Prep 2013

Information Night
Prep Transition Dates

• Prep transition will be beginning soon!
• Round 1 (Pink Slip) Wednesday 24th October and 31st October
• Round 2 (Yellow Slip) Wednesday 14th November and 21st November
• Each session will run from 9:30am until 12:00pm.
Transition Information

Where?
• PINK SLIP: Meet in the **new gym** at 9:30am
• YELLOW SLIP: Meet in the **old gym** at 9:30am
• Find your child’s name on a coloured poster and line up in front of it
• These are NOT the grades for next year
What does my child need?

- Please pack the following in a backpack:
- Sun hat
- Small snack eg. Piece of fruit.
- Water bottle
Transition Information

What will I be doing?

• Wave goodbye to your child as they go with the teacher from 9:30am to 12:00pm
• You will be directed to the 1 hour parent information session held in the staffroom.
• If possible it would be best for young children to be looked after during this hour.
• Please see your flyer for more details.
• Light refreshments will be provided!
Transition Packs

• To assist your child’s transition to primary school, you will receive one of Kilberry Valley’s transition packs.

• It contains activities and resources that will benefit your child’s learning.

• You will find out more about this at the parent information sessions!
Prep 2013

• What you need to know for next year and helping to prepare your child
Toileting

Ensure your child can go to the toilet independently.

Please inform your child’s teacher if this is a concern at the start of the year.

**HINTS**

- Make sure your child knows about personal hygiene – washing hands, etc
- Place a change of clothes in the bottom of their school bag in case of accidents.
Be sun Smart

Slip, Slop, Slap…

• As part of school policy, all students must wear a navy blue sun hat outside in Terms one, two and four.

HINT

✓ Please teach your child how to apply sunscreen if you wish them to use it when they are outside.
Money & the canteen

Help your child to be independent by:

✓ Placing money in a zip lock bag or an envelope with your child’s name and order clearly labelled.
✓ Reminding your child to place their lunch order in the lunch order tub.
✓ Lunch orders will be delivered to the classroom at lunchtime.
Safety

Before each school day discuss with your child:

• Where to meet you after school
• What they think they might do at school
• What you will be doing while they are at school

HINTS

✓ We suggest you meet your child outside their classroom at the end of each day. This reassures them and makes them feel safe.
Packing up

- If your child can put things away, it ensures clothes and other personal items are not lost.
- Give your child simple jobs to do around the house to help develop responsibility and confidence.
- Make sure their bag is big enough to carry a jumper, lunch box, reading folder and notices.
- Give your child opportunities to practise packing these things.
Ensure your child can manage food packaging on their own.

**HINTS**

✓ Practise eating food they will have before they start school.
✓ Make sure they know what they are expected to eat at lunch time.
✓ If your child has a lunch order, make sure they still bring fruit, water bottle and morning tea.
Social Interaction

- Help your child to establish friendships with new children by:
  - Showing your child how to introduce themself to their new classmates.
  - Inviting someone new home to play after school one day in the first few weeks of Term 1.
Identification

Can your child …

• Recognise and/or write their name
• Identify personal items easily. E.g. Jumper and school hat

HINT

 ✓ Write your child’s name in/on all personal items
 ✓ Add colourful tags/ribbons to schoolbags, making them easily recognisable
Clothing

Ensure your child can manage their clothing on their own.

HINT

Practise the following with your child:

✓ Shoelaces/Velcro laces
✓ press studs
✓ buttons
✓ zippers
✓ school bags
✓ lunchboxes
✓ food packaging
Language Development

Ensure your child can…

• Verbalise his/her needs
• Listen when they are being spoken to
• Understand and follow simple instructions

HINTS

✓ Practise at home by role modelling good manners
✓ Encourage them to speak reasonably clearly and face the person they are talking to.
Learning

• Read as often as possible with/to your child (at least once a day)
• Have conversations about things that are important to your child
• Encourage your child to recognise letters and numbers in their environment
Learning

• Assist your child to write and recognise their name
• Utilise the resources and websites provided in the transition pack
• Talk positively about school and learning.
• We want your child to have the BEST start to their school life possible!
Orientation Day

• This is the day your child will meet their teacher for 2013!!
• Tuesday 11th December
• You will receive more information via mail closer to the date.
The First Day

- Wednesday 30\textsuperscript{th} January 2013
- Prep students will attend from 9:30am until 12:30pm
- Make sure your child has a snack and their hat for playtime.
- Teachers will meet their grades in the new gym on the first day.
The First Day

• Don’t linger, see your child into the room and then leave making sure they know you will be back at the end of the morning to meet them.

• Return page 13 onwards of the Prep supplement forms to your child's teacher.
Communication

“How was your day?”

• Check your child’s take home bag for notices.
• Use the Prep Newsletter to guide your questioning.
• When questioning your child about school, ask specific questions – e.g. What story did your teacher read today?

HINT

✓ Teachers are only too happy to speak about your child’s progress, however it helps to make a time with them either before or after school.
This is what Prep is all about!

- Having fun
- Making friends
- Exciting new experiences
- Developing confidence and independence

Learning, learning, learning
School Uniform

- School uniforms, school bags and accessories can be purchased from the Primary School Wear Uniform Shop.

The Uniform Shop is now open at Unit 2, 10-12 South Link Road, Hampton Park (near the Beaurepaires Tyre Shop),
Mel Ref: 95 J5

The Uniform Shop hours are:
8.30am - 5pm Monday to Friday
9am - 5pm Saturday

Phone number: 8768 7490
Remember you can also shop online at www.psw.com.au
The School Start Bonus will be discontinued from 2013.

To be eligible for EMA (Education Maintenance Assistance) you need to hold a pension card or health care card and bring it to our school office where your card will be copied and you will be required to fill in an application form.

If you are eligible for EMA, you will receive $200 via your bank account.
House Keeping

Book Packs

- Your child’s book pack can be paid for at the office.
- Inside the information pack you have received tonight, you will find all of the details on how to purchase a book pack on the yellow form.
- All equipment in the box will be checked off and labelled by the teacher and shared amongst the students throughout the year.
The Kilberry Valley Primary School Website

- Our school has a fantastic website which contains useful information that will keep you up to date with everything that is happening at our school.
- You can sign up to receive our weekly online newsletter via Email at...

www.kilberryps.vic.edu.au