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**Pre Prep Transition Program for the 2019 School Year**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Recent studies suggest that children's adjustment to their first year at school is strongly influenced by their familiarity with the school setting. Our aim is to make the transition from home or a kindergarten setting to the school situation as smooth, happy and exciting as possible. A great deal of thought and planning has gone into our transition program for 2018. The program will:

- **assist 2019 Prep students** in making a successful adjustment to the school environment
- offer an opportunity to participate in classroom activities
- allow the children to practice skills necessary for school
- encourage new friendships and develop a support system
- provide information and support for parents

Our Prep Transition program runs in Term 4 from week 3-7 on Wednesday mornings from 9-10am. These sessions are held within the Prep classrooms where students are invited to participate in a variety of activities designed to help them feel comfortable in a classroom situation. A variety of oral language, literacy and numeracy activities along with fine and gross motor activities are implemented throughout these sessions. While your child is attending these sessions, parents are invited to stay and hear presentations from our staff on a range of topics including: school readiness, school life and about our curriculum programs. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with other new parents and staff at these and/or the Prep information evening.

**Key Dates**

**Information Evening – Term 4: Wednesday 17 October (Week 2):**

Specific information about Beachmere State School Prep Year, Curriculum and Support programs will be spoken about at the Information Evening for those unable to attend the day time sessions. You will have the opportunity to meet with key staff and ask questions. This event will **be held on Wednesday 17 October from 5.30pm – 6.30pm (school library).**

**Information Day sessions – Term 4: Wk. 3-7 alongside the transition program**

The information evening presentations are broken into parts and shared each week as the transition program progresses (see below).

**Transition Program**

Please bring children to the Prep Classrooms just *before* 9am so we can start **each session promptly at 9am.**

Week	Dates	Student Activities: (Held in Prep Classrooms)	Held on Wednesdays	Parent Information Sessions: (Held in the Hall Conference Room)
Week 3 & 4	Wed. 24 Oct. & Wed. 31 Oct.	Welcome to school – orientation activities	9am – 10am	Wk 3: Getting to know BSS Wk 4: Starting Prep, School Tour and Uniform Shop
Week 5 & 6	Wed. 7 Nov. & Wed. 14 Nov.	Storytelling and Craft	9am – 10am	Wk 5: Literacy/Numeracy and Prep Ready Readers Wk 6: Positive Behaviour for Learning
Week 7	Wed. 21 Nov.	Artistic Number Crunchers	9am – 10am	Wk 7: Student Support Team

We extend a warm welcome to all children and their parents to participate in our transition morning activities. We look forward to meeting you & your child. Please register through Beachmere State School - **5433 9222**.

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