

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL – KINDERGARTEN TO FOUNDATION

A structured approach to build happy, positive relationships with upcoming Foundation children starts at the beginning of each year and involves a series of interactions with the school, both for the individual child and their parents.

Events and liaison activities occur between Creswick North Primary School teachers and staff from other kindergarten settings throughout the year.

These include:

- Individual tours offered to all incoming parents and children.
- Principal available for tours each Tuesday or a suitable day and time can be arranged.
- Kindergarten children are invited to come along to our school and participate in a variety of classroom activities, meet future classmates, get to know the teachers and familiarize themselves with the school environment.
- All incoming Foundation students receive a welcome letter with a book from their teacher. Individual interview times listed.
- Invitations to BBQ and other whole school events.
- Outline opportunities to support the school through being a parent helper or a member of one of our committees- gardening, fundraising, school council
- A 'Teddy Bear Picnic' or Science Expo afternoon early Term 4 at which the current Foundation students and the prospective Foundation students take part in activities.
- Match upper year buddies to help Foundation students to happily settle into school life. Their buddies also plan and implement literacy and numeracy activities to do with their buddies in allocated sessions throughout the year with a focus on 'Reading Buddies', inquiry learning and ICT.(one per term). Photo with buddy is given to new student with a special welcome message.
- Parents encouraged to organise a Playgroup, using the Multipurpose room, one day a week.

Transition events in Term 2

In term two the school will outline activities and school tour dates for Education Week (*Grandparent Morning is held in Education Week*) & Enrolment Week in a school brochure. This will be displayed in prominent locations in the Creswick community (and other locations) and highlighted on our school website. A large ENROL NOW Banner is displayed outside school or shifted to other locations at times. School holds a community Open Day with performances, fanfare and sausage sizzle. This event is well advertised with Flyers placed around the town. (shop windows...)

Transition events in Term 3

Advertise an **Enrolment Week**- Term 3 in local paper, also at Kinder, Childcare Centre, Flemo's Milkbar, Website, Noticeboard and anywhere else necessary.

Write letters to Kinder/Childcare children from Foundation/1 students

Transition Days for Kinder and Childcare Students 2019 –

Childcare Centre – Creswick North Primary School children to visit



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Transition events in term 4:

Letter/Booklet of Information sent to prospective parents. This will itemize events for Kindergarten transition in Term 4.

Week 1 – Teacher Phone Call – Touching base – Anything we can help with?

Week 1 & Week 2 - Year five students' visits to the Kindergarten - 2 students each time. Students read to and help kinder students.

Week 3 – Teddy Bears Picnic Breakfast

Kinder students invited/parents welcomed. All children asked to bring teddies.

Week 6-

Kindergarten transition students visit Creswick North PS

Time between 9.00-11.00 am

A comprehensive handbook on how to ensure a smooth transition is provided for all families.

Orientation Day - State-Wide Orientation Day – Tuesday 11th December

Sstudents attend school for Orientation Day from 9.00 - 1.00 pm

January 2019

Letter sent to each child from teacher a week before school begins. Include dates for each term. Interview times and dates listed for each child. Parents invited to attend.

School Starts Wednesday 30th January 2019

February 2019

Parent to accompany child to Literacy and Numeracy Interviews.

First Day/Week of School – Whole School Welcome Assembly (afternoon)

- Follow up phone call at end of first week to parents/carer to see how child is 'travelling' at school

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed every year as part of the school's yearly review cycle.

Certification:

This policy was endorsed by School Council at the meeting held on 13th December 2017