

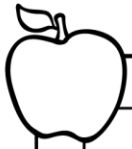


# Prep Information 2018

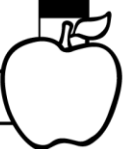
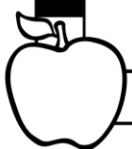
Dear Parents,

Welcome to the beginning of our school year for 2018. We would like to extend an extra welcome to any families new to Oakleigh South Primary School. We trust your time is happy and rewarding for both you and your child. In this notice you will find information and other notes relevant to our Prep year level. On **Tuesday, February 6**, there will be an information night presented by Prep teachers to explain these further. All parents are encouraged to attend.

- The Prep children are not required at school for the first five Wednesdays of Term 1. Literacy and Numeracy interviews will be carried out on these days (see notice).
- School begins at **8.45am** for morning reading and finishes at **3.30pm**. Please enter the classroom using the **outside** door to your child's class.
- At the end of each day please wait for your child **outside** their classroom. Please do not come inside the building at the end of the day, we will bring the children out to meet you.
- If your child is absent from school for any reason, a written note or email explaining the absence is required, as it is a Departmental requirement.
- For the safety of all children, parents are not permitted to drive into the school grounds to drop off or pick up their children. Parking is available on the oval via the gate entrance to the oval.
- Children are required to wear alternate footwear while in the building to protect the carpeted areas of the school. These could be slippers, clogs or slip on runners. **No thongs!** Your child will need to change into their alternate footwear as soon as they enter the building.



- Children are encouraged to bring in healthy food to eat prior to recess. This food will be called 'brain food'. Please provide your child with a small amount of healthy brain food in a separate container. Acceptable brain foods include: Fresh peeled & sliced fruit and vegetables. Dried fruit (e.g. apricots, prunes, raisins and sultanas). Teachers will provide 5 minutes for children to eat their brain food in class. Brain food time **does not** replace snack time, your child will still need to eat something at recess time. Please place brain food on your child's table at the start of each day.
- At Oakleigh South Primary school children are **not** allowed to share any food. Your child's teacher will advise you of any children in your grade that have specific allergies.
- Children are allowed to have a bottle of water for use in the classroom. No juices, soft drinks, cordial or flavoured water please.
- Please make sure that everything that your child brings to school is clearly marked with their name.
- All Prep Children need to bring:
  - A box of tissues
  - A named library bag for borrowing library books
  - A named art smock
- The full specialist timetable will commence next week. You will be advised of your child's specialist days and teachers. Specialist subjects include Art, Music, Japanese and Physical Education.
- As we are a Sunsmart school, all children are required to wear a sunhat from the 1<sup>st</sup> September until the 31<sup>st</sup> May. The hats need to be wide brimmed to give maximum protection from the sun. The school policy is "No Hat, No Play". Please make sure your child's hat is clearly named.



- The children are expected to wear correct school uniform. Hair accessories should be green, black or white. It is a good idea to keep a spare pair of underwear at the bottom of your child's bag in case of any accidents.
- Please download the free 'FlexiBuzz' app to your iPhone/Smartphone. It is the most efficient way for our school to send out important (and sometimes last minute) announcements.
- Any notices handed out in class will be placed in your child's red notice folder. Please take the time to read all the information that goes home. Notice folders are to be returned to school the next day.
- There will be ample opportunity throughout the year for parents to assist in the classroom. More information on this matter will follow once the children have settled into the school routine.

If you have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to speak to us. The education of your children is a partnership between home and school. We are looking forward to a wonderful year here at Oakleigh South Primary School.

Thanking you for your co-operation,

**The Prep Team ☺**

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