WELCOME TO ARMADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Armadale Primary School
Parent Information Evening

Starting school
2016

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Our School

Armadale Primary opened in September of 1884. The main single storey building was completed in 1886 with a further two storey building completed in 1901. A new multipurpose centre was completed in 2011.

The school will have an anticipated enrolment of approximately 400 students in 2016.
Whole Child Centered Learning at Armadale

- Engagement and well-being
- Personal and social development
- Relationships
- Wellbeing
- Health and fitness
- Growth and physical development
- Cognitive
- AusVels
- Open Mindset
- Curious
- Creative
- Collaborators
- Thinkers
- Problem solvers
- Wellbeing
- Self regulation and self management
- Values
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Preparing for School: A School/Home partnership
What is Transition?

- Transition is a process that takes time and varies from child to child and family to family.

- Transition builds relationships between families and school.

- Transition aims to:
  - Help children develop a sense of belonging to the school community.
  - Assist children to feel comfortable and secure in the school environment.
  - Promote an enjoyment of learning.
Changes from kinder to school

- Physical
- Routines
- Contact with teacher
- Relationships
- Becoming part of a new community
- School Programs
- Learning
Specialist Programs

- The Arts
- Library
- Physical Education
- Italian
- ICT

*It’s a team effort to educate the whole child*
Buddies
Our Transition Journey...

- Teachers
  - Visit kinders and liaise with teachers
  - Network meetings
  - Transition statements
  - Transition sessions at school
  - Family Interviews in 2016
  - Information Night 2016 - Tuesday 2 Feb
Our Transition Journey…

Parents

- Attend Transition day sessions
- Communicate with school
- Conversations with your child/children
- Acknowledge emotions
- Attend future information sessions
- Read Newsletter/Prep Bulletin
Our Transition Journey...

Children

- Are we ready for them?
- What to wear?
- Different feelings
Transition Days 2015

Friday 13 November: 9:45 – 10:45
Friday 20 November: 9:45 – 10:45
Friday 27 November: 9:45 – 10:45
Friday: 11 December: 9:45 – 10:15

- Parents and children meet in the MPC
- Collect name tags
- Teachers will take children to the Infant Hall area
- Parents stay in MPC for information session
- Teachers will return children to MPC
What do we ‘do’ with the children?

- Read a story as a group
- Sing a song
- Allow the children time to explore the learning space - inside and outside

Areas to explore include:
- Painting/Drawing
- Making Table
- Construction e.g. blocks
- Sensory e.g. playdough
- Puzzles
- Play equipment
How are the classes constructed?

- Transition statements from the kinders
- Anecdotal observations from the Prep teachers during visits
- Observations from the Prep Transition sessions
- Advice from the Kinder teachers
Last Transition Session

Friday December 11 2015
Parents and children meet in MPC

9:45 – 10:15am

• Children meet their new teacher
• Parents will be given important information for 2016
Before School Starts…

- Visit the school during the summer break
- Learn to use the toilet independently
- Label **everything**
- Use a tag on school bag
Before school starts...

- Dress rehearsal
- Refer to your daily checklist *(laminated sheet)*
- Become familiar with your lunchbox
Lunchbox Example:

We encourage nude food!
The First Days at School

- **Rest** is very important – limit after school activities

- **Establish routines** – *Bedtime, Morning, Punctuality*

- Encourage your child to be independent and confident as they come to school
Starting Times and Important Dates 2016

**Thursday January 28 and Friday January 29, 2016**
Family Interviews: Parent/s and child visit their teacher and classroom for a 15 minute chat. Date and time booked online.

**First Day: Monday 1 February 2016 - 9:00am**
Parents and children come into their classroom and stay, take a photo and then morning tea provided by the PFA (Parents and Friends of Armadale).
Parents collect children from their classroom at **2:00pm**

**Finishing times Term 1:**
Monday 1 Feb - Friday 26 Feb: **2:00pm**
Monday 29 Feb – Thursday 24 March: **2:30pm**

**Information Night: Tuesday 2 February 7:00 – 7:45pm**
Thank you for attending tonight’s Information Session. We look forward to getting to know you and your child/children.