Welcome to Prep 2013 at GIPS
Our Prep Team in 2013

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Getting Ready for School

- Visit the school grounds for a play

- Levy payments & Book box pick up from the multipurpose room
  - Wednesday 23rd January 8.30am - 12.30pm
  - Thursday 24th January 8.30am - 12.30pm

- Play date at Ferndale Park
  - Monday 28th January
**Book Box Collection**

- Items included in box: zoom crayons, writing pencils, glue sticks, coloured pencils, textas, display book, scrap books, writing book, document wallets (red and blue)
- Note inside giving directions for naming items
- Bring along the book box with you on the first day
- School Entry Assessment schedule to be filled in as you pick up the book box
- Collect Art Smock (if you ordered one)
What Preps will need

- School Bag
- Hat
- Sunscreen - roll on
- Snack, lunch and drink (water)
- Spare pair of undies
- Art smock
- Library bag provided by Education Department with the Starting School Kit

Please name all children’s belongings including hats, jumpers, bags, lunch boxes, drink bottles
The First Day

Thursday 31st January
9.15 start
12.30 finish

Morning tea in Multi-purpose Room
The First Week

- Thursday 31st January 9.15am - 12.30pm
- Friday 1st February 9.00am - 12.30pm
- Monday 4th February 9.00am - 12.30pm
- Tuesday 5th February 9.00am - 12.30pm
- Wednesday 6th February Rest Day
- Thursday 7th February 9.00am - 3.30pm
- Friday 8th February 9.00am - 3.30pm

Children will have an early lunch at school.

Wednesdays in February are rest days for Preps.
Assessments will occur on Wednesdays for 50 minutes per student (Prep rest day)

Parents are not required to stay during the assessment time, coffee/tea and biscuits will be available in the staffroom

Assessment data is used to inform teachers’ planning
Our New Class and New Routines

- Getting to know each other
- Recognising and taking care of new belongings
- Toileting routines
- Play based classroom activities and whole class introductory literacy and numeracy activities
Playtime

- 10.40am - 11.10am
- Toilet and wash hands
- Designated area for Preps
  - Prep Adventure Playground and Sandpit area
- Teachers on duty first two weeks
Lunchtime and Pick Up

- Toilet and wash hands
- Play in playground

- Pick up time in Prep Playground Area under the tree
Friday is Icy Pole Day

- 50c collected by teacher
- Icy poles delivered to classroom
Early nights
Enjoy the time-remain positive and supportive
A welcome BBQ will be held on Tuesday 12th February at 6pm
A Prep newsletter will go home to families during the first week of school in a notice folder (blue for eldest, red for younger siblings)
Information Sharing

- There will be opportunities to meet with the teacher and attend an information night
- If you have some important information to share with the teacher, please make a time to chat after school
We really appreciate having help in the classroom and this will commence in Term 2.

We will run information sessions for parents interested in helping out in the classroom.
We look forward to a great year in Foundation!