2011 Transition Program For Preschoolers.
Dear Parents,

It is with excitement that we welcome you to the Syndal South Primary School Community. We hope that your time with us over the next seven years will be happy and productive. We will work together to develop a secure and challenging environment for your child. Syndal South can offer your child a broad education and take the time to cater for individual differences and needs, assisting your child to learn to their full potential. We will support your child as they begin their formal education and strive to develop a love for learning.

This booklet provides you with information about the comprehensive Transition Program offered at Syndal South. The program has been designed to enable you and your child to gain a clear understanding of how school works and to have experiences and begin building relationships before the commencement of Prep in 2012. Our aim is to provide you with the information to support your child’s transition from Kinder to School.

Take the time to enable your child to experience Specialist teacher activities in Term 3 and Prep classroom experiences in Term 4. We hope that you are also able to access the social and parent information sessions during this time.

Yours sincerely,

Susanne Lowe

Principal Ms Lowe reading with Preps
We would love to see you all at our Information Evening. This is a fantastic opportunity to see the terrific range of learning experiences offered at Syndal South Primary School. The evening will give you a chance to see the current Prep rooms and learn about the engaging and exciting Prep Curriculum we offer at Syndal South. Our Information Evening gives you a chance to meet the current Prep Teachers. They will be happy to discuss the Prep Curriculum and how they provide a safe and stimulating environment for the Preps.

**Information Evening:**

**Where:**
Syndal South Primary School – Prep Rooms (15 and 16)

**When:**
Thursday 25th August

**Time:**
7:00 – 8:30pm

**In attendance:**
 Susanne Lowe (Principal)  
 Gabby Hutchison (Ass. Principal)  
 Leanne Chidgey (current Prep Teacher)  
 Mandy Daws (current Prep Teacher)

**RSVP:** by Monday 22nd August - by email or phone the School on 9802 5277

**NOTE:** Child minding will NOT be available on the night.
Transition Program for Preschoolers!

At Syndal South we aim for a smooth and relaxed transition for all children coming into Prep. We begin our transition program early in Term 3 to provide many opportunities for school familiarisation. During the Term 3 program, preschoolers will meet many of the specialist teachers at Syndal South. This program will encompass a range of experiences including Visual Arts, Music, Japanese and Physical Education.

During Term 4 enrolled preschoolers are invited to participate in our classroom experience program. This is a wonderful opportunity to interact with the Prep teachers and experience ‘life’ as a Prep child, including Literacy, Mathematics, Discovery Learning and Computer sessions.

Program timetable:

**Term 3:** 2:35 – 3:15pm

- **Wednesday 20th July:** Music with Mrs Ferguson
- **Wednesday 3rd August:** Art with Mrs Mann
- **Thursday 18th August:** Physical Education with Mr Kenez
- **Thursday 1st September:** Japanese with Mrs Miyagi (Sensei)

**Term 4:** 2:35 – 3:15pm

- **Wednesday 12th October:** Prep Classroom Experience
- **Wednesday 26th October:** Prep Classroom Experience
- **Thursday 10th November:** Prep Classroom Experience
- **Thursday 24th November:** Prep Classroom Experience

We hope to see you all there!
Transition Program for Parents!

Not only is this a big time for your children, it’s also a BIG time for you - the parents! While the preschoolers are enjoying their Transition program, we invite families to be part of their own Transition Program! In Term 3, we offer different activities for you and your family to become more familiar with each other, and the SSPS surroundings. In Term 4, parents are invited to come along to information sessions. These sessions provide an opportunity to meet and have informed discussions with the Principal, Assistant Principal and learn about Curriculum and the school community. We hope you all have a great time in these sessions!

**Term 3:** 2:35 – 3:15pm

**Wednesday 20th July:** You are welcome to go with your child and enjoy the music session.

**Wednesday 3rd August:** Meet and greet other parents over afternoon tea, supplied by us, in the Staff Room.

**Thursday 18th August:** Have you seen our Joggers Track? We invite parents, grandparents and siblings to walk The Joggers Track, taking in the beautiful SSPS environment and surroundings.

**Thursday 1st September:** Parents: bring your siblings and a small afternoon picnic and relax in the Prep area. Your siblings are welcome to play in our Prep Sandpit.

**Term 4:** 2:35 – 3:15pm

**Wednesday 12th October:** Meet the Principal, Susanne Lowe and Assistant Principal, Gabby Hutchison

**Wednesday 26th October:** Learn about Literacy.

**Thursday 10th November:** Learn about Numeracy

**Thursday 24th November:** Parents Association and Wellbeing.
Life in Prep!

Each morning the Prep students participate in Early Years Literacy. This involves Reading and Writing activities. The children work in small groups independently, or with a teacher or helper. At the end of the session, the children have the opportunity to share their learning with the class.

Each week, the Prep students will have 4 to 5 one hour sessions of Mathematics. Here, the students will be participating in many hands-on and real life activities and games that focus on developing skills and strategies in Number (number recognition, counting, simple addition and subtraction equations), Space (two-dimensional shapes and three dimensional objects), Measurement, Chance and Data (measuring using informal units, such as counters and hand prints, collecting data and making simple graphs) and Working Mathematically (using materials and diagrams to investigate mathematical and real life situations).

During Term 1 our Integrated Curriculum focuses on social and emotional learning. These activities (learning centres) are designed to encourage interaction between children and foster the development of social skills and team work.

Types of learning centres that may be included in each session:
- A series of padlocks and a tub of keys
- A tub of water and objects that may float or sink
- Lego or boxes for construction
- A tin of buttons to encourage pattern making
- A series of different sized nuts and bolts
- Dress ups for imaginary play
- Puzzles

As well as the development of social competencies these learning centres also enhance problem solving, number sense, fine motor skills and the ability to sort and classify.

In Prep, we encourage parents, grand parents and friends to participate and help out in the classroom with a variety of tasks. This is a fun and rewarding experience. Everyone is welcome!
At Syndal South Primary School, we offer a “Prep – Grade 5 Buddy Program”. We have a session once a fortnight, as part of our regular Prep classroom activities. This is a very successful and exciting program that gives the Preps a “familiar face” and another friend in the playground and around the school.

Here are some photos of the Prep – Grade 5 Buddy Program.

Blowing Bubbles experiment

Shared drawing about school

Shared reading

We love our Buddies!

Syndal South is a great place to be!

We hope to see you all soon 😊
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