



PLENTY PARKLANDS
Primary

2023 Prep Information Session



Acknowledgment of Country

Our meeting is being held on the lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and we wish to acknowledge them as Traditional Owners.

We would like to pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and Aboriginal Elders of other communities who may be here today.





What we will cover tonight

- School's Vision and Values
- Goals for Prep Students
- What a day at school looks like
- Learning experiences at PPPS
- What to bring to school
- Buddy Program
- Things you can do at home to help prepare your child for school
- Communication from school to home
- Uniform
- OSHC Program





School Vision

Our vision is that...

- 1. Our students, staff and community learn and are cared for in an environment that reflects our school values and Quality Principles.**
- 2. Our students are creative and discerning thinkers with the skills, knowledge and personal attributes to contribute as global citizens.**
- 3. Our school promotes and fosters individual and team excellence.**
- 4. Value is added to each child's life through our interdependent partnership between parents, staff, students and the community.**



School Values

A Fair Go For All

Respect

Care



Honesty

Trust

**Personal
Achievement**



Goals for Prep students

- To feel happy and safe
- To enjoy coming to school each day
- To take part in all activities and 'have a go'
- To learn to interact well with peers and adults
- To be literate, numerate and curious students





School day

9:00	First learning session
9:50	Second learning session
10:40	Recess
11:10	Third learning session
12:00	Fourth learning session
12:50	Lunch Eating
1:00	Lunch
1:50	Fifth learning session
2:40	Sixth learning session
3:30	Home time





Learning at PPPS

- English – Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening
- Mathematics
- Inquiry
- Play Based Learning Activities
- Perceptual Motor Program - PMP
- Library
- Specialist classes:

Visual Arts, Physical Education, Music, Drama, eLearning,
Indonesian





Eating Times

There are three opportunities for children to eat at school each day. Fruit, Snack and Lunch

Children are given time inside the classrooms to eat before going out to recess and lunchtime breaks.

Fruit snacks are offered at designated times during the day

We would encourage nude food where appropriate.





Break times

Recess 30 minutes

Lunchtime 50 minutes

Designated Prep and year 1 playground area and yard duty staff are in this area to assist and support children.

Children are welcome to play in others areas of the school.

Year levels have allocated time on the sports ground to ensure enjoyable use and the safety of students.

Hats are to be worn from September to April in line with sun smart guidelines.





School Ready

Help your child pack their bag with everything they need!

- A lunch box with:
 - Brainfood - fruit or vegetable snack
 - Snacks
 - Lunch e.g. sandwich, wrap
- A named water bottle
- A named hat
- Pencil case
- Spare pair of underwear and socks in a plastic bag





Important Dates



Friday 27th January – Whole school curriculum day

Monday 30th January – Prep Interviews (bring book packs) / 1-6

Introducing my child

Tuesday 31st January – Prep Interviews (bring book packs) / 1-6
students begin

Wednesday 1st February – Prep Interviews (bring book packs)

Thursday 2nd February – Preps first day 9am - 12pm A-K surname

9.30am-12.30pm L-Z surname

Friday 3rd February – Preps second day 9am – 12.30pm

Monday 6th February – Prep students begin full days



Buddies

As part of the transition program, every Prep student is partnered with a Year 6 'buddy' to offer them support, guidance and friendship throughout the year. Year 6 students really look forward to this opportunity. Our Buddy Program is designed to support our prep children in their first year of school through working with older students as role models.

During term 4, year 5 students complete several training sessions to help them learn about strategies to help their prep buddy feel safe in their new environment. The year 5's learn about the importance of friendliness, valuing differences, including others and responsibility. Year 5 students will be part of the final transition session this year so the children can meet their buddy for 2023.

At the beginning of the 2023 school year, the buddy spends time with their prep in the playground. They engage them in fun activities and provide invaluable support as they transition to school. As the year goes on, the buddy program relationship continues through planned activities and if needed to offer support to the prep at any stage.





Getting ready for Prep

- Be positive, get your child excited, and talk about any questions they have.
- Talk with your child about being responsible for their belongings - carrying, packing and unpacking their school bag, wearing their hat and taking off their jumper.
- Practise the journey to school - walking, riding or driving.
- Encourage your child to communicate their needs.
- Practise personal hygiene and using the toilet independently.
- Participate in tasks on the count down calendar.







Preparing your child for school

Establish a daily routine. Here is an example:

Morning Routine:

- Wake up, breakfast, brush teeth
- Get dressed, put on shoes
- Pack bag – hat, lunch, water bottle
- Go to school

Afternoon Routine:

- Pick up from school and spend time asking questions about your child's day
- Rest and snack



Evening Routine:

- Dinner
- Bath and teeth
- Read a book
- Get to bed between 7.00pm and 7.30pm to get a good sleep between 10 to 11 hours per night



Home Learning

At the end of the day in Prep, we send these happy, hard working children home to you! We encourage you to do lots of talking about school.

Students will be set up with a home learning folder at the beginning of the year.

This will include information on home reading and high frequency word practise.





Uniform

Uniform is ordered directly through the school using the form found on the school website.

The uniform shop will be open during transition sessions and afterwards for trying sizes. It is also open Mondays 2.15pm-3pm.

Orders can be placed directly with the school using the uniform order form or via the QKR app.

If uniform needs to be ordered, the office will notify you when it is available for collection





Parent Helpers

Parent helpers play an important role in our school.

We would love you to help with:

- Reading with children
- Supporting small group work
- Practising high frequency words
- PMP



Parents will need to have completed the Parent Volunteer Training and have a current Working with Children Check. During session 2 of transition we intend to run an optional Parent Volunteer training session.

More information around when classroom help commences will come in Term 1 2023



Communication

- Communication with home is done through the Compass platform
- Log in information was sent out in Term 3 – please contact the office if you are having difficulties setting this up
- The QKR application is used for canteen orders, uniform and school payments
- Mobile applications are available for Compass and QKR





Facebook

We update Facebook regularly with reminders as well as photos and videos of our daily school learning.

Like the page to keep up to date with what is happening at school.

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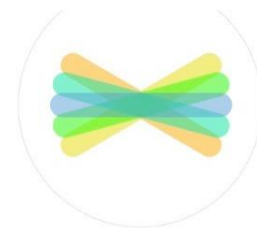
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Seesaw

Each class will have a Seesaw page that the classroom teacher will update with photos and details about the children's days at school.

The Seesaw app can be downloaded and more information regarding accessing your child's class will be shared in 2023.



Seesaw

I'm a Teacher



I'm a Student



I'm a Family Member



Camp Australia Out of School Hours Care



Guiding children's growth

Enriching Outside School Hours Experiences



- **Currently operates from the school hall from 7:00am until 8:45am and 3:30pm until 6:00pm**
 - **More information can be found on the school website**



Reminder: Transition Visits

This term we welcome our prep children for 3 transition visits:

- Tuesday 8th November 11.15am - 12.30pm
- Tuesday 15th November 11.15am - 12.30pm
- Tuesday 22nd November 11.15am - 12.30pm

During the first session parents can wait in the Gym Foyer where the uniform shop will be open.

During our second session parents can complete Parent Volunteer training.

During our third session we will have a presentation from Chris Daicos on supporting your child's transition to school.

Please ensure you have collected your child's transition Tshirt tonight so they can wear it to the sessions.

Children do not need to bring anything to these sessions.





Q&A

Thank you for attending

**Please raise your hand to ask a question
and we will work our way around**