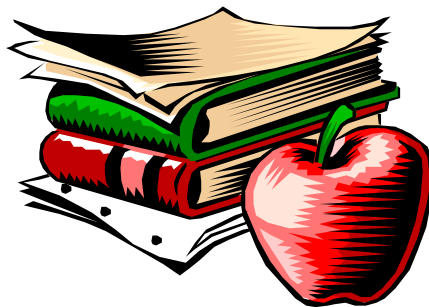


The A – Z of Prep

A guide to assist you
and your child in a smooth
beginning to school.



Activities - such as excursions/incursions, swimming program, cross age tutoring, theme days and many more special activities are offered to all Foundation students.



Belongings - do go missing from time to time so clearly name and label everything. Teach your child to recognise their name and take responsibility for their own things.

Crossings -  are vital for safety so take the time to teach your child how to use the school crossing correctly. Always cross the road carefully to ensure your child gets to school safely.



Dressing - is an important step towards independence. Make sure your child can dress themselves properly - jumpers, shoe laces, buttons, zips etc.

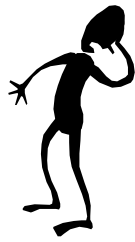
Eating - at school can be confusing so practice at home. Show your child the difference between "playlunch" and "lunch." Try foil for playlunch and cling wrap for lunch. Starting school is hungry  business so ensure your child eats a healthy breakfast and other meals. Students also eat a healthy snack at 10.00 am each day, so we encourage you to provide a piece of fruit to eat.



Friendships - are strongly encouraged in the Foundation year. Ask your child about their friends and invite friends over to play.

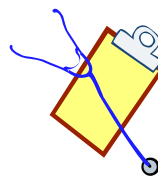


Goodbyes—are difficult but it is best to give a quick goodbye and leave when your child's teacher advises you.



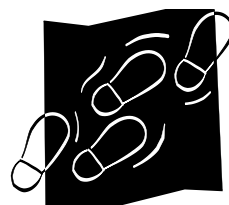
Health - can affect your child and other students learn-keep him/her at home until they are well again. A note on return is required.

Independence - is crucial for a school. Encourage your child themselves, assist around the a go" at anything.



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Joy - about starting school. It is a big but exciting step in your child's life. Take time to enjoy the experience.



Keep Up The Good Work - Reading to your child is of vital importance. Keep reading and sharing books with your child and give them a more active role.

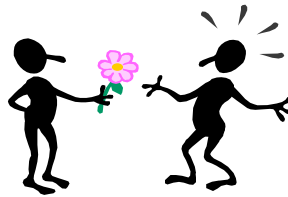


Lateness - causes great distress for Foundation students so please give yourself plenty of time and endeavour to be on time.



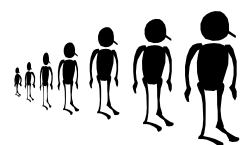
Manners - are greatly appreciated by everyone. So encourage your child to speak appropriately and politely to others.

Newsletters - important. Reading can be an educational experience for you and your child. This also ensures special events and dates are not missed.



are informative and important. Reading these notices together is an educational and enjoyable experience for you and your child. This also ensures special events and dates are not missed.

Office - can be a busy place, so please be patient and polite to our valuable office staff. Our office staff are more than willing to help you in any way they can.



PEAP - Foundation Entry Assessment Procedure will be conducted with every Foundation student during the first few weeks of school. This assists in identifying strengths and needs of each child. Activities involve a range of literacy and numeracy tasks. Your child's teacher will contact you to schedule an appropriate time and date.

Questions - are welcomed and encouraged at school. Please make time to see your child's teacher regarding any issues or questions you have. Nothing is too big or small for us.



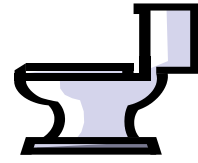
Routine - keeps students happy. Set a reasonable bedtime for your child, busy minds need time to rest. Many children find starting school a tiring business.



Support Services - are available to all students and families. They include speech pathology, school nurse, psychologists and many more. See the Assistant Principal if you wish to access any of these services.



Toileting - can confuse new students. So please show your child where the toilets are and ensure they can use the toilet correctly. Remind your child to tell the teacher if they need to visit the toilet.



Uniforms - look good and help students feel part of our school. Help your child to foster pride in their uniform, try it on for family and friends. Make sure ALL items of uniform are clearly named.



Visit - and establish a rapport with your child's teacher. Forming a relationship between school and home is important as we both have your child's best interests at heart.



Writing - begins on day one at school. So provide many opportunities for your child to write and praise all efforts. Find a special place to display writing and other work from school.

eXcitement - is the key word to starting school. So build excitement about starting school, speak about school in a positive manner.



You Can Help Us - if you have any free time please see your child's teacher. You may wish to offer your skills as a Classroom Helper, Parents and Friends Association member or assist with fundraising. We appreciate any help and support you can offer.



Zip Out - and practice leaving your child with family and friends. It will help your child to learn you cannot always be there but you will always return. The more time you spend apart the easier it is starting school for both of you.





The Foundation year is the beginning of an exciting and important journey for your child. It is a year full of rewards and challenges and when the child, home and school work together, it can be a rewarding and successful experience for everyone.