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PREP YEAR

Supplementary

Handbook

Excellence in Learning

- A supportive and caring team who believe in working in partnership with parents
- Attractive learning environments and up to date facilities
- Exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum

Welcome to Edens Landing State School

PREP CURRICULUM



Prep is recognised as the first formal year of schooling and as such schools implement both the Australian Curriculum for English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, The Arts, Health and Physical Development and Music.



Prep provides the foundation for your child's success at school by developing:

- A positive approach to learning
- Independence and confidence
- Thinking and problem-solving skills
- Language skills
- Early literacy and numeracy
- Physical abilities, including gross and fine motor skills

Prep classrooms are designed to be fun and to offer challenges for children through a mix of play-based learning and focused teaching and learning tasks. The children are involved in many kinds of activities including large group, small group and individual experiences. Our program is designed to cater for the individual learning needs of each child and as such each student will be encouraged to develop their talents.



What will my child learn in the Prep Year?

The learning experiences in the prep year will help your child to:

- Take on responsibilities and become more independent
- Respect other people, respect their own belongings and those of others
- Cooperate with others
- Make sensible choices about their health and safety
- Develop their physical skills

- Develop their oral language: talking in full sentences; providing explicit information in a sequential order
- Develop their understanding of literacy
- Learn how to be thinkers and problem solvers
- Use their imagination and creativity
- Learn about their environment
- Learn how to function in a structured environment and follow rules.



What will I see my child doing?

Your child will be involved in indoor and outdoor activities:

- Investigating interests; making choices.
- Talking with different adults and other children
- Planning with their teacher about the things they might do, and carrying out their plans
- Designing and making things; learning about size, shape, weights and measurement as they construct things indoors and outdoors.
- Singing, dancing and painting
- Planning and sharing in make-believe play
- Using computers to draw pictures, make signs, play games and find out about the world
- Taking part in everyday experiences like gardening, cooking and tidying up
- Writing and copying signs during their play



Enrolment Interviews

The Leadership Team will meet parents of Prep students **before** the commencement of the school year. Parents will complete an **information sheet** which supplements the enrolment form to ensure the best transition possible. At the interview you are able to talk about your child's particular interests, needs etc. Please provide the school with a **Transition Statement** if you are provided with one from a Child Care Centre. Or alternatively, sign the release form in this pack for the school to organise this.

Get your child set for Prep.

Starting school can be an exciting but stressful time. There are some simple steps you can take to help make your child more relaxed and ease the experience.

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

- putting on and doing up his or her shoes
- going to the toilet independently
- eating and drinking without help (opening lunchboxes, wrapping and unwrapping school lunches and drinking from drink bottles)
- caring for and putting away play things
- using a handkerchief or tissue
- using playground equipment safely
- carrying his or her own bag
- identifying his or her own belongings
- encouraging sharing with other friends/siblings
- play games to develop social skills (turn taking, winning, losing, cooperation)
- talk through a few simple self-help ideas (e.g. asking teachers for help or directions)
- using appropriate greetings and respond verbally when spoken to in full sentences



Ensure that this is not the first time your child has been away from you. Organise times for them to be left with family or friends.

Read, read, read! Read to your child every day and talk about the pictures. Enjoy sharing nursery rhymes and songs as well. These provide your child with significant opportunities to develop the required language skills necessary for reading and writing.



Signing In and Out

An adult must sign the child in and out each day for Term 1, as this assists with our 'duty of care'. A sign in book will be provided near the door to each classroom. Please drop your children off at class at 8.50am. Please get your child to sit quietly with you until

the bell goes. The playgrounds and ovals are all out-of-bounds before and after school, ensuring safety of our students. If different arrangements are being made for the collection of your child, please inform the teacher and record this on the sign-in sheet.

During the time between 8:45 am and 8:50 am students may need to be prompted to:

- have their water bottle and fruit snack ready
- put their bag away
- visit the toilet before school day starts

First Break is 11:00-11:30 am

Second Break is 1:00-1:40 pm

At the end of the school day, 2:50pm, teachers will dismiss students. Parents are to collect children promptly from the classroom. Please try to collect your child as soon as possible to avoid unnecessary stress for your child. Any uncollected students will be taken to the office to await collection.

Absences

Whenever your child is absent from school please phone the student absent line **3826 0360** and leave a detailed message.

Please phone the absence line EACH DAY THAT YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT. Alternately you can email on absences@edenslandingss.eq.edu.au

Spare Clothes

All children need spare clothes occasionally, be it a toilet accident or paint spill. Please provide your child with spare clothing to be kept in their school bag. Sun-smart clothing is required at all times.

Toys

It is appreciated if children do not bring their own toys to Prep as this can lead to jealousy or breakage. The staff cannot assume responsibility for loss or breakage.

Homework expectations

Homework for the first term will focus on reading with your child and learning sight words. As the year progresses, a homework sheet of activities to enhance literacy and numeracy learning will be sent home each week to complete.

Model the correct script using upper and lower case letters, talking about the starting point of letters (top to bottom, up and over / around) ie John

Writing using the Queensland Beginner's Alphabet

lower case letters

a b c d e f g

h i j k l m n o

p q r s t u v

w x y z

UPPER CASE

A B C D E F G

H I J K L M N

O P Q R S T U

V W X Y Z