Kindergarten Transition

Parent Information Session 1 - 4 November 2015

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Hurstville Public School
Responsible Respectful Learners
Who will you meet today?

Principal  Mrs Anne Hewson

Deputy Principal  Miss Danielle Scott

Assistant Principal  Mrs Jessica Maakaroun
Partners In Learning

- Beginning of a wonderful partnership between home and school

- It is important to share information with the school about your child. This may include:
  - Medical information such as allergies or asthma
  - Change in address, phone number or custody - advise office in writing
  - Any special needs or requirements
  - Any changes to daily routines.

The more we know, the better we can accommodate for your child.
Communication With The School

- Talk to your child’s teacher on a regular basis
- Check your child’s school bag daily for any notes
- Belltower (school newsletter)
- School website
- Parent Information Night
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Reports sent home twice a year

- Communicating with your school video
Parent and Community Involvement

- Visit your child’s classroom
- Volunteer in your child’s classroom
- Share any skills or expertise
- Join the P & C
- Visit the school for special events (Education Day, Presentation Day etc.)
- Talk to your child about their school day
- Listen to your child read or help them with their homework
School Uniform

- Available from My School Wear Shop, located at 2/299 Forest Road, Hurstville or [www.myschoolwearshop.com.au](http://www.myschoolwearshop.com.au)
Making our school safe

- Gates are locked between 9.30am and 2.30pm

- There are parent toilets located in the library. Please do not use the toilets in the Kindergarten playground.

- Visitors badge - if you are visiting or helping in the classroom during school hours, you must get a visitors badge from the office.
Learning Areas

- English
- Mathematics
- History and Geography
- Science and Technology
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
- Creative and Performing Arts
Kindergarten Extra Curricula Activities

- Kindergarten Assemblies
- Cultural Performances
- Public Speaking Competitions
- Special Guest Visits including authors, artists, vets, police and other community members
- Excursions
- Life Education Van
- Buddy Sessions
- Book Week Parade
- Dance Group
Bell Times

- **8.40am:** Bell rings and the teacher supervises students on the playground
- **9am:** School Starts
- **11-11.25am:** Recess
- **1.10-1.20pm:** Supervised Eating Time
- **1.20-2pm:** Play Time
- **3pm:** School Finishes (Years 1 to 6)
Attendance

- Term 1 Weeks 2 & 3 pick up children at 2.30pm from their classroom
- For the rest of Term 1 pick up children at 2.45pm.
- Terms 2, 3 & 4 pick up children at 2.55pm
- Late arrivals and early leavers - school office
- Change in pick up arrangements - please advise the teacher
- Sick children - keep at home & send absent note next day
- If you are planning a holiday that is longer than 5 days, please see the office to fill in a leave form
What food to bring to school

- Crunch and Sip
- Recess
- Lunch
- Water

It is very important for children not to share food because of allergies and Anaphylaxis.

You can also order lunch from the canteen.
What is expected in the playground?

- Unwrap own food and eat food independently and within lunch time
- Be responsible for personal property
- Play within defined boundaries
- Play safely and cooperatively
- Go to the toilet independently
What is expected in the classroom?

- Sharing equipment
- Following instructions
- Asking for help
- Sharing ideas and opinions with the class
- Working in a small group
- Working independently
- Holding a pencil to write and draw
Preparing For The Big Day

Before school starts:

- Try on uniform and shoes
- Make sure your child’s name is on everything
- Let your child practise putting their school bag on and off
- Encourage your child to go to the toilet by themselves
- Reassure your child that someone will be at school to pick them up each day
- Complete some of the suggested activities provided on the calendar
- Practise writing your child’s name
What to do when the BIG day arrives

- It is important to arrive at the correct time indicated in your letter
- Smile - try not to let your child see that you are anxious
- Take your child to their classroom, reassure them, hug and kiss them and then say goodbye
- Be prompt to pick your child up at 2.30pm in weeks 2 and 3
Awards

- Values in Action Awards:
  - Respect
  - Responsibility
  - Learning
Awards

- 5 Values in Action Awards = Bronze Award
- 5 Bronze Awards = Silver Award
- 2 Silver Awards = Gold Award
- 2 Gold Awards = Medal
- 1 Blue Recognition Award is also given out each week (these don’t count towards a medal)
Before and After School Care

- Located in Gym Block
- Provides morning and afternoon care
- For more information please call Kingsgrove Community Aid Centre on 9580 4722
- Vocational care is available in school holidays
- Brochures can be collected from the front office
Next Week’s Session

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Best Start Assessment
Questions?