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Preschool to Kindergarten Transitions 2015-2016

Dear Families

This letter is to inform you of the transition process from Florey Preschool 2015 to Florey Kindergarten 2016. Transition has already begun for the preschool children, participating in events such as the Cross Country, Book Week celebrations and reconciliation events. In addition, more formalised transition opportunities are listed below:

Group Time in the Kindergarten Unit

Once a week, from late term 3, all preschool children will be involved in a group time session in an unoccupied kindergarten class run by their preschool teacher. This will allow children to become familiar with the kindergarten environment and routines.

Environmental Walks

Once a week all preschool children will be going on a walk through the Florey Primary School playground. Teachers will talk about boundaries, rules for playing on the equipment and showing the children where the toilets are. Our preschool teachers also show children where the library is, where the canteen is and play games in the school hall.

Group Time in the Library

Once a week all preschool children will be involved in a group time session in the school library. This will allow children to become familiar with the library environment while continuing the preschool learning program.

Assembly

In term 4, the Waratahs and Bluebells will be attending our whole school assemblies on Friday mornings from 9.10am. Families are welcome to stay for the assembly, which is held in the school hall.

Afternoon sessions with the Kindergarten classes

At the beginning of term 4 each week our preschool classes will join a kindergarten class for either an art lesson or a social skills lesson. The kindergarten children and the preschool children will be placed in small groups or pairs to begin forming important friendships.

Canteen

Currently the preschool children are able to order their lunch on Wednesdays. In addition to this, in term 4 there will be a day where the preschool children can bring in some money to buy themselves a treat. There will be a note sent home providing more information next term.

We are confident that these transition sessions will enable our preschool children to become familiar with the environment and the routines so they are ready for kindergarten in 2016. An information letter will go home with preschool families in term 4 outlining important routines and information needed for a successful start in kindergarten in 2016. Early in term 1 2016, there will be a kindergarten information session for all families. At this meeting more specific information about learning programs and routines will be given.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries about this important transition time.

With thanks

Kelly Booker
Deputy Principal
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