

# WELCOME TO TADPOLES!



Hi Parents and Guardians,

It is such a privilege it is to have your children with us on Sundays and we are excited for them to join Tadpoles (our preschool aged class).

We thought we would give you some extra information on how the Tadpoles class works and what you might need to know.

## What does a Sunday look like?

<b>From 9:45</b>	You can <i>sign your child in</i> at the welcome desk upstairs in the kids centre. Our welcome desk has any information about upcoming events like our Kids Activity day and is where you can grab a new Take Home Devotion Bag.
<b>9:45- 10:15</b>	<b>Prehang Activities</b> These include colouring in, big group games, craft & jumbo board games. This is alongside the Frogs class as we wait for everyone to arrive.
<b>10:15- 10:40</b>	<b>Younger Group Time</b> Welcome, our regular offering, worship, prayer and finishing with morning tea. This is done with the Frogs class as well.
<b>10:40- 11:30</b>	<b>Tadpoles Class Time</b> News, games, teaching, teaching focused activities, craft and small groups. Our Tadpoles leaders have a visual timetable for the kids to follow along.
<b>From 11:30</b>	<b>Sign Out</b> Please come and pick up your child and sign them out after the church service is finished. This is a great time to ask the leaders if you have any questions or enquiries.

## **Leaders**

Our Tadpole leaders for 2017 are Ellen Power (Key Leader), Taryn Pascoe, Owen Eyles, Jadarah Karanikis, Laura Bancroft and Chloe Batt.

Please feel free to chat to them if you have any questions or issues- we love your feedback.

## **Transitioning**

This year we will have a 1:3 ratio of leaders to kids. We are confident that this is a very manageable number. While we are aware some kids have more trouble transitioning from River Babes to Tadpoles then others, we have found that if parents remain present it can make it even more difficult in the long run. Please chat to Ellen about this if you are concerned or have ideas of how to help the leaders with your child in particular.

## **Drink Bottles**

We have a tub for your child's drink bottle. Please ensure they have one every Sunday and it is labelled. Don't forget to grab it at sign out!

## **Toileting**

As you are aware, your child could not go up to Tadpoles until they are toilet trained. This is important for the effective running of the class and for child protection reasons. Our leaders take all the children to the bathroom in the middle of the lesson. Please be aware of what you dress your child in (especially girls with jumpsuits and overalls) because if it is difficult for them they have accidents and our leaders are unable to assist with their clothing.

We totally understand accidents happen, so if this is an issue for your child please let our Key Leader, Ellen Power know and have your mobile on you during the service in case we need to contact you.

## **Teaching and Program**

Our Tadpoles teaching program is often different to what the rest of our classes are doing. However, they are always using similar themes. The morning consists of games, play, teaching time (using multimedia and talks by our leaders), prayer and small groups. We love to see how God speaks to even the littlest of children!

## **At Home Devotions**

We have **take home bags** of different bible stories that include questions, pictures, objects, play items and more that will help make that story come alive for your child at home. These bags will be able to be lent out (like a library) for a week at a time. Please make use of these great resources.

Thanks and let us know if you have ANY questions. We look forward to a great year :)

***Angela, Ellen and our Tadpoles Leaders***