

Thursday, 3 September 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

OUR SCHOOL IS READY FOR THE 2021 PREP COHORT

Because of the disruptions caused by coronavirus (COVID-19) this year, we know that many parents may be feeling nervous about their child starting school in 2021.

I am writing to let you know that our school is ready to welcome our new cohort of preps in 2021, and that we are committed to working with you to ensure that your child makes a positive start to school.

As you know, no matter what experiences children have had in their kindergarten year, they will have developed a range of skills and abilities that form the basis for further learning and teaching. Our school welcomes and supports children at different stages in their growth.

Our school is ready for children to have a greater diversity of needs next year. Our Term 1 program will be modified to accommodate the social and emotional needs of children who have been unable to attend four-year-old kindergarten as planned this year.

We are doing a number of things to support effective transitions for all our new preps, including:

- Personalised face-to-face meetings with the Principal (COVID19 safe precautions in place)
- Zoom meetings for parents- who wish to commence enrolment virtually
- Transition Sessions (commencing October 2020)
 - This is an opportunity for your child to get to know their new school. They will get to meet the teachers and find out about the many exciting things that happen at school.
 - Children are invited to attend 3 sessions. They will spend time in the Prep classroom, and visit specialist classes, such as The Arts and Health and Physical Education.
- Information sessions for parents
- Starting School Booklet 2021
- Training Year 5 students to be “Prep Buddies”
- Staggered starting times for Prep students
 - This is to help them settle into the classroom.
 - During the month of February and the start of March, they will only attend school 4 days per week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 9.00am – 3.30pm. Wednesdays will be set aside for assessments; you will be notified of your child’s assessment time and date.

We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you and your child.

Yours sincerely,



Christine Campbell
Principal