



Our Launching into Learning program (LiL) at Snug Primary School is called Little Sprouts. We cater for the birth-4 age group. Our program is based on the Early Years Learning Framework - Belonging, Being, Becoming with many opportunities for the children to play, discover and learn as they develop their identities, explore new experiences, and follow their own personal learning journeys. Our sessions are supported by the following staff members:

- **Jane Martyn:** Mrs. Martyn is a kindergarten teacher and will coordinate Little Sprouts on a fortnightly basis alongside Mrs. Lockwood.
- **Andrea Lockwood:** Mrs. Lockwood is a kindergarten teacher and will coordinate Little Sprouts on a fortnightly basis alongside Mrs. Martyn.
- **Kath Dolliver:** Kath is our school chaplain and works across the school in a variety of roles supporting children and families.
- **Renae Fulton:** Renae is a teacher assistant who work in the Early Years team providing support to students and our teaching staff.

WHEN AND WHERE ARE THE SESSIONS HELD?

LITTLE SPROUTS: Thursday 9-10:30am with Mrs. Martyn or Mrs. Lockwood, Renae and Kath in Kinder A - Possum's room. We also like to explore our local environment so we plan regular visits to the beach, park and bush area.



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How do I enrol?

It is a DoE requirement for all children, including babies to be enrolled in LiL. Enrolment forms are available at Little Sprouts sessions. Prompt return to the classroom teacher or to the office is appreciated. Each week you are asked to sign in on the attendance sheet when you arrive at the classroom.

Do we have to come every week?

We love to see you and your family as often as you can get to Little Sprouts. It has been great to see how our Little Sprouts children have made smooth transitions into Kindergarten and beyond over the past few years. Research in Tasmania has shown a clear link between LiL attendance and improved results for students as they progress through school.



How much does it cost?

There is no cost—just come along and enjoy.

Can I have a cuppa?

Tea and coffee are available in the kitchen area of the classroom. Please be aware of little people when making and consuming your hot drinks.

Where is the toilet?

We have two toilets for childrens' use. An adult toilet is situated just outside the classroom entrance and another in the administration block. Baby changing facilities are available in the classroom and in the administration block toilet.

How can I help?

At the end of each season we appreciate the help of families in packing away equipment. If you are not sure where to put something, please just ask.

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How can I find out what is happening at Little Sprouts?

We have our own Facebook page for Little Sprouts. This is a closed group and only Little Sprouts members are allowed access to the page. We also use email to update families of upcoming events, changes to the program or to share interesting articles. If you have an enquiry please enquire at the school office on 62679230 or send us an email.

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Please note, the messenger facility on Facebook is not a preferred method of contact as this is used for personal messages only, not school - based enquiries.

Who can help me if I am concerned about my child?

All the staff at Launching into Learning are parents who have experienced the joys and worries of parenting. We are happy to have a chat with you and help where we can. We have a range of handouts available to give ideas, suggestions for language development, reading with your child and why play is so important. Please just ask.

Mrs. Martyn and Mrs. Lockwood will be able to assist with more specific enquiries like speech, behavioural, toileting, gross and fine motor development and can help with accessing referrals to specialised agencies if needed. We work closely with Leah Willis, our Child Health Nurse to ensure we have happy, supported families in our community.

Home visits are available for all families. A home visit often helps the child connect and feel comfortable with adults they come in contact with outside the home. This builds trust and confidence and provides an opportunity for a less hectic "get to know you" session. It is also a chance for a chat about any concerns or simply to share some special things about your child. Let us know if you would like a visit at anytime throughout the year.

We look forward to a wonderful year of playing, learning and working together to achieve the best outcomes for our children and their families.



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