



Dear Families,

Thanks for choosing to enrol your child at Eppalock Primary School for 2022. We look forward to working with your family in the years to come to ensure a positive primary school learning experience.

We are writing to outline the upcoming Transition days for our 2022 Foundation (Prep) Students. Restrictions have eased recently which now allows students to attend face to face sessions with their peers and new class mates.

On these days families are required to bring their child to school at the proposed times where they can spend some time mixing with others and experiencing what school might be like. We have found on these days it is best if parents can drop their child and leave quickly. We understand it can be an emotional time for all involved (mostly the parents), but the children bounce back really quickly once parents have left the room. We always make a call to parents if the child is having difficulty though.

Prep (Foundation) Orientation Program Dates	Miss Burgess will be the Prep/Foundation classroom teacher in 2022
Tues 23 rd November – 10:00-11:00am (no recess time today) Tues 30 th November – 10:00-11:30am (children stay for the recess break) Tues 7 th December – 9:00am-11:30am (come from the start of the day and stay for recess break)	
Other Information	
Individual tours and sessions can be arranged at any time by contacting the school. Please make contact if you feel your child requires extra transition sessions or if they cannot make the sessions scheduled above.	

On Tuesday 23rd November we have arranged for some of our current parent group to stay around at school in the old building space for a hot, or cool, drink and answer any questions that our new parents might have. We encourage any new parents/families to take this opportunity to meet some new faces, however, all families are welcome to leave the school during the transition sessions. We will need to ensure any parents staying on-site or entering buildings adhere to school guidelines around Covid risk minimisation and Vaccination requirements. If this is a cause of concern for your family please contact Mr O'Neill at school to talk through any concerns.

During these sessions we will be able to provide you with uniform and book lists for 2022 as well as an information handbook for new families. If you have not yet provided copies of your child's birth certificate and immunisation records, please bring a copy of these along to lodge at the office. Please also touch base with Nikki at the office to check if there is anything else required as far as paperwork for 2022.

Students can choose to bring a small backpack/school bag to further develop a routine of what school might be like. A small drink bottle with water and small fruit snack is also an option on these days, particularly on those days where students are staying for recess. A broad-brimmed hat is also required.

In the lead up to these days we have found it helpful for parents to prepare children by making them aware of what is coming up and giving their children positive messages about starting school. Weekend visits to the school environment can also be helpful.

If you have any questions or need to arrange alternative transition sessions, please contact the school on 54396366 or feel free to email Mr O'Neill on jason.oneill@education.vic.gov.au

We look forward to seeing you all again on these days.

Eppalock Primary School Staff