

## 5 Reasons why preschool is so important:

1. Brain development is highest during the first 4 years of life.
2. Structure, a child learns routine and expectations and begins to look forward to the next activity in a stimulating environment.
3. Social skills are learned:
  - How to listen
  - Taking turns
  - Acceptance of cultures and languages
  - Manners
  - Group dynamics
  - Compassion and empathy
4. Academics, expectations are becoming more when entering 'Big School'
5. Children learn independence, parents also need 'me' time.

## Our Classes:

### Baby Centre



Our baby centre is well equipped and expertly staffed for babies from birth to 18 months. Babies can look forward to a comfortable indoor play area as well as a large outdoor play area. All our babies are pampered and given the loving care and stimulation needed to develop and grow.

### 2 years old



These classes are for all children who turn 2 years old during the year. The toddlers can look forward to a stimulating and fun class, where there is a lot of learning through play as well as educational toys and games. The children's vocabulary development, fine motor skills and gross motor skills are all focussed on through each theme. The Duckling class has a large outdoor play area which is shaded and the smaller children are separated from the bigger children. Toilet training is assisted in the school day and we request that all children bring a change of clothing and nappies to school.

## 3 years old



These classes are for all children who turn 3 years old during the year. The children can look forward to a stimulating and fun class, where there is learning through fantasy play as well as educational toys and games. The children's vocabulary and language development, fine motor skills and gross motor skills are all focussed on through each theme.

The large outdoor play areas which is shared with the bigger children. These play areas are monitored and supervised by the class teachers whenever they are outside. Toilet training is assisted in the school day and we request that all children bring a change of clothing and nappies, and training pants to school.

## 4 years old



These classes are for all children who turn 4 years old during the year. The children can look forward to a stimulating and fun class, where there is learning through fantasy play as well as educational toys and games. The children's vocabulary and language development, fine motor skills and gross motor skills are all focussed on through each theme. Each child will receive a workbook which will focus on the pre-writing skills, letter sounds, number recognition and thinking skills.

The class has a large outdoor play area and specific gross- motor area which is shared with the bigger children. These play areas are monitored and supervised by the class teachers whenever they are outside.

## 5 - 6 years old



The Big 5 class is for all children who turn 5/6 years old during the year. Our Big 5 class is a mixed class of Grade 00 and Grade 0 children. The reason being that a lot of Primary schools have their own Grade 0 Class, however we do try to cater for those that don't. The children can look forward to a stimulating and fun class, where there is learning through developmental play as well as educational toys and games. The children's vocabulary and language development, fine motor skills and gross motor skills are all focussed on through each theme. Each child will receive workbooks which will focus on the Numeracy and Literacy skills and developmental skills required for "Big" school.

The Big 5 class has a large outdoor play area and specific gross- motor area which is shared with the bigger children. These play areas are monitored and supervised by the class teachers whenever they are outside.

At the end of each year we have a graduation ceremony for the Big 5 Class.



## After Care (Gr0 - Gr1)

We offer homework support and project support (basic materials can be bought from LPP), this will allow more quality time at home and help ease the stress of homework when getting home.

Holiday care is offered, during which meal times will be provided with the rest of the school.

The focus of the curriculum is centred on the theme units and the CAPS programme. This is the core of our integrated learning programme encouraging our children to be curious about the environment around them and promoting learning by exposing the children to a wide variety of educational opportunities that encourage self-expression, communication, logical thinking and problem solving skills.