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- Acknowledgment of country
- Introduction of Prep Teachers and Principal Team
- MMPS uniform fashion parade
- Transition from Preschool to Primary School
- Starting school and what to expect during the first week
- Admin items
- Questions

Meet the Prep Teachers

I'm Miss
Keates!



I'm Mrs
Sutherland!



I'm Mrs
Moncrieff!



I'm Miss
Byrne!



Meet the Principal Team



**I'm Mrs
Walker!**



**I'm Mr
Orchard**

MMPS School Uniform Parade

- Can be purchased from PSW uniform shop or online.
- Closest store is 1/22 Watt Rd, Mornington.
- Open Tuesday to Friday 9.00 - 5.00 Sat 10.00 - 1.00
- Check their website <https://www.psw.com.au/> for more info.



A few samples of the uniform



Strategies to Support Students and Families

*Getting to know the children is the most important thing we do at the start of every year. Supporting children at their **point of need** is central to everything we do.*

- Liaising with kinder teachers and completing detailed handovers for each child.
- Liaising with families to find out as much as we can about the children before they begin.
- Transition statements.
- Increased scope for communication with 2023 teacher.
- Structured program in Term 1 focusing on the development of social and emotional skills including resilience, socialisation, oral language and personal organisation.

Readiness

This is a term that refers to a child's ability to gain the very most from their school experience.

Our school works to accommodate each individual child's needs.



General Readiness Indicators

- Can your child usually separate from you at pre-school and other places without anxiety?
- Can your child make a decision about an activity at preschool and can they remain engaged for a short period? Do they self initiate?
- Can your child solve a simple problem, ie. not enough chairs, needing a tissue?
- Can your child work and play alongside other children?
- Does your child have a level of independence with dressing, toileting and personal hygiene?

Our Transition Activities Begin! Prep Family Afternoon Tea

Thursday 10th of November

This is an informal opportunity to meet other families and participate in fun activities organised by our Year Six Leaders and the MMPS Social Events Committee.



Student Transition Sessions

Families meet at the School Gym foyer and the amphitheatre by 9:15am for each of the 3 sessions. You will be taken to a class and teacher. Please be punctual.

Proposed Dates:

- Thursday 17th November 9:15 - 10:30
- Wednesday 23rd November 9:15 - 10:30
- Wednesday 30th November 9:15 - 10:30

Informative parent sessions will be run during each visit:

- Literacy information (Staff Centre)
- Numeracy information (Staff Centre)
- The MMPS Respectful Relationships Program (Staff Centre)

There will be opportunities for some students to participate in other transition activities as the need arises.

Room and staff allocation will not necessarily be correct for 2023.



Preparing for School

- Try to avoid the 'big countdown' and try not to 'over-talk'.
- Gradually introduce lunchboxes, uniform and visit the school over the holidays.
- Reflect on family routines and patterns of behaviour.
- Build consistent routines into your child's life.
- Avoid having television and computers in bedrooms.
- Help your child to be motivated by intrinsic rather than extrinsic rewards.



Preparing for School



- Look at your family as a little community.
- Spend time together and develop a habit of talking.
- Avoid the 'push down effect' and allow time for unstructured play.
- Acknowledge your anxiety but model positive talk about school.
- Encourage your child's increasing independence.
- Build opportunities for words, numbers, books, sounds, drawing, writing and rhymes into play.

What happens at the start-of-year interview?

During your transition sessions, there will be a sign-up sheet where you can select an interview time scheduled for the beginning of Term 1 2023.

- You may attend with your child for approximately 45 minutes.
- Parents are requested to stay and assist with book/supply set-up.
- Please bring along your child's booklist items *unlabelled*.
- Teacher and student have an opportunity to get to know each other.
- Some basic information is collected as part of the Early Years Literacy and Numeracy assessments.
- Children can choose places to keep their school bags and equipment and can familiarize themselves with their new room.

Starting School

Important dates:

- Prep Interviews begin & Year 1-6 resume: Tuesday 31st of Jan.
- Prep Interviews: Tuesday 31st January, Wednesday 1st Feb, Thursday 2nd Feb.
- Preps begin shortened school days:
Friday 3rd February,
finishing at 2:15pm.
- Preps begin attending full days at school: Monday 27th of Feb
finishing at 3:30pm



2023... The First Week

- You will know your child's teacher as soon as we are able to confirm staffing for 2023.
- You may take your child directly to this room on the first day.
- Try to not be too emotional or discuss exciting plans you have for the day!
- If there is separation anxiety, seek assistance from the teacher, say goodbye cheerfully and that you will return, then go.
- Any tears usually do not last for long. We will contact you if there is continued anxiety.
- Be punctual at drop off and collection times.
- Beware of the 'honeymoon period'.
- Allow for plenty of sleep and an uncluttered timetable!



Student Forms



Please supply Birth and Immunisation Certificates to the front office on or before Tuesday 31st of January so your child may attend school in 2023.



Current Asthma and Anaphylaxis Plans and medications must be received by the school office no later than Tuesday 31st January 2023.

Student Supplies and Fees for 2023

- Information about Student Supplies is available via Compass and orders must be submitted by 3rd December 2022.
- Student Supply Packs are delivered to you by the company you placed the order with.
- Parents are asked to bring their book pack with them to their child's interview with their new school teacher at the start of Term 1, 2023.
- **Please do not label items prior to this meeting.**
- Parent payments and agreement documents are important and are required to be completed by 30th November 2022.

Additional Information

- School Attendance Policy
- OHSCP
- Role of School Council
- MMPS Social Events Committee (SEC)
- Communication - Compass





We hope your family
enjoys this special
time with us!
Question Time!