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KINDERGARTEN TO SCHOOL TRANSITION

Children who will be commencing Reception during **Term 3, 2021** are invited to participate in the following TRANSITION PROGRAM. We have tried to provide you with the basic information you will need but if you have any queries, please contact the school and we would be happy to assist you further.

Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century

Teaching and learning in the 21st Century requires recognition that successful education needs to provide a set of fundamental skills that are transferable and adaptable to whatever the future holds. In order to learn *how* to learn, children need to be provided with a solid foundation of skill acquisition and to develop a range of thinking and research abilities.

As educators, we aim to provide learning environments that offer lots of practise in how to make decisions, initiate ideas, persist, find out, try again, take risks, explore and research in a range of ways that relate to children's own interests. The Walker Learning Approach (WLA) encompasses a range of teaching and learning principles to deliver quality, personalised learning with a high level of student engagement. The WLA ensures that Australian Curriculum obligations are maintained and enhanced through effective teaching and learning strategies. It engages student and provides greater ownership and choice for them in their learning. This approach effectively supports our school philosophy and reflects our mission enabling the students to become 'creative learners in this ever changing world'.

➢ *When does my child come for 'transition'?*

- Thursday 3rd June: 9:00am – 10:40am ***(start of recess - bring a water bottle)***
- Thursday 10th June: 9:00am – 11:00am ***(end of recess - bring recess and a water bottle)***
- Thursday 17th June: 9:00am – 1:00pm ***(start of lunch - bring recess, a water bottle & a piece of Fruit for fruit time)***
- Thursday 24th June: 9:00am – 1.40pm ***(end of lunch - bring recess, lunch, a water bottle & a piece of Fruit)***
- Thursday 1st July: 9:00am - 3.20pm ***(end of day - bring recess, lunch, a water bottle & a piece of Fruit)***

- ***Does my child have to wear the school uniform for transition?***
  No. Most parents may not have bought them yet, but if you have and your child would like to wear them that is fine.

- ***Do I have to, or <u>can</u> I, stay?***
  No, you don't have to. Your child will be going into a very welcoming room. If your child is upset, you might like to remain, but it is best if you can try and 'get away' if you can. Sometimes little ones can be a bit upset, or even reasonably distressed at the 'point of separation' but they usually settle down shortly after parents leave. The classroom teacher is only a phone call away! We do just ask you to be back on time, to collect your child.

- ***Do I have to worry about what my child can and cannot do - eg. Read or write their name, etc.?***
  No. The children are coming just to get familiar with some of the people and the surroundings - the toilets, the playground, the drinking taps, etc. They will do some simple activities and the teacher will be able to glean a little about where your child is 'at', but these sessions will be fun and interactive to ensure that it is a positive experience for your child.

- ***How can I keep up to date with what is happening at school?***
  If you have specific questions about your child progress you are encouraged to make contact with your child's teacher. You can keep up to date with what is happening in our school by reading our Newsletters and 'liking' us on Facebook. Our Facebook page is regularly updated with useful information, photos, videos, etc. To 'like' us on Facebook simply click on the following link or type it into your web browser https://www.facebook.com/StJosephsSchoolPeterborough. Our school is also able to send you an SMS message to remind you of important events.