



# Welcome to Kindergarten

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Merrylands East Public School



# School Principal



**Mr John Goh**

*Our Principal is responsible for the educational leadership and management of our school.*

*If you would like to speak to the Principal, please contact us to make an appointment.*

# What to pack in the bag



water bottle



lunch box



hat

- ✓ *Students in Kindergarten will be supplied with stationery.*
- ✓ *It is necessary to have your child's name clearly written on all items that come to school.*

# Pack your child a healthy lunch box

## Fruit



## Vegetables



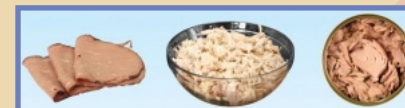
## Dairy



## Wholegrains



## Lean meat



✓ Please pack small amounts of food as our students are provided with 30 minutes of recess time to eat and play during the day.

# Library bag



✓ Please remember to bring the library bag to borrow books to read at home.

# School uniforms

*This is our summer uniform.*



*This is our sports uniform.*



✓ *The Uniform Shop is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:45am to 8:00am.*

# Attendance and absences



- ✓ *Students must attend school regularly so they can achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options.*
- ✓ *If your child is unable to attend school due to illness or unavoidable circumstances, please send a note to the class teacher explaining the absence on the first day your child returns to school.*

# School hours and punctuality

**School hours are from 8:00am to 1:15pm.**



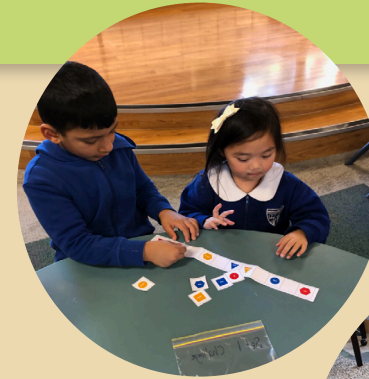
*Developing the habit of arriving punctually for school ensures that students are not missing out on valuable learning time in the class.*



# Learning in Kindergarten

## What happens every day?

*Literacy (Reading, Writing), Numeracy, Play*



## What happens on some days?

*Science, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education*

*Creative and Performing Arts, History/Geography, Library, Assembly*



# The value of play

*Play is an integral part of our class time at Merrylands East Public School. Children practice and reinforce their learning in multiple areas during play.*

- *Cognitive skills*
- *Language skills*
- *Literacy skills*
- *Physical abilities*
- *Social skills*
- *Emotional skills*



# Is your child ready for Kindergarten?



## Kindergarten students should be able to...

- ✓ *zip and unzip a school bag*
- ✓ *open a lunchbox, drink bottle or a packet of chips*
- ✓ *put on and take off a jumper*
- ✓ *go to the toilet independently and wash their hands*

# Separation Anxiety

- ✓ *Talk with your child about going to school.*
- ✓ *Focus on the positives such as meeting new friends and teachers.*
- ✓ *Get the bag and school uniform ready before bed.*
- ✓ *Drop off your child at the gate and say good-bye.*



# Additional needs

*If your child has additional support needs, our school will work collaboratively with parents and carers to meet the learning and support needs of your child.*

*Please make an appointment with Deputy Principal Mrs Jenny Noble to discuss your child's additional needs.*



# Any questions?



## Contact school office

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