Springfield Lakes State School

PREP COMMUNITY FORUMS 2014
The Prep Year…

Involves developing social, physical and cognitive skills with an emphasis on English, Mathematics, History, Science and Geography in accordance with the National Curriculum.
What are the factors associated with later success in school?

- Social and emotional competence
- Health and physical wellbeing
- Oral language development and communication
- Early mathematical and scientific understandings
- Active learning processes
- Positive disposition to learning.
Your child will learn through …

**Routines and transitions**

**Play**

**Focused learning and teaching**

**Investigations**

**Real-life situations**
Priorities for SLSS

* Reading
* Mathematics
* Explicit Teaching
* Differentiation
* Community Engagement
In 2015, the National Curriculum for English, Maths, Science, History and Geography will be the focus in Prep at Springfield Lakes State School.

Children are also offered specialist lessons in:

- HPE
- Library
- Music
What can you do at home to support a love of reading?
* Read together as a family
* Read to your children each evening
* Visit the library
* Share your love of reading
* Let your children see you read
* Dress up as a book character
Leadership Team

- Peter Doyle
- Alexis Hay
- Trish Hollands
- Gwendolyn Irvine
- Nicola Schumacher
- Wendy Davis
- Martina Noble

- Jannette Cash (BSM)
- Cathy Wilson
- Sharon Lahiff
- Dell McKenzie
- Sadet Plakalo
Special Needs & Support Staff

* Trish Hollands - Line Manager
* Helen Glindemann - Guidance Officer
* Nicola Schumacher - Special Education Program
* Amelia Kewley, Renee Fischer and Linda Chadwick – STL&N
* Amelia Kewley - EAL/D/ESP

Tara Brown: SLP
Hayden Bridgeman – Chaplain
Kim - Defence Force transition Aide
Karen Kelso - YMCA Outside School Hours Care
We are:

* Cooperative

* Peaceful

* Respectful
Every Day Counts

- Prep is universally available
- Parents are required to advise the school of the reason for an absence: phone call, note to the teacher
- Keep absences, late arrivals and early departures to an absolute minimum
- Rolls are marked at 9:00am and after the midday
- Children may be absent for valid reasons
Parking

- Parking is limited around the school
- The car park is designed for traffic flow
- If no parks try going around the block.
- Extra parking near school: near lake/basketball courts
- Respect speed limits
- Respect time limits for street parking.
Welcome in classrooms
- Allow children time to settle into their school routines
- Approach the teacher
- Induction program early in the new year
- Ready Reader Program
Parents and Citizens Association

* Tuckshop
* Uniform Shop
* Liaise with the Principal
* Fundraising
* Monthly Meetings
* Curriculum Community Forum/SWPBS
Community Centre

- Managed by the YMCA
- Contacts: Michelle Meredith and Kirsten Granger
- Cost to the school to use downstairs space
Prep Requirements 2015

* Uniform: legionnaires hat, shoes, socks
* Contribution levy: $75 per child to a maximum of $150 per family
* All book list items
* School bag
* Lunchbox and water bottle
* All items named!
Getting Ready for School

* Explain the basic school expectations, such as putting up your hand, asking before going to the toilet, listening quietly when necessary, and doing what the teacher asks. Talk about being Cooperative, Peaceful and Respectful

* Have a practice run with the lunch box to make sure your child can take off the lid (perhaps before buying the box).

* Give your child lots of love and support. Be excited and enthusiastic about your child starting school.

* Discuss the need to cooperate, share and play fairly with other children.

* Remind children that all teachers are there to help
Opportunities to visit the school, become familiar with the physical environment and practise some of the new routines will give your child some sense of what going to school will be like.

Some things that can be helpful to practise are:

- Travelling to and from school: Having a few practise trips to the school.
- Being familiar with the school environment
- School day routines: Practising some of your school day routines, such as getting up earlier in the morning or putting on the school uniform, will help your child adjust more easily to the changes that going to school will bring.
On the Big Day
Tuesday January 27 2015

* To help ensure that the first day of school goes smoothly, make sure your child’s school uniform and school bag are ready the day before, and that you and your child have a relaxing and happy day.

* Make sure you get up early enough to pack your child’s school bag, eat breakfast, get dressed and arrive at school on time.

* If you want to take photos, have your camera ready with batteries that work!

* Talk positively about the day ahead on the way to school and remind your child where you will be at pick-up time.
On the Big Day

* Manage your own anxiety. You may like to plan a relaxing activity the night before or arrange to have coffee with another parent after the school drop-off.
* Have a small snack ready at the end of the day to help your child re-energise.
* Remember that your child might be exhausted when they get home.
* Celebrate the first day of school as it is a huge milestone to achieve. You may like to organise a special activity or dinner together as a family on the weekend to celebrate.
The Prep Day in 2015

- Class doors open at 8:30 am
- School Commences 8:45am
- 1\textsuperscript{st} Break 11.10am – 11:45am
- 2\textsuperscript{nd} Break 1.15pm -1.45pm.
- School Day concludes at 2:45pm
Date Claimer: Prep Orientation Day

* Wednesday 10th December 2014
* An afternoon (1:45 – 2.45 pm) for Prep students enrolled for 2015 and their parents
* To familiarise with the school environment
* To meet their 2015 teacher
* To build confidence for first year of school
* To engage in literacy and numeracy based activities

We believe in being the "best we can be"
Tuesday January 27 2015, plan how you will use your time after dropping your child at school for the first day or week so that you feel supported.

Other parents and carers whose children are starting at your school can often be a good source of support.

Organising to meet for a chat or a relaxing walk is a good way to continue to build connections with the other parents and carers in your school.
Thank you for your attendance today.

We hope this has given you some insight into your child’s Prep year at Springfield Lakes State School.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to our school.

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Springfield Lakes State School - P&C (parents & citizens) (closed group)

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https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/starting-school