

COMING TO SCHOOL

Parents are asked to bring children to the Kindergarten classroom areas. Class lists will be displayed in the hallway and on classroom doors. Each child will be given a name badge so that all teachers can get to know kindergarten pupils.

It is best to settle your child, say goodbye and part in a positive manner as soon as possible. After a few days, children are expected to be able to put school bags in class areas and play in the playground until the 9:00am bell.

Kindergarten children are to be collected at 2:30pm for the first two weeks. Children are to be collected from the outside doorways. It is not recommended that Kindergarten travel by bus during the first semester of school.

Adjusting to school routines generally takes a settling in period of 6-8 weeks, so we ask you to be positive, patient and understanding. Don't be distressed if there is some difficulty. The class teacher will work with you to minimise problems.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- LABEL all possessions clearly – hat, jumper/jacket, shoes, lunch box, drink bottle etc
- Buy clothes, shoes and school bags that are easy to manage
- Pack a recess and lunch of healthy food and drinks that your child will enjoy
- Send your child to school each day on time so that a regular pattern of attendance is established
- If your child is going to be absent for one or two days there is no need to contact the school. If your child is going to be away for three or more days contact must be made with the school. A note explaining absences is required when your child returns to school.
- Talk to your child about school, however, it is quite common for them to have little to say
- Encourage and praise your child by discussing and displaying some of the work brought home
- Become involved in school activities such as the Canteen, P & C, class groups and Uniform Shop
- Always tell your child about changes in routine especially after school arrangements. A note to the teacher is necessary.
- If your child is to travel by bus, it is a good idea for a parent to go on the bus with the child for the first couple of trips. Relying on older children is not always successful.
- Check to see if your child has their school hat each day to support the “No Hat Sit in the Shade” policy.
- Use designated crossings and always meet students on the safe side of the road
- Birthday cakes are welcome, however, it is sometimes difficult to cut a cake into 20 pieces so cup cakes are preferred. Please check with your child's teacher for class numbers.

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