



# Welcome to Boroondara Park Primary School



## 2018 Transition Information Evening

# Our Team



<b>Acting Principal</b>	Randal Symons
<b>Assistant Principal</b>	Jane Woodman
<b>Acting Assistant Principal</b>	Emma Chiera
<b>Foundation Team</b>	Lisa Ainger, Sarah Amiconi, Claire Brennan and Kirstin Jones
<b>Transition Coordinator</b>	Claire Brennan

# School Fees



- State Government supplies a proportion of the school's income
- Not sufficient to provide the high quality, enriching programs offered at Boroondara Park Primary School
- Parent payments are a vital contribution to enabling teaching and learning excellence in all areas of the curriculum
- School Council gives careful consideration to costs incurred by parents

# School Fees



Per Student		
Student Consumables		\$245
Excursion Levy		\$85
Gymnastics		\$30
Subject and Specialist Contribution		\$40
First Aid Levy		\$20
Library Development Fund (tax deductible)		\$150
Building Fund (per family) (tax deductible)		\$100
Major Oval Redevelopment		\$
TOTAL	- First student	\$ 670
	- Subsequent students	\$ 570

# **A Positive Start to School**

The aim for our Foundation children is to give them the very best start to school by facilitating a smooth and positive transition into our school community and setting them on the path to lifelong learning

# Kindergarten - Foundation Transition

## Children will be adjusting to new:

- physical environments
- social dynamics
- approaches to learning
- behaviour and academic expectations

## Changes may include:

- a move from a play-based environment to a more formalised and structured environment
- moving to multiple learning areas around the school
- being taught by a number of teachers and specialist staff
- the increased length of the school day

# Kindergarten - Foundation Transition

Reciprocal visits with local Kindergartens and  
Early Childcare centres

Story Time sessions



# Kindergarten - Foundation Transition

The dates of our formal Orientation Program are:

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November (2:15 – 3:15pm)**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December (2:15 – 3:15pm)**

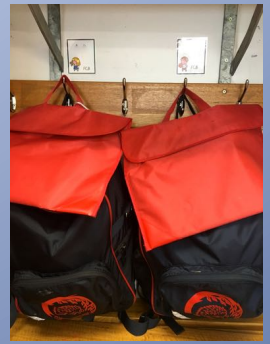
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December (10:00am – 2:00pm)**

Foundation teachers visit or contact Kindergartens of  
all students enrolled.



# First Day Tips

Tuesday 30th January 2018



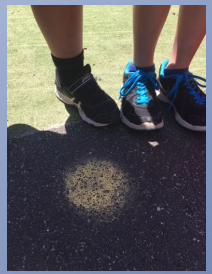
- On the first day, for children who have older siblings at the school it is a 8:55am start. All other students will begin at 9:30am.
- Please find your child's nametag outside the classroom, and then bring your child into the classroom to greet their teacher.
- Please hand all of your child's books, clearly named, to your child's teacher.

# First Day Tips

- Help your child find an activity in the room to settle into
- Encourage your child to find a peer they are familiar with, and introduce them to others at the activity
- Stay with your child for a short time
- Promptly say goodbye - be firm and friendly
- Teachers will make your child's first day as comfortable and stress free as possible
- 'Tea and Tissues' for parents in the stadium foyer!



# Drop Off and Pick Up



## In the first week:

- please bring your child into the classroom each morning to greet the teacher.
- you are welcome to pick your child up from the classroom from 2:30pm onwards.

## From week two onwards:

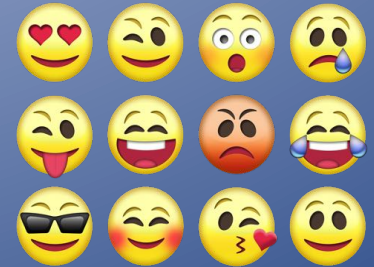
- please bring your child to their line up area near the Foundation rooms at 8:55am. Their teacher will meet them there and bring them into the classroom.
- please meet your child at 3:30pm at their line up area. The teachers will always walk the children outside of the classroom to meet you there.

**Help your child establish positive goodbye routines with teacher and classmates.**

# What To Expect in the First Few Weeks...

Starting school is a time of change in which children, families and educators adjust to new roles, identities, expectations, interactions and relationships.

Children may display a range of emotions and behaviours.



Allow time for your child to become confident and familiar with the school setting.

# Helping Your Child Manage School Life

- Establish and maintain before and after school routines
- Establish early and consistent bedtimes
- Help your child become independent, and to take responsibility for their own belongings
- Be positive and encouraging – foster an *I can do* attitude and remind students that mistakes are part of the learning process

# February Conferences

Foundation children do not attend school on the first 5 Wednesdays of Term 1.

During these Wednesdays, Foundation teachers will conduct one on one conferences with each child in their grade.

On our final Orientation Session (Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>), a sign up sheet will be posted on the Foundation Noticeboard in the hallway between the Foundation classrooms on which you can book a conference time for your child.

The first full week for Foundation students will  
be the week beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

# Foundation Structure

In 2018, we have four Foundation grades of approximately 19 students

- Strong focus on building students personal and social capabilities as well as academic
- English, Maths and Integrated Curriculum
- ICT including interactive whiteboards and 1:2 ratio of iPads in each classroom
- Foundation Curriculum Information Evening at the beginning of 2018

# Foundation Special Activities

- Boroondara Bear
- Foundation Stars
- P.M.P
- Gymnastics
- Swimming
- Botanic Gardens Excursion
- Fire Brigade Visit
- Life Education





# Home-School Partnerships

## We aim to:

- Work together to create positive attitudes to learning for each student
- Ensure families are informed about and understand their child's progress
- Value and use the skills and knowledge students bring both from the home to the school and from the school to the home
- Recognise and use learning opportunities in the home environment
- Work together in the educational decision-making process for each student

# Parent Involvement

Partnership and school involvement is encouraged through on-going communication:

- School Council
- Volunteer Group
- Classroom Helper
- Working Bees
- Excursion helper/School visitor
- Class Representative
- Canteen Helper



# Before and After School Care

- OSH Club operates before and after school on all school days (from 7.00 am / until 6.30 pm)
- All bookings, payment and administration are managed by OSH Club
- Enrol form online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au)

# Wellbeing and Safety

- Playground supervision before school, recess, lunch and after school
- Teachers are visible and have communication with the main office and each other
- Students with health concerns are easily identified by all teachers
- Separate areas and equipment according to age and development

# Wellbeing & Safety

- Trained first aid staff members are on duty during recess and lunch play in our first aid room
- Parents are notified of injuries or illness

# Communication



Sentral – this is our preferred mode

Fortnightly Newsletter -The Boroondara Park Press is available online as well as being emailed out to the BPPS community



Skoolbag (free for IOS and Android devices) -For last minute updates

Class Representatives -Each grade has parent representatives who support the students, assist class teachers and provide an important communication link with other parents within the particular grade.

## Reporting

- Comprehensive, detailed written reports are issued to parents twice a year - accessed electronically
- Formal parent/teacher interviews are held during Semester 1
- Parents are welcome to seek an appointment at any time with the Principal and/or staff to discuss any aspect of their children's schooling

Student Led Expos - Children are given the chance to share their work with their parents during our Student Led Expos

# Communication

Our school website - [www.bpark.vic.edu.au](http://www.bpark.vic.edu.au)  
Tonight's presentation will be available on our website



# Thank You

Thank you for joining us this evening.

We are looking forward to a great year ahead with you and your child.

