At Bridgewater Kindergarten we believe that there needs to be close liaison between home and kindy to build on the child’s first years of learning – their experiences at home.

We encourage parents to become active participants in their child’s learning at kindy and believe that good communication is vital to maximise children’s well being.

During your child’s year at kindy we will use numerous methods of communication.

- Enrolment booklet.
- New families meetings in your child’s second week at kindy.
- Photos of the children interacting at kindy.
- Sharing books. These communication books go home once a fortnight in the children’s fulltime terms. They include information about their wellbeing and the kindergarten programme and activities. We invite families to include information about things that have been happening with and for your child at home before returning the book to kindy. This book builds a wonderful record of your child’s kindy year.
- General newsletters. Newsletters are e-mailed home on the alternate fortnight to Sharing Books. Those families who do not have e-mail access receive paper copies.
- Curriculum newsletters. Once a term you will receive newsletters specific to Literacy, Numeracy and Maths and Science and Our World.
- Once a year you will be invited to attend an Open Night, showing our kindergarten in action.
- Incidental conversations in the mornings or after kindergarten sessions.
Planned interviews outside of session time, after 3-15 Tuesday or Wednesdays and between 9-00 and 3-00 alternate Thursdays. These may be requested by staff or parents.

In your child’s second term at kindy you will receive a report checking your child’s development in these areas- Cognitive, Health & Physical, Literacy and Language, Numeracy, Self, Social and Well being.

At the end of their kindy year we create a Summative report about your child. This report is passed on to your child’s school, a copy goes to you and a copy stays at kindy.

Each family has a pocket which hangs near the front door. Notes, newsletters etc are put into these pockets for you to collect. Newsletters are also e-mailed to families.

We often put notes on the front or back of the front door as reminders or seeking help.

Our planned programme is always on display in the form of Learning Committee minutes. These hang on a display board near the entrance to kindy, displaying the children’s learning ideas.

Displays at kindergarten. By looking at the displays at kindy and talking to your child about them you will discover lots about what happens at kindy.

Computer slideshow. The computer near the front door continuously has a slide show running on it showing thousands of photos showing kindergarten events.

Parents are invited to join our Governing Council (Management Committee). This is a great way to get to know other kindergarten parents, to learn more about the workings of Bridgewater Kindergarten and to have a voice in what happens at kindy.

At times we arrange information meetings at kindy on topics about children’s development and learning.

We have information at kindy or can access information should you have areas of concern about your child.

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