

Indigenous Access Program:

We would like to offer up to 4 scholarships for identified Arakwal jarjums at our community run, non-for-profit Steiner Preschool, to start in 2024. Please read on to learn more about the Preschool's daily rhythm. Periwinkle starts the enrolment process for the following year as early as August. We also have places that come available throughout the year.

For designated places, annual fees associated with attendance at the preschool are waived. This includes the waiting list fee, enrolment fee and association membership fee.

Aim:

The Indigenous Access Program supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to access early learning at The Periwinkle Preschool.

Background:

Periwinkle Preschool acknowledges the traditional owners of this land and the important, ongoing contribution of Indigenous peoples and culture. Periwinkle preschool also acknowledges the importance of inclusiveness and social equity in advancing reconciliation. The Indigenous Access Program has been developed in consultation with the Arakwal Corporation.

If we have an abundance of applicants, priority will be given to school ready children (4 before July 31st).

If you wish to apply online, please email Lilly@periwinkle.nsw.edu.au for a link to our waitlist form, or stop by Periwinkle Preschool for a hardcopy.

Alternatively, you can receive a hardcopy form at the Arakwal office and drop it off to the Periwinkle Preschool office during term time.

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We welcome children aged 3–5 years old.

SCHEDULE

Periwinkle operates 9.15am – 3.15pm

All children attend Periwinkle for a 5-day fortnight. Children attend on either:

- Mondays, Tuesdays, and alternate Wednesdays or
- Thursdays, Fridays, and alternate Wednesdays.

DAILY RHYTHM

9:15am: Arrival, Acknowledgement of Country, Good Morning Song & Fruit in basket.

Children arrive with their parents, place their fruit in the basket and sit down in a circle where we have a cup of Chamomile Tea.

Followed by Acknowledging the traditional owners of the land Periwinkle stands on & our morning song.

9:30: Inside/Outside Play (weather dependant) daily activity.

Children are encouraged to participate in the daily activity which may be bread-making, watercolour painting, beeswax modelling or crayon drawing – or they may choose domestic work or self-initiated play. Food preparation is part of the daily curriculum.

10:30am: Tidy up & slippers on

10:45am: Morning circle

We come together for seasonal or traditional songs, finger-games and movement.

11:00am: Morning Tea

Periwinkle provides a nutritious Morning Tea

11:30am: Free play – indoor/outdoor (weather dependant)

This is a valued focus of the daily curriculum, Our beautiful garden and natural play equipment provide an environment for the children to run, climb, explore, and create many and varied play scenarios. Where as our colourful inside space is filled with toys made from natural materials that nourish our child's senses & keep them in their imaginative state.

At the end, everyone helps tidy away and everything is carefully returned to its home.

1:15pm: Story Time

The same story is told for several weeks, often using puppets and props.

1:30pm Lunch

We all sit together to share a blessing and enjoy a wholesome, nutritious lunch provided by each child's family.

2:00pm: Quiet rest time

A lavender face wash and playing of the lyre set the mood. Children have an opportunity to stop and enjoy the quiet.

2:45pm: Afternoon Tea

Periwinkle provides a nutritious afternoon tea snack prior to home-time.

3:00pm: Pack Away, Drawing/Quiet Games.

We rise from rest in time for some drawing and quiet games on the mat.

3:15pm: Goodbye

The children & their teachers sing their Good-bye song till next time we come together as one.