

NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Prep Readiness Entry Program

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You have probably been preparing your child for school without even knowing it, all the child's life! You are your child's first teacher. What your child learns at school will build on the skills and knowledge you have already helped your child to learn. Starting school should be seen as a natural progression – an exciting step your child is ready to take.

Schools and teachers give particular care and support to children starting school. Primary school teachers visit preschools, organise school tours for the parents and invite preschool children to visit the school. They set up buddy systems with older children to ensure that, from the very beginning, the incoming Prep children's experiences are stimulating and welcoming.

They recognise that each child is an individual with unique strengths, needs and attitudes and that not all children are at the same stage of development at the same time.

In partnership with parents, teachers identify each child's learning needs and plan programs to meet the wide range of abilities of the children in their classes.

Your child will enjoy starting school if he or she is already showing confidence in some basic aspects of their physical, emotional, social and intellectual development.

Nilma Primary School has an extensive transition program to support families to transition from preschool into primary school in a well organised and caring manner.

You may find it useful to discuss your child's development with preschool teachers and carers, as well as school staff.

INFORMATION EVENING

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

MONDAY 24th JUNE 2013

7.00pm

This evening will enable parents of prospective prep students to gain an overview of our school programs and build an understanding of our vision and values.

TOUR OF SCHOOL

Parents are welcome to make an appointment with the Principal, Ms Annette Sutherland, to tour the school.

During this visit, parents are encouraged to discuss their child's needs, meet teachers, view the grounds and facilities, and see the school in operation.

Phone 56232963 for an appointment.

ENROLMENT @ NILMA

Enrolment packs will be distributed at the information evening or on tours. Early enrolment is critical in supporting your child's transition to Nilma.

Once your child is enrolled, NPS staff will contact the appropriate Kindergarten (if applicable) and organise a visit.

This will provide an opportunity for staff to also speak to the preschool teacher.

SMALL CLASS

Our prep students will be learning in a Year 1/Prep composite class of approximately 18 students. The smaller class enables the school to personalise the learning of students and allows each child to develop the solid foundations of literacy and numeracy in their first years of school. Teachers work together to ensure the program meets the needs of each student.

PREP ORIENTATION DAYS

In term 4 we invite all enrolled preps to take part in our prep orientation program, to become familiar with the school. The four sessions, will be held over 4 weeks in November and December. Children are to attend all sessions if possible. The days and times will vary to allow access to all visiting specialist teachers.



The Orientation program enables us to get to know your child and you, before commencing Prep in 2014. Parents will be notified of the orientation days by letter during term 3.

HOME / SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Throughout the year we encourage frequent communication between parents and teachers.

Each week a school newsletter is sent home to all families. Newsletters have a weekly note from the classes to keep parents informed of class news.

Assemblies on Monday mornings provide a forum for celebrating learning and parents are welcome to attend.

Two detailed student reports are sent home each year and we invite parents to attend discussions throughout the year.

The school provides a communication satchel and diary that goes back and forth to home each day.

For prep parents, this helps you to help your child settle into the new school routines.

Classroom routines are established at the beginning of the year and communicated to parents.

BEGINNING SCHOOL

During term one, until the long weekend in March, prep children come to school four days a week. (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday).

Wednesday is a rest day for prep students as they adjust to the demands of full time school.

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Nilma Primary School offers a wide variety of exciting and enriching programs such as:

- ◆ Excellent computer and laptop access for children (1:2 ratio)
- ◆ Flexible Open Learning areas
- ◆ Whole school focus on Literacy and Numeracy
- ◆ M.A.R.C (Mobile Area Resource Centre) Library Van
- ◆ Pleasant rural environment & atmosphere
- ◆ Smaller class sizes
- ◆ Automated School Library
- ◆ Specialists—Science, ICT, Arts
- ◆ Environmental Science - Gardening Program
- ◆ Mt Worth Cluster of Schools - Camps and Excursions
- ◆ Swimming Program
- ◆ Community Building - Parents Club
- ◆ Active After School Program
- ◆ School Chaplain



LEARNING COMMUNITY

Nilma staff, in partnership with home and community, provides a safe and caring learning environment which encourages students to be life long learners, independent thinkers and respectful and responsible citizens.

ENROL NOW

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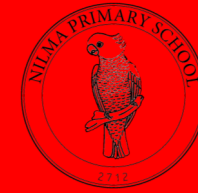
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AND THEIR FAMILIES INTO THE
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