

First Day at Prep

The first day of school can be both exciting and confronting for parents and their child.

Before you arrive at school:

- Encourage your child to help pack their bag, so they know where everything is e.g. lunchbox, hat.
- Does your child know how they are being collected in the afternoon? E.g. Nan will be picking you up.
- Does your child have a hat, water bottle, lunch and their school uniform?
- Leave home to arrive early at school. School starts at 8.30am.



Arriving at school:

- Walk your child to their classroom, find the teacher and let them know you are here.
- Help your child unpack their books into their tidy trays, put their lunch in the fridge.
- Find an activity to do with your child a book or a puzzle within the classroom.
- When the bell rings at 8.30am say goodbye and leave promptly. MOST children settle extremely well; any children who don't, usually settle within five minutes of you leaving. Consistency is VERY important in settling a persistently upset child.

Picking your child up from school:

- Please wait outside the classroom to collect your child.
- Say hello, ask them what they did at school? What they enjoyed the most?
- Double check your child has packed everything in their bag and nothing has been left or forgotten at school.
- Look for notes or Links (School Newsletter) in your child's bag.
- Inform the teacher of any information in regard to possible absences or different people collecting or dropping them off.