

## DEAR PARENTS AND FAMILIES,

### Welcome to Flinders Park Primary School.

Pre-primary is the beginning of your child's full-time, formal education. Your child will be in an exciting and challenging environment that enables them to learn at their own pace.

As parents, we encourage you to support the program in various ways. We believe education should be a team approach between children, parents and staff.

Kind regards,

**Julie Simpfordorfer**  
Principal

## ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES

The full-time pre-primary program commences for all students on **Wednesday, 1 February 2023**. Teaching times are from 8.50 am to 3.10 pm each day. Classrooms will be open from 8:30 am to enable the students to get ready for the day of learning.

Enrolment and attendance at pre-primary are **COMPULSORY**. It is expected that your child will attend regularly. Regular attendance makes a significant difference to your child's learning. It helps students develop social skills, learn expected behaviour and engage in learning based on the curriculum.

In saying this, it is important that your child stays home in the case of sickness. Please remember that **you** make the decision on attendance, not your child.

Any absences from school require a note, email, phone call or SMS with the reason to be provided to the school within three days of returning to school.



## CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND HATS

Wearing our school uniform is an expectation for pre-primary students. However, as many activities can be messy and accidents happen, we recommend you include a set of spare clothes, including underwear, in your child's school bag. Please ensure ALL personal belongings are named, including lunchboxes, jumpers, hats, etc.

During the day, children will remove their shoes to play on the equipment. This is to maintain safe practices and for optimal physical development. When selecting shoes, please ensure that your child can remove and replace them independently. Velcro fastenings often help with this.

We have a "NO HAT, NO FUN IN THE SUN" policy. As children engage in active outdoor play, they must wear a Sun-Safe hat. Sun Safe hats are either legionnaire-styled or broad-brimmed. Baseball-style caps are not sun-safe.



## FOOD AND DRINKS

Children need a healthy piece of food for the morning break each day. This can be a choice of fruit, vegetables, dried fruit or cheese.

A water bottle full of water is also needed every day. The water bottle will be taken home at the end of the day for cleaning and refilling. Please choose a water bottle your child can independently use so they don't have to ask for assistance when they want to have a drink.

The children will also need a nutritious lunch every day. Canteen lunches are available from Tuesday to Friday. We encourage a range of healthy food options that are easy for your child to eat independently. Large food items, such as a filled bread roll, can be difficult to manage, and a range of smaller options helps students eat enough to be energised for the day. Lollies and chocolates in your child's lunch are discouraged.

## NECESSITIES

Your child will need a LARGE bag to hold their recess and lunchbox and bring home their work. Backpack styles are usually the easiest for students to carry. Your child will also need a library bag for days we visit the school library (once a week).

Please refer to your child's booklist for stationery requirements.

Please check your child's bag every day for notes.

## ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Your child must be brought to the Pre-primary room at the start of each day and picked up afterwards by an adult. Please try to be on time in the morning so your child can easily settle into the day. If you are late for pick up, your child may feel they've been forgotten.

If your child's arrival or departure routine is changed for any reason, e.g. change of bus, a different bus stop, or being picked up by someone else, the school needs to be notified. A note to the teacher or a signed message in the communication book will be sufficient to ensure we know what is happening.

We must have a written notification or a phone call to allow your child to go home with anyone else. If you need to pick your child up early or drop them off late, please sign them in and out at the School Reception.



## PARKING

Some parking is available at the side of the Early Learning Centre, accessible from the school driveway. Drop-off and pick-up bays are also available at the front and side of the main school buildings. Please don't park for extended periods in these bays.

Our school is a change point for school buses, and they need access to the school driveway in the morning and afternoon.

**Please keep the driveway clear for bus use from 8:00 am to 8:30 am and from 3:20 pm to 3:45 pm.**

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Staff and children enjoy the benefits of having a parent or family member involved with the pre-primary experience. Each classroom has rostered days for parents' support. Please see the classroom teacher.

## SCHOOL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The 2023 School Contributions set by the School Board will be \$60 per student. For families of 3 or more children, the contributions are set at a maximum of \$180. These funds collected benefit the school and contribute towards purchasing valuable resources for your child to use.

## CONTACT TIMES

The school office is open Please call the school office 8:00 am – 4:00 pm every school day. If you need a quick message passed on to your child or class teacher, the office staff can pass on the message.

Classroom teachers always welcome the opportunity to talk with parents. If any lengthy discussions are required with the teacher, please organise a suitable meeting time. Before and after school are most ideal for quick items.

Teachers spend the day teaching and often don't have time to check emails until the teaching day has ended, so please don't rely on email communication for urgent messages.

We look forward to a productive and happy year for you and your child in 2023.



## FLINDERS PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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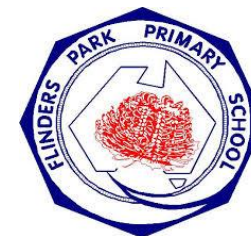
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# FLINDERS PARK PRE-PRIMARY 2023



**An Independent Public School**



**A warm welcome is extended to you  
and your child.**