy lending library for children who attend the Pre-Kinder and playgroup sessions. We also regularly go on excursions and attend other community organised events. Enrolments are taken all year round for both programs.

Pre-Kinder

This program is for children who are turning four in 2012 and their parents. The program builds on what children learn at home, preparing them for success at school. It is also held on a Monday and runs for an hour and fifteen minutes. Children are asked to bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea and their own drink. Tea and coffee are supplied for parents.

Blair Street Kindergarten

The Blair Street Kindergarten, now a part of the New Norfolk Primary School, has a long and interesting history. On the 7th March 1947 a meeting was held in the parish hall to discuss the formation of a kindergarten for the children of New Norfolk. On Friday, 12th September the Church of England Vestry granted a lease for 12 months. Miss Johnston was the first teacher. On 30th April 1951 suggestions were made that a Kindergarten could be built in the grounds of the State School, Arthur Square, Ellis Dean Reserve or that the Magra Hall could be renovated. On 18th June 1951 it was reported that the Education Department would subsidise pound for pound in the erection of a building as long as the Association provided the site. The amount required to raise would be £1,500. By 1955 the Pre-school was at its present site, but lacked proper playground facilities. From then on, a lot of voluntary labour and community support has developed the Kindergarten to what it is now.

