

The first day of school



Arrangements For First Day

- ▶ Arrival time : 10.00am in the Gym on January 31st.
- ▶ *Students will be welcomed by the Principal Mrs Lorraine Bell and then accompanied to class by their teacher*
- ▶ *Parents can visit classrooms briefly and say their goodbyes. You are welcome to take photos and video.*



Saying Good-bye

- ▶ Say goodbye to your child once they have settled then let them know you will be back at 3.30, the end of the day.
- ▶ *Let the teacher know when you are going so that they can support the child - if they need it*
- ▶ *Students will be fine after parents leave. If they do not settle teachers will discuss with parents any strategies needed for overcoming this.*



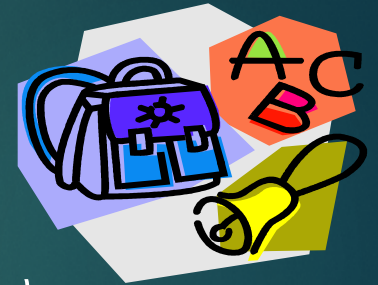
What is required on the classroom tables each morning?

- a fresh fruit snack
- labelled water bottle



What To Bring On First Day Of School

- ▶ Art smock
- ▶ Library bag
- ▶ School bag
- ▶ Wide brimmed school hat(available at the office)
- ▶ Fruit snack, Play-lunch and lunch packed in a labelled plastic lunchbox
- ▶ Reading satchel (available at the office)
- ▶ Spare undies and socks which can be kept in their locker.



... please also bring 1 large boxes of tissues

End of the day

- ▶ At the end of the each day your child will be handed over to you after the bell rings at 3.30pm.
- ▶ *Please be sure to be waiting outside the classroom. Please inform the office if you are going to be late.*



Wednesdays In February

- ▶ **During the four weeks of February your child will not be required to attend school on Wednesdays.**



- ▶ *Parents will need to sign up their children for this appointment time. Appointment lists will be located in all classrooms from the first day of school.*
- ▶ *The purpose of this one to one meeting with the child is to gain further knowledge of their Numeracy and Literacy abilities and needs. Both you and your child need to come for this meeting, we will speak to you after the assessment.*
- ▶ *It is also expected that at the end of this appointment, parents and classroom teachers will discuss how the transition to school is going and raise any issues or concerns.*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>31 January</u> Prep students start school at 10am	<u>1 February</u> Prep students at school from 9.00am-3.30pm	<u>2 February</u> <u>NO SCHOOL FOR PREPS</u> Assessment appointments organised	<u>3 February</u> Prep students at school from 9.00am-3.30pm	<u>4 February</u> Prep students at school from 9.00am-3.30pm
<u>7 February</u> Prep students at school from 9.00am-3.30pm	<u>8 February</u> Prep students at school from 9.00am-3.30pm	<u>9 February</u> <u>NO SCHOOL FOR PREPS</u> Assessment appointments organised	<u>10 February</u> Prep students at school from 9.00am-3.30pm	<u>11 February</u> Prep students at school from 9.00am-3.30pm
<u>14 February</u> Prep students at school from 9.00am-3.30pm	<u>15 February</u> Prep students at school from 9.00am-3.30pm	<u>16 February</u> <u>NO SCHOOL FOR PREPS</u> Assessment appointments organised	<u>17 February</u> Prep students at school from 9.00am-3.30pm	<u>18 February</u> Prep students at school from 9.00am-3.30pm
<u>21 February</u> Prep students at school from 9.00am-3.30pm	<u>22 February</u> Prep students at school from 9.00am-3.30pm	<u>23 February</u> <u>NO SCHOOL FOR PREPS</u> Assessment appointments organised	<u>24 February</u> Prep students at school from 9.00am-3.30pm	<u>25 February</u> Prep students at school from 9.00am-3.30pm
Regular School Attendance commences this week				
<u>28 February</u> Prep students at school from 9.00am-3.30pm	<u>1 March</u> Prep students at school from 9.00am-3.30pm	<u>2 March</u> Prep students at school from 9.00am-3.30pm	<u>3 March</u> Prep students at school from 9.00am-3.30pm	<u>March</u> Prep students at school from 9.00am-3.30pm

Preparing your child for school

- ▶ *Be familiar with the Prep Information booklet*
- ▶ *Speak about school in a positive way*
- ▶ *Get your child used to eating from a lunch box and using a drink bottle*
- ▶ *Establishing a routine with set bedtimes to ensure your child gets enough sleep*
- ▶ *Help your child to recognise their name*



Getting To School And Daily Routines



- ▶ **Toileting** – when starting school children need to become more independent and that means being able to use the toilet on their own.

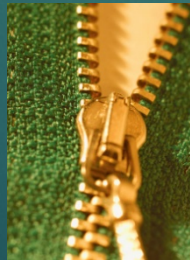
Children will need to:

- ▶ Undo and do up any buttons or zips
- ▶ Flush the toilet/urinal
- ▶ Wash hands
- ▶ Prep teachers will take regular toilet visits during the first weeks of school to help with the transition



Dressing for school

- ▶ *Encourage your child to dress himself or herself so he/she can manage things like taking off jumpers at school.*
- ▶ *Explain how to take care of belongings such as clothing such as jumpers, hats and shoes which may be removed at various times when at school.*

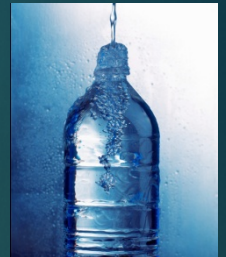


Healthy Lunchbox Ideas

When packing your child's lunch keep in mind that "energy food" is good for young minds

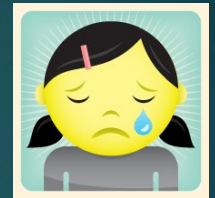
- ▶ Fruit break : A piece of fruit or vegetable to be eaten in class at 10.00 am.
- ▶ Play lunch: The students will eat their snack before going out to play at 11.00 am.
- ▶ Lunch: Students will be given time in the class to eat their lunch at 1.30pm. Lunch can be ordered from the canteen. Students then go outside to play at 1.45 – 2.30pm.

Water is the only drink your child needs, no cordial or soft drinks.



Building independence

- ▶ *Planning for your child to have time away with relatives or friends so they become familiar with being away from you*
- ▶ *Encouraging your child to tackle something new for themselves to foster good self-esteem and promote confidence*
- ▶ *Allowing your child to pack, unpack and carry their own bags to and from school.*
- ▶ *Time to talk about their positive experiences from the day at school*
- ▶ *Encourage your child to pack up after themselves to develop responsibility.*



Punctuality

- ▶ It is important to set a good example for your child. Please make sure you have your child at school on time each day.
- ▶ **Classroom doors open at 8.45 am to enable students to unpack and get ready for learning.**
- ▶ **School officially begins at 9.00 am.**
- ▶ **Please make sure you settle your child in and say good-bye before bell-time.**
- ▶ **School officially ends at 3.30pm.**
- ▶ **The school gates are locked at 9.00am so if you are late you will need to come through the office.**



SCHOOL IS A HAPPY, SAFE LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL

- ▶ **This year will be the most important and instrumental in your child's educational life so make sure you and your child get the most out of it.**
- ▶ *Young children thrive in school when they feel happy, confident and secure. Monmia Primary puts student's well-being first and helps to build positive learning communities where children feel valued and supported. We look forward to meeting you all next year and getting to know you and your child better as together we embark on this exciting journey - the first year of school.*

