

Currajong

State School



Prep 2020



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Ready, Set, GO!

Prep at Currajong State School

Very soon your child will be starting Prep at Currajong State School. To ensure that both you and your child have a stress-free start, here are some reminders and messages that you might find useful.

What your child will need for Prep:

All of the items on the Currajong State School book list for Prep OR payment of the School Resource fee.

A Currajong State School hat or any broad-brimmed hat. Please make sure the hat is labelled clearly with your child's first and last name.

A lunch box with lunch 1, lunch 2 and a small 'brain snack' (packaged separately with child's name on each package).

A water bottle.

A school bag large enough to hold the lunch box, a hat, a water bottle and a library book and bag on library day.

A spare change of underwear, shorts and shirt that can be kept in your child's bag



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The school day

Hours of operation



Gates open 8.00 am. And before the 8.30 bell parents and children wait under C Block. Currajong State School Prep operates five days a week from 8:50am to 3:00pm.

8:45 First bell (Entry, lunches in baskets)

11:00 - 11:45 Lunch 1

1:45-2:10 Lunch 2

3:00 classes dismissed

During the Lunch 1 break prep students will have 25 minutes of play followed by 15 minutes of eating. At the end of play time they will need to pack up the equipment, get a drink, go to the toilet and then sit at their bucket to eat (5 min).

At lunch 2, prep students will have 15 minutes to play then 10 minutes of eating.



When children come to Prep, they are expected to become increasingly responsible for their own belongings. Please encourage your child to follow the routines outlined by the teacher.

These routines may include:

- Putting their bag on the port rack and organise their lunch box
- Placing their water bottle in the appropriate area
- Going to the toilet before the bell rings at 8:50
- Moving to the designated area for your class

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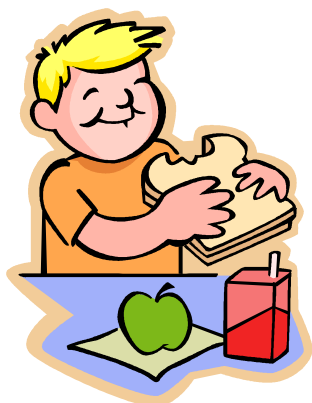


Prep School Lunches

Well-nourished and well-rested children enjoy school more than those who are hungry or tired. For this reason we encourage parents to provide a balanced, healthy lunch.

Please help your child with lunchtime organisation by separating food into three separate packs:

- A 'brain snack' consisting of a small fruit snack
- Lunch 1- sandwich
- Lunch 2 - other healthy food e.g. yoghurt, cheese, salad, boiled egg.



Please make sure these separate lunch packs are clearly marked in a plastic or paper bag with your child's name and labelled as being for *Lunch 1* or *Lunch 2*. A labelled box for each food break will be provided outside each classroom. This food will be refrigerated.

NB Please limit packaged food as they are often unhealthy or contain a lot of sugar.

Names and labels

As young children often do not recognise their own belongings, absolutely everything - bags, shoes, lunch boxes, hats, library bags, books and clothing - needs to be clearly named.



Safety first!

The outdoor learning environment is beneficial for children to explore and develop their gross motor skills, including running. This environment also promotes body strength, balance and co-ordination. During outdoor play or outside activities, sun safety is an important focus at our school, so children must wear their own wide-brimmed hat.

Closed in shoes are also a safety requirement at our school.

We strongly adhere to the school rule "NO HAT, NO SHOES, NO PLAY!"



Parent helpers

Parents are encouraged to contribute to the Prep program. Once the children have settled into prep, class teachers will notify parents of any assistance that would be useful and welcome. If you have any particular interests or skills that you think may be helpful, please speak to your child's teacher. If you are working in a classroom please be respectful of the right to privacy for children, staff and families.



Sharing information.

Please feel free to discuss anything about your child with the class teacher. We realise that sometimes teachers are limited by class duties and time constraints but please arrange for an appointment at a mutually appropriate time.

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28th January 2020

It's the first day of Prep!

What do we do?

Arrive at school just prior to 8:30am. Take your child to the prep building, where staff members will be available to assist with class identification and room locations. Teachers will have activities set up to occupy the children and ease them into a classroom setting.

Say good-bye to your child just before 8:45am. School bells will sound at 8:45am and all remaining parents will be asked to depart.

The principal and other staff members will be available to assist and support children if needed.

A welcome to parents

Parents please come to our "Welcoming Prep Parents" morning tea in the P & C room where you can meet P & C members and other parents.



At the end of the day, please wait **outside** your child's classroom until the bell rings at 3:00pm.



Keeping in Touch

To ensure the best communication with the school please ensure that any changes to contact details are provided to office staff and read the school newsletter available each fortnight electronically or in print.

If you have any other questions about Currajong State School, please refer to the *Currajong State School - Parent's Handbook 2018* or speak to a member of staff.

<https://currajongss.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx>