

GETTING YOUR CHILD SET FOR PREP 2019

Starting school is an exciting time for you and your child.

Here are some simple steps you can take to support your child's transition to school:

PREP CHECKLIST

BEFORE STARTING SCHOOL - OVER THE HOLIDAYS!

Encourage your child to be independent by helping them get used to:

	Taking off, putting on and doing up his or her shoes and socks.
	Eating and drinking without help (opening lunchboxes, wrapping and unwrapping lunch box items and drinking from drink bottles).
	Caring for and putting away toys and play things.
	Using a handkerchief or tissue and disposing in the bin.
	Going to the toilet independently (wipe! – flush! – wash hands!)
	Using playground equipment.
	Safely carrying his or her own school bag.
	Identifying his or her own belongings. Please have everything named.
	Packing their school bag and getting ready for school.

Work with your child to develop his or her communication skills. Help your child to:

	Make his or her own needs known. (e.g. Please may I have...)
	Use appropriate greetings (e.g. Good morning Mr./Mrs.)
	Respond verbally when spoken to (e.g. yes please; no thank you)

WHEN SCHOOL STARTS!

On Day 1, in the morning:

Bring your child to their Prep classroom. It will be open at 8:30am.	
Help them put away their school bag on the shelf or bag rack.	
Place their water bottle in the allocated space.	
Help your child find their name tag on the table, and pin it on them.	
Greet the teacher, teacher aide and other students or parents.	
Walk around and talk about different things in the room.	
Find an activity to do to settle your child.	
Once you feel that they are settled, say goodbye and reassure them about when and where you will pick them up. (OSHC*)	
To help your child settle leave quickly and don't prolong the goodbye.	
Continue this process so that your child learns the routine of the morning. Gradually encourage them to do things on their own with only your prompts. As we are ready to withdraw or add routines, we will let you know what they are and how they will impact your child.	

On Day 1, in the afternoon:

Collect your child from the classroom. They will be sitting on the carpet area with their bags, ready to go home.	
* If your child is going to OSHC please let us know in the morning so that we can ensure that they are taken there.	



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Skills to Practise before Prep

Organisational skills

- Be responsible for their own property – this is easier when children's belongings are all named.
- Place belongings inside school bags.
- Use scissors, glue and pencils.
- Open packets of food and lunch boxes/containers independently.
- Dress oneself, shoes (with Velcro) and socks.
- Fasten small buttons and use zippers.



Social Skills

- Use "Please" and "Thank you" appropriately.
- Take turns (able to play games with rules e.g. Snap, Go Fish, Trouble, Concentration etc).
- Listen to others.
- Co-operate and interact with others.
- Make friendships.
- Express thoughts and feelings appropriately.
- Follow instructions.

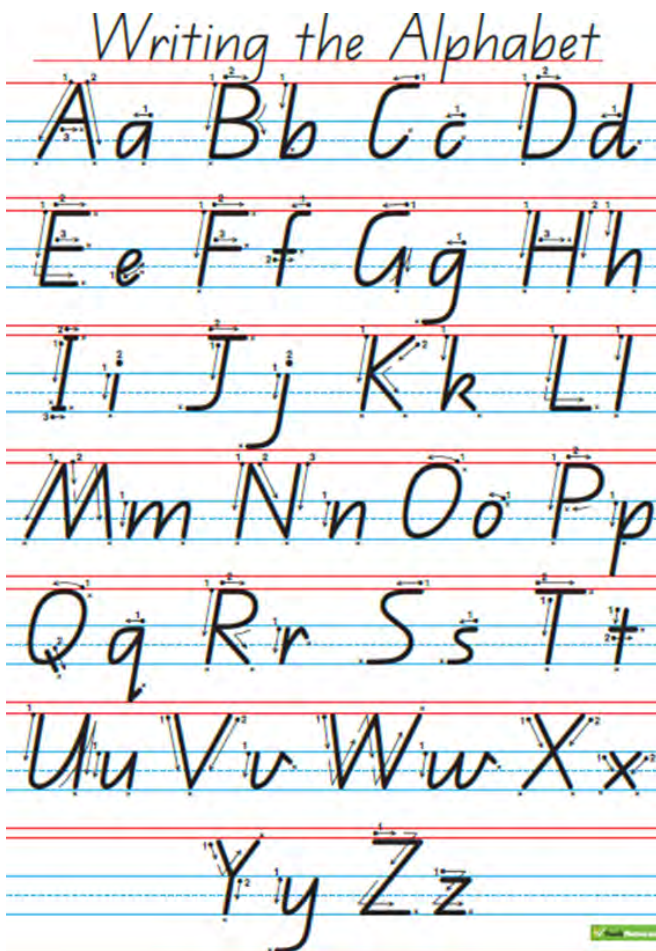
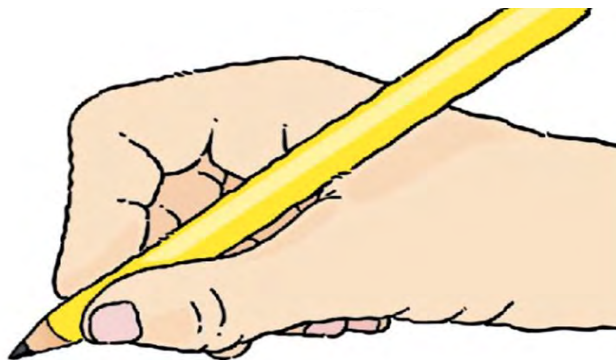
Mathematic Skills

- Children should be able to rote count to 10.
- Count out objects with 1-1 correspondence, some children will develop this through the year.
- Numeracy concepts can be developed through everyday activities. This will help children understand the purpose and function of number.
- Differentiate between sizes.
- Differentiate between colours.
- Notice if things are missing.
- Feel objects without looking and recognise simple shapes and objects.



Literacy Skills - reading, writing, speaking and listening

- Literacy skills will be developed throughout the year.
- This can be greatly assisted by reading to your child.
- Children who are read to value reading and are beginning to develop the early stages of reading and concepts of print. Reading to children also extends their vocabulary, oral language and listening skills.
- It's an advantage if children can recognise letters of the alphabet, especially the letters in their names.



Prep Practice Days*

Tuesday 16th October 2018 -
9.30 to 11.00am

Classroom and Indoor play activities
(Please bring a plate for morning tea)

Monday 29th October 2018 -
12.00 to 1.30pm

School Tour, Physical Education, Library lesson and Music lesson
(Please Bring a small snack for your OWN child)

Thursday 15th November 2018 -
9.30 to 11.00am

Outdoor Play, Parent Ready Reader training and P&C Information Sessions
(Please bring a plate for morning tea)

* **Child must be enrolled for Prep 2019 to be eligible to attend Prep Practice Days.**

Meet & Greet: January 2019

Still need to enrol your child?

Visit our school office or website for further details and an Application Form.

Enquiries and completed applications can also be submitted via email:

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