



Some of what we did this week.

- We followed a recipe and made pikelets
- We read 'Jack & the beanstalk' and planted magic beans.
- We experimented with and mixed all the colours of the rainbow
- We sang our 'Acknowledgement song' and spent time in our nature garden, caring for our vegetable garden.
- We cut out shapes, to design our houses.
- We had fun with our friends, singing and dancing on the stage.
- We learnt new skills in our weekly sports lesson.

About St Mary's Pre-School

Since 1958, our experienced teachers have created an exciting and stimulating learning environment for young minds to engage in and explore.

We are here to support you and your child and to help them develop into confident and caring individuals. Both the 3 and 4 year old programs are underpinned by the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF).

We are proud of our rating "Exceeding the National Quality Standard", this reflects the high standards of our program, pre-school facilities and commitment to continual improvement.

Our philosophy to learning 'Fostering a Love of Learning'

St Mary's vision is for all children to experience play based learning that is engaging and builds success for life. When children play they are showing what they have learned and what they are trying to understand.

Our educators will guide your child's play experiences by carefully designing learning experiences and activities exploring the foundations of the Early Years Learning Framework.

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2025 Sessions

Koala Group - 3YO (15 Hours)

Tuesday: 8.30am - 4.00pm
Thursday: 8.30am - 4.00pm

Penguin Group - 4YO (15 hours)

Wednesday: 8.30am - 4.00pm
Friday: 8.30am - 4.00pm

Third Day (7.5 hours)*

Monday: 8.30am - 4.00pm

**Please note, participation in this program attracts a fee.*



2025 Fees - Funded Program

3YO & 4YO Funded Program - 15 Hours

St Mary's Pre-School has opted into the Victorian Government's Free Kinder initiative.

Whilst there are no fees to access a 15 hour funded program, we will be asking for voluntary donations from all families to ensure continued access to a quality program for all children.

A \$200 deposit is required to secure your child's application upon acceptance of an offered position by the Bayside City Council.

Additional fees may be asked for Excursions



Age Requirements

Under new funding rules, children are only eligible to complete one year of 3 year old kindergarten.

If your child is born between Jan - April we strongly recommend a discussion regarding your child's readiness to commence kindergarten with our teaching staff.

Children must turn 3 by 30 April 2025 to register for 3-year-old programs but cannot attend until their 3rd birthday. Children registering for 4-year-old kindergarten must turn 4 by 30 April 2025 but can commence at the start of the year.

Enrol for 2025 - 3YO - must be born before 1 May 2022

Enrol for 2025 - 4YO must be born before 1 May 2021

Key Dates

1st May - 30th June 2024

Families are to complete their kindergarten registration via link at the Bayside City Council www.bayside.vic.gov.au/services/children-and-family/register-kindergarten

14th May 2024

Melinda Vander Reest, Early Life Foundation presents 'Kinder Readiness'. See Bayside Council website for details.

July 2024

Receive an offer from the Bayside City Council and finalise your enrolment with St Mary's Pre School.

First Round offers will be made on the 22nd of July

First Round Acceptances due on 29th of July.

Third Day Program

In 2025 St Mary's will offer the option to access a third day of kindergarten. This is an optional additional paid day of care which will run from 8.30am-4pm on a Monday. Fees will apply.

4YO families will be prioritised in this program, with any vacancies being offered to 3YO enrolled in the Koala Program.

This is an opportunity for children to attend an additional day of Kindergarten at St Mary's enabling them to build their friendships and develop additional skills in preparation for primary school.

The program will be run by a qualified teacher and the session will be play based and focus on developing the needs and interests of each child.

