

SCOTT CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL



Transition and Starting School Information

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Preschool to school transition program

“FABULOUS FRIDAYS”

At Scott Creek Primary School we acknowledge the importance of transition between home learning, pre-school and school.

We recognise that a transition program offers benefits for the new students by helping to establish positive relationships between the children, parents and teachers.

Through our experience with this program we find that children start school more confidently when they are familiar with the school setting, the routines and with the teachers and other students.



Our "Fabulous Friday" transition program is available to children in the term before they start school. We conduct the sessions on Friday mornings between 9:15 am and 11.00 am. During this time pre-schoolers stay with the class and will be involved in activities where they can interact with other children and adults.

Variations to the Transition Program can be negotiated in response to the individual needs of students and their families.

Your Invitation

Dear

Welcome to Scott Creek Primary
School.

We are looking forward to you coming to learn with us in our
beautiful school.

We invite you to join our
Fabulous Friday Program for Term 4, 2017

Starting 20th October
Friday mornings from 9:15-11am

You can join the class and your teacher in doing fun art,
craft, making and play based activities.

Please bring a hat and some fruit.

We hope you enjoy this time with us.

From

Kate Coates and Lynne Davies
(Junior Class teachers)

STARTING SCHOOL

Starting school is a milestone in the life of every child.

In our school, parents and teachers work together to help ensure that it is a *happy and memorable* time.

We recognise the importance of the family in a child's learning and development and we strongly encourage your involvement.

We provide lots of opportunities for children to ease into their schooling within a natural and gentle environment.

The transition from Pre-school to school may mean some big changes for you and your child.

Such as:

- new friends
- new experiences
- continued steps to independence
- different routines and expectations

You may like to discuss the new routines of school before the first day so that your child feels happy and confident about entering school.







Your child will first enter our multi-age junior class, located in the school's *Junior Learning Centre*. This environment gives new children the opportunity to join a caring group and a community of learners that promotes positive social and emotional benefits. Evidence shows that there is increased *harmony and nurturance* in multi-age classes and that *co-operation and sharing* are skills developed in this environment.

ON THEIR FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Prior to your child starting school all forms ie. consent, medical, enrolment, bus, ICT, fire, need to be handed into the office.

When you first come to school please show your child how to follow the routines of morning organisation.

This includes:

-  Put bag in locker
-  Put hat on hook
-  Place lunch box and water bottle on shelf inside classroom
-  Encourage your child to join in with activities provided

Helpful hints for your first morning:

- Arrive on time at 8:50am - Be at school without a rush. It can be beneficial to come slightly early so you have some time to do a puzzle, or read a book together before the school day begins.
- Letting go can be hard - Encourage your child to be enthusiastic. If you have a positive attitude they probably will too!
- When you leave your child, let them know where you will meet them after school at 3:30pm, say goodbye and walk away confidently knowing that your child will have a safe and enjoyable time at school.

If you need help with this please let us know

YOUR CHILD WILL NEED TO BRING:

- A school bag
- A piece of fruit/vegetable for fruit time and a snack for recess
- Lunch
- A drink bottle
- A sun hat

We all eat together in the classroom at fruit, recess and lunch times.

Please ensure that belongings are clearly marked with your child's name.



We are looking forward to having your family as members of our school community.

Welcome to the Scott Creek Primary School Community.

Kind regards,
Irene Scriven (Principal)