



Beachmere State School



Prep Information 2016

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What is the Prep Year?



The Prep year is a 5 day per week program, targeting on the development of children's literacy, numeracy and social development. It is therefore important for children to attend school daily to successfully establish and maintain successful learning experiences.

The Australian Curriculum focuses on English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography to help develop the holistic child through investigation and guided hands-on learning experiences.

Everything your child does within our school has a purpose for learning. Our Prep year is a friendly and supportive environment with exciting things to do, see and experience.

Children attending Prep will experience:

- Engaging Literacy & Numeracy Activities with a heavy focus on Oral Language and Reading
- Music with our specialist Music Teacher
- Physical Education & a Perceptual Motor Programme with our P.E. specialist
- Library borrowing
- Weekly Parade
- Tuckshop (delivered to the room)
- The Computer Hub
- Pelican Groups (The Four Cares)
- Incentive days (once a term)

Each day, children will participate in:

- *Maths games and learning to develop early numeracy skills*
- *English games and learning to develop early literacy skills*
- *Oral language development*
- *Decision making*
- *Investigations*
- *Art*
- *Construction*
- *Music and games*
- *Co-operating with others*
- *Play based learning*
- *Indoor and outdoor play*
- *Fine and gross motor experiences*
- *Creating and following rules*
- *Setting and achieving personal goals*



Students will work and play in large groups, small groups and individually. They will participate in a range of hands-on, explorative and co-operative learning opportunities designed to best start each child on their educational journey through school.



Social and emotional development is of extreme importance in the Prep year. We view all children as capable and our aim is that they also recognise this capability in themselves.

Our major goal is to foster every child's confidence, self-esteem and willingness to "have a go". We aim to nurture their curiosity about the world around them and develop a love of learning.

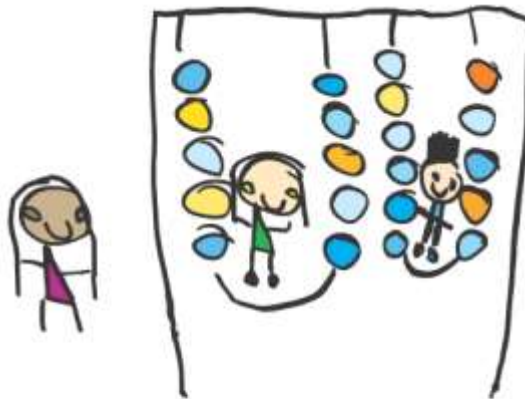
Your child will learn through...



Routines and transitions



Play



Focused learning and teaching



Investigations



Real-life situations

Daily Needs and Helpful Hints

Every day, your child will need to bring:

- **School bag** – Please ensure that the bag is big enough to fit a lunch box, drink bottle, (water only) a home reading folder and spare clothes (socks, underwear, shorts, shirt)
- **School Hat (labelled)** – Navy wide-brimmed or bucket hats only please. As we are a sun safe school, no caps are allowed at Beachmere State School.
- **Uniform** – We wear our uniform with pride. Please see our Uniform Policy in the Parent Handbook.
- **Black Shoes** – Enclosed black shoes are essential and they are a part of our uniform.
- **Fruit Break, Morning Tea and Lunch** – Fruit break should be a piece of fruit, vegetables or cheese. Please ensure that Fruit Break is kept separate so that your child can place it in the basket provided. Healthy lunches are essential for successful learning

Examples of healthy choices:



Prep hours 8:30am – 2:30pm

We ask that all students are on time as a matter of courtesy to both the teacher and students. Being late disturbs the class and is unsettling for your child too.

Doors open at 8.30am. Students will participate in quiet activities until the school day begins.

Students are to be collected from the classroom at the end of the day by caregivers. Please advise teachers in writing if you need to make alternative arrangements.

Absences from Prep

*If your child is ill or if you will be away, Beachmere State School has a dedicated Student Absence Number. Simply call **5433 9266** to record the absence. You can also send a note to your child's teacher the next day. Please inform the office if you are going away for a period of time. It is a government requirement for all absences to be explained.*

Learning is vitally important and prolonged absences should be encouraged. It could impact on your child's learning outcomes.

Parent Handbook

As part of the enrolment package, you received a Parent Handbook. Please read this document carefully. It contains vital information about school policies and procedures. The handbook includes information about our Uniform Policy.

Please contact Caboolture Bus Lines on 5495 4744 for any information regarding bus routes, times and bus passes.



QLD Beginners Alphabet

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A a B b C c D d E e

F f G g H h I i J j

K k L l M m N n O o

P p Q q R r S s T t

U u V v W w X x Y y

Z z

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Some everyday activities to help encourage literacy...

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Play word games when out together, such as playing 'I spy' in the car. For young children, you can use colours such as 'I spy something that is red'.



Sing songs or nursery rhymes while taking a walk, packing away toys or in the car.



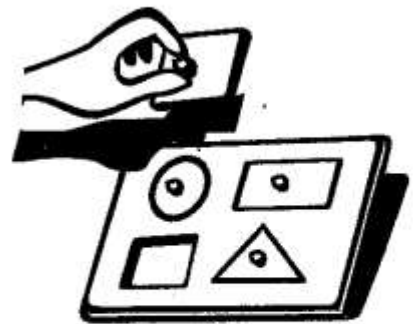
Play outdoors – pouring water or sand into containers, scales and measuring containers allows your child to explore numeracy concepts.



Paint and draw – art allows children to express themselves. As your child learns more words, you may notice their paintings or drawings become more detailed.



Dress up – children can practise their language and communication skills by playing 'make believe'.



Do a puzzle – puzzles are a great way for children to learn about sizes, shapes and colours.



Ask your child open-ended questions – this encourages them to practise expressing themselves and lets them know you value their thoughts.



Play with blocks – concepts of size, numbers, patterns and problem-solving can be explored by playing with blocks. You can help extend your child's mathematical and spatial concepts by giving them paper, pencil and a ruler for drawing their block buildings.