



SOUTH PADBURY
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Pursuit of Knowledge and Friendship

South Padbury Primary School

Independent Public School



Pre-Primary Handbook 2017

Welcome

Welcome to South Padbury Pre-Primary. Early Childhood schooling is the start of a new era in your child's life - their school years.

As your child's early experience at school often sets the pattern for years to come we invite the close cooperation of parents throughout the year. Therefore, we ask you to keep us informed of anything that may have some bearing on your child's educational experiences throughout the year. South Padbury Primary School prides itself on its strong philosophy of parents as partners. If you have any concerns regarding your child's education please see your child's teacher to make an appointment for a parent/teacher meeting at a mutually convenient time.

Parents are requested to accompany their child to the classroom every day and to collect them promptly at the end of each day. If you need to make alternate arrangements for drop off or pick up off (e.g. your child attends day care) please inform your child's teacher.

We look forward to sharing an exciting and rewarding year with you and your child.



Term dates 2017

Term 1 - Wednesday 1 February - Friday 7 April

Term 2 - Monday 24 April - Friday 30 June

Term 3 - Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September

Term 4 - Monday 9 October - Thursday 14 December

School Hours

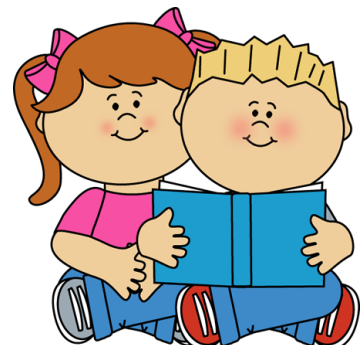
8.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.



Settling In

It takes time for children to become familiar and comfortable with the centre, staff, rules and routines. It is a big step for your child to develop their independence and form new relationships and feeling hesitant about this new situation is normal.

To assist your child to settle into the school routine you are invited to spend the first 15 minutes in the classroom each morning to read a book , play a game, do a puzzle or activity with them.



What to Bring / General Information

BAG

Ensure your child has a bag that is large enough to hold their belongings and that they can open and close it independently.



HAT

The school has a 'No hat, no play' policy. Ensure your child has their school hat every day. Hats can be embroidered or have a motif sewn on to personalise and individualise them. This also make it easier for your child to recognise their own hat.

WATER BOTTLE

Provide a spill-proof water bottle each day. Only water is allowed inside the classroom.

RECESS

We ask you to provide a healthy snack for recess. Some suggestions include: fruit, vegetable sticks, cheese & plain crackers, sultanas and yoghurt. If your child has trouble eating a whole piece of fruit please cut it into manageable pieces.

LUNCH

Each child is required to bring their lunch Please pack lunch items which your child can independently manage. We encourage you to limit the amount of treats (pre-packaged and highly processed foods) you include in their lunch box. Sorry, we do not heat up any food items.

LIBRARY BAG

Please provide a library bag for book borrowing. Library bags can be purchased from the Uniform Shop.

SPARE CLOTHING

Pack a plastic bag containing a spare set of clothes in your child's bag to change into in case of an accident or if they get wet during water play.

MONEY

Any money to be sent to school must be in an envelope with your child's name and the purpose clearly stated. Money is only collected on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

FOOTWEAR

Comfortable, footwear is required at all times for safety purposes. Sneakers and flat sandals with ankle straps are recommended. Crocs and thongs are not permitted at school.

ABSENCES / HEALTH

We ask that if your child is sick, they stay at home to prevent the spreading of illnesses. Please phone the school reception on 9307 5833 in the morning to inform to us of an absence. If you have prior knowledge of any intended absences you need to provide the details in writing to your child's teacher. Please notify us if your child has a contagious disease so other parents may be informed.

PARENT HELP

Parents are encouraged to spend a morning in the Pre-Primary room as a parent helper. A roster will be provided each term on the class notice board for you to volunteer. **We ask that you make alternate arrangements for any younger siblings.** Please note that the parent must complete a "Confidential Declaration" form before you help out in the class.

BIRTHDAYS

Feel free to provide cupcakes to share with the class on your child's birthday. We ask you ensure there are enough cakes for every child. Check with your child's teacher for any food allergies and how many children are in the class.

READERS

The reading program generally commences for most children in Term 2. Commencement is based on the teacher's assessment of each child's individual ability.

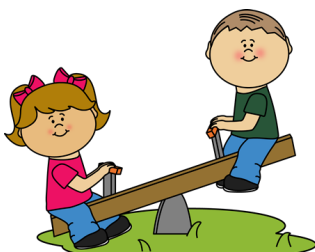
LAUNDRY ROSTER

Each week Pre-Primary has a small amount of washing that is sent home on Friday to be returned the following Monday. You will be asked to assist 1-2 times throughout the year.

TOYS

We request that you DO NOT allow your child to bring toys or valuables to school. Toys can break, get mislaid or also cause disruption.

Please remember to CLEARLY LABEL all belongings with your child's name.

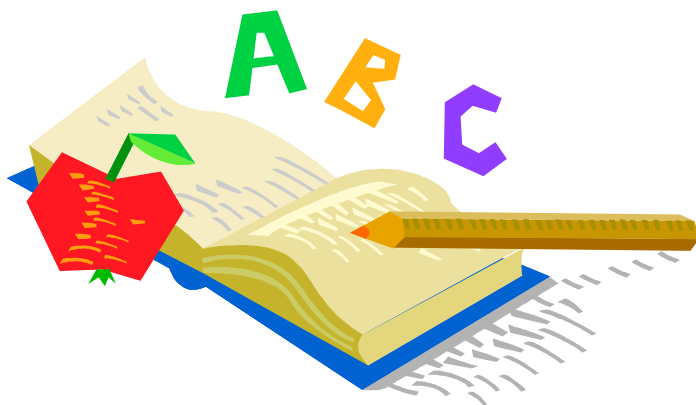


The Pre-Primary Program

The Pre-Primary program is designed to provide opportunities for your child to develop and grow educationally, creatively, physically, socially and emotionally. We achieve this through a friendly environment, which is safe and positive and where an atmosphere of mutual respect occurs.

The Pre-Primary program offers opportunities for your child to develop their skills and understanding in the following areas;

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Physical Activities
- Arts & Crafts
- Creativity
- Social Skills
- Science Topics
- Environmental Studies





Early Writing Skills

You can help your child to develop the fine motor finger skills that they will need in order to write, by giving them lots of opportunities to use pencils and scissors. When they are holding pencils or textas, show them how to hold it correctly.

At South Padbury Primary School we use and teach the Victorian Modern Cursive font. By watching, you use the new printing style on their work to write their name etc, you are providing a model for them. Please note that we teach writing using lower case letters. Capital letters are used for the start of names only (e.g. "Peter not PETER").

This is a sample of Victoria Modern Cursive printing.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff
Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk
Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp
Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv
Ww Xx Yy Zz



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