



PENINSULA

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Welcome to Prep at Peninsula Grammar.
We have prepared some helpful information to ensure
you and your child have a smooth transition into Prep.
We look forward to seeing your child learn, grow and flourish.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

First day is Thursday 28th January for ½ day and the Friday 29th January for ½ day.

Classroom doors will be open at 8.30am. Parents are invited into the classroom to participate in morning activities with their child.

At 9.00am, parents are welcome to attend a special morning tea in the H.A. Macdonald Pavilion.

The first two days at school are shorter days - we will finish at 12.00pm. Please collect your child promptly from their classroom.

Please provide a snack for munch and crunch, morning tea and a drink bottle.

FOOD TO BRING

In Prep we have a 'munch and crunch' food break. This is just a small snack to be eaten during the lesson break to energise students, e.g. celery, carrot, apple or rice crackers. This is NOT morning tea.

Morning tea and lunch are also required each day. No nuts or nut products are to be included please.

Please provide a water bottle for the school day.

FIRST FEW WEEKS

Children may take time to feel fully comfortable with their new school environment.

Our warm and caring staff will be informed of any issues that arise. Teacher-parent liaison is important to ensure your child feels secure and safe.

In the mornings there will be activities in the classroom to help your child start the day. Parents are welcome to stay for these activities. Formal classes commence at 8.50am and we ask parents to leave at this time.

For the month of February, children will not attend school on Wednesdays. There will be a time allocated for your child to spend one-on-one time with the teacher on one of these Wednesdays.

Week commencing 1 March, all Prep children will attend 5 days a week.







ABSENTEES AND PUNCTUALITY

The doors to the classrooms open at 8.30am and we encourage children to come at this time as it will help them settle into the classroom routine.

Formal classes commence at 8.50am.

If a student is absent, parents are required to ring before 10.00am to notify the School. We have a 24/7 absentee line and email address that provides one point of contact for parents to use to notify the School of student absences for all children. Parents can now ring 9788 7800 at any time and leave a message or email absent@pgs.vic.edu.au. Please provide your child's name and year level.

Reporting your child's absence is very important as it allows us to complete our regulatory paperwork accurately. We encourage parents not to take their son/daughter out of school during term time.

Requests for leave must be addressed to the Head of Junior School, or for leave greater than ten days, addressed to the Principal.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Uniform is the same each day in the ECC, regardless of sport.

In Term 1 when your child has swimming as part of PE we ask you to dress your child in their bathers under their uniform before coming to school. Please include a change of underwear in their swimming bag.

A school hat is required every day in Term 1 and Term 4.

Please apply sunscreen to your child before coming to school and include it in their school bag so staff may apply it as necessary.

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING! Labels for lunch boxes and iron on labels for uniform are essential to avoid losing items.

Please see below for visual references.

SCHOOL TIMES

8:30am	School doors open
8:50am	Formal class begins and attendance roll is taken. At this time we ask parents to leave, please.
10:40am–11:05am	Morning Tea
12:55pm–1:50pm	Lunch
1:50pm–1:55pm	Attendance roll and afternoon meditation quiet time
3:20pm	Dismissal

COMMUNICATION

Classroom information and reminders can be found on our classroom blog accessed via Zenith.

Occasional information will be sent home in the blue reading satchel.

In early February you will have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher. In March you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with the classroom teacher. Notification will be sent home regarding the booking process.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS

We encourage all parents to keep their teacher informed of issues that might impact on the student's behaviour and wellbeing. If you have any concerns, the first point of call should be the classroom teacher. All staff have an 'open-door' policy to parents. Even small concerns should be brought to our attention as soon as possible. The best time to discuss any concerns with us is after school. Appointments can be made via the ECC office 9788 7836.

You can also contact Mrs Nicholls-Easley, Head of Junior School - Inichollseasley@pgs.vic.edu.au.





HOW CAN I PREPARE MY CHILD FOR READING?

The following tips will help prepare your child for reading:

- Frequent sofa reading
- Enjoy reading with your child
- Discuss the characters in the story
- Ask children to predict what they think might happen
- Encourage children to spend time alone 'reading'
- Encourage children to retell stories in their own words, posing questions about the story
- Encourage children to make up their own stories using picture books.

HOW CAN I PREPARE MY CHILD FOR MATHEMATICS?

There are a number of ways to help your child prepare for Mathematics:

- Counting things in everyday life, e.g. how many doors, how many spoons etc
- When shopping get your child to get 6 oranges, 2 lemons and 4 apples

- Sorting shells at the beach, buttons and fruit and discuss which group has more or less
- Look for things round, square or rectangular
- Let your child play with containers of different sizes and shapes in the bath, cooking or in the sand pit to learn about capacity
- When speaking, use words such as high, low, slow, fast, small, big, same and different.

THE NIGHT BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school is a big one. We encourage you to prepare the night before by:

- Helping your child to pack their school bag
- Letting your child know who will take them to school and pick them up on the first day
- Making sure their uniform is ready for the first day
- Making sure your child has a relaxing and calm day before the start of school.

THANK YOU! WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT YEAR!



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