

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
- Health and Physical Activities
- Arts & Crafts
- Creativity
- Social Skills
- Science Topics
- Humanities and Social Sciences

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 scissors, show them how to hold it correctly.

At South Padbury Primary School we have made the decision to adopt the NSW foundation font which will be phased in, commencing in our early childhood area from 2020. By watching you use the new printing style 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”).**

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. In the interests of your child’s safety we ask that older siblings not be given the responsibility of collecting PP children unless approved by the principal. If you need to make alternate arrangements for drop off or pick up (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 2020

Term 1 - Monday 3 February - Thursday 9 April

Term 2 - Tuesday 28 April - Friday 3 July

Term 3 - Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Term 4 - Monday 12 October - Thursday 17 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.

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 for school payments should be placed in the silver money box in the front office, and money for P&C fundraising events should be placed in the red money box in the front office.

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, email or use the "Absence" link on the FlexiBuzz app to inform 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 discreetly 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.

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.*

Contact Details

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