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PPPS Prep Transition Program

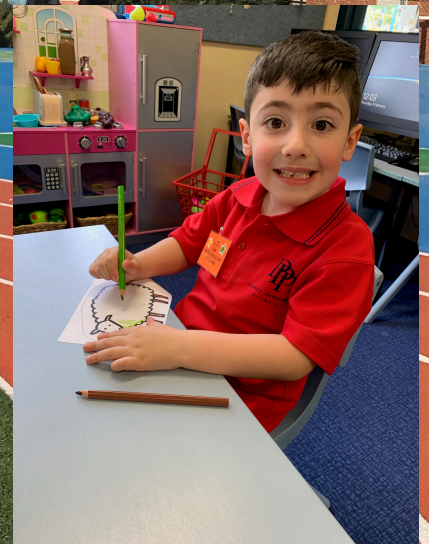
At PPPS we place great importance on involving our next year's Prep students in a program to familiarise them with the school environment, classroom settings, this year's prep teachers and their buddies for the following year.

They also have the opportunity to meet some of their 2021 peer group.

Our 2020 Prep transition plans are yet to be finalised due to the current COVID -19 situation. However, at this stage, it is planned that the program will begin in term 4 and involve several school visits for each child. The children will participate in a variety of class activities that result in something to take home and discuss with their family. Ultimately, we aim for the transition visits to build your child's confidence for a successful start to the school year in 2021.

The final transition session will involve both children and families, with your child working in their 2021 classroom with their 2021 classmates. Parents will attend a valuable session on 'Starting School: Resilience and Independence'. This session is presented by Chris Daicos who is a warm, knowledgeable and entertaining psychologist and teacher. A Parent Information Evening at the end of the program will provide parents with a full overview of their child's prep year.

More information regarding the 2021 program organisation will be updated here. This will include dates and times for all Prep Transition activities. **...PLEASE WATCH THIS SPACE**





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Prep Buddies

The Prep Buddy program is a vital part of our Prep Transition Program. The aim of this program is for our new prep students to feel secure and confident as they begin school. Initially school may be overwhelming even for the most confident child. There are new experiences and unfamiliar situations which require prep students to make many adjustments .

Our buddy program involves students in year 6. In preparation for this, the Alannah and Madeline Foundation's Better Buddies Framework is used to prepare the students when they are in year 5. This program is designed to enhance our friendly and caring primary school community. Through Better Buddies, children in their first and last year of primary school buddy up, supporting them to learn the program values: *caring for others, friendliness, respect, valuing difference, including others and responsibility*, all of which align with our PPPS school values.



Prep Family Barbecue

Prior to the prep student's first day of school we hold a Prep Family Welcome Barbecue from 5pm to 7pm. Students and family members can have a chat with the teacher and play in the Prep/1 playground. It is a positive way to reconnect our new prep students and families with their school classroom, teacher and playground. A casual school tour is scheduled for parents who have not seen around our school. The whole family is welcome to a sausage and sauce in bread (dietary requirements are catered for). The prep students bring **ALL** of their school supplies and unpack them into their very own school tub in their classroom. They are then all organised and ready to start school.