Warwick East State School
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"Everyday, Everyone is Learning to Live and Living to Learn"
Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner and Be Responsible
Unsuitable food for lunches

- Soft drinks
- Nutella tubes or Roll-ups
- Coated foods
- Chocolate, chocolate flavoured or chocolate coated foods
- Cakes with lots of icing or cream
- Chips or lollies

Welcome to Prep at Warwick East State School. We trust that you and your child will have an enjoyable year.

The time has arrived for your child to attend school for the first time. As with any new situation there are new expectations, questions and perhaps some apprehension.

This booklet has been created to assist you and your child with the preparation required for beginning school.

A qualified teacher and teacher aide will staff prep classes. The teachers are responsible for the organisation, running and curriculum of their class.

You can assist the school, yourself and your child by reading this booklet carefully. You and your child will have an enjoyable year.
FOOD FOR HUNGRY KIDS

Please consider carefully the foods you include in your child's lunchbox. We encourage children to make healthy choices to eat first and leave the 'treats' for later. Containers need to be easy to open, food should not need reheating or cutting up and spoons need to be included so that your child can independently manage their food.

Suitable Health Choices:

- Bread - sandwiches, rolls, French sticks, pita or lavish bread
- Crackers - rice, Ryvita, Sao, Salada
- Savoury biscuits
- Cheese / salad / olives
- Salami / meat
- Vegetables - carrot sticks, beans, capsicum
- Boiled eggs
- Baked beans (in a container they can open)
- Fruit - fresh, dried or canned
- Yoghurt / milk
- Custard (not flavoured)
- Buns - plain or fruit
- Leftovers
- Cereal or nuts
- Tuna (in a container they can open)
- Muesli bars (prefer not chocolate)

IT'S THE FIRST FULL DAY OF PREP - WHAT DO WE DO?

Arrive at school at approximately 8:30am, and go to your child's classroom. There will be signs to direct you.

Help your new Preppie unpack his/her bag. Please ensure that all requirements are named and show your child where the port rack is for his/her bag. Proceed to show your child where the classroom fridge is for his/her lunch box.

Greet the teacher who will help your child get started on an activity in the classroom.

Sit with your child at the activity and when the teacher indicates it is time to start, say your goodbyes and reassure your child that you will be coming back to get him/her in the afternoon at 3pm.

It is best to cheerfully say goodbye and quickly leave rather than dragging out the parting process. As soon as the parents have gone, the children will be settled with a story or a song. The teacher and teacher aide will support your child and let you know if he/she does not settle.
A sample timetable for Prep Term 1

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<th>Activity</th>
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<td>8:50 am</td>
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<td>9:00 am</td>
<td><strong>Focused Learning and Teaching</strong>&lt;br&gt; The emphasis is on numeracy and literacy activities, fine motor and thinking skills. Some activities may include metalinguistics, unit work, simple board games, smart board activities, real life experiences and investigations, computer skills, imaginary/dramatic play situations, and negotiated tasks.</td>
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<td>9:30 am</td>
<td>Reading Groups</td>
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<td>10:00 am</td>
<td>Fruit time, Toilet</td>
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<td>10:15 am</td>
<td>Phonics/Handwriting</td>
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<td>11:00 am</td>
<td>Play Time and Lunch</td>
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<td>11:45 am</td>
<td>Literacy and Numeracy activities</td>
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<tr>
<td>1:15 pm</td>
<td>Afternoon Tea</td>
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<tr>
<td>2:55 pm</td>
<td>Prepare for going home. Reflect on day</td>
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<tr>
<td>3:00 pm</td>
<td>Home time</td>
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**CHILDREN’S REQUIREMENTS**

- **school uniform**
  - school hat (school hats are available from the uniform shop)
  - school bag - of a good size
- a Library Bag - with drawstring/closing top
- a spare set of clothes - to remain in the child’s bag
- Prep Booklist items
- a piece of fruit for "Fruit Break"
- afternoon tea with healthy food (eg. cheese and/or yoghurt)
- nutritional sandwiches for lunch
- **Please Note**: A fridge is available for lunch boxes.

**LUNCH BOXES**

Please make regular checks of the lost property baskets located on the verandah outside the office or inside the Prep room. Having names on your items will ensure that property is returned to the right child.

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**NAMES AND LABELS**

As young children often do not recognise their own belongings, we cannot emphasise enough the need to label absolutely everything - bags, lunch boxes, hats, library bag and clothing.

**LOST PROPERTY**

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PARENTS
Parents play an important and valued role in their children's education and therefore are an important part of our program. Once the children have settled at Prep, parents are invited to help in the following ways:

- supporting the P & C
- working positively with your teacher and teacher-assistant (for the betterment of your child)
- supporting and encouraging your child to develop a positive feeling of their worth
- offering to help with any hobbies, interests or expertise you have e.g. music, craft, cooking etc.
- reading the newsletters
- collecting 'junk' materials to use in collage and resources for use in the school
- small group work
- helping out at the tuckshop.

UNIFORM

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UNIFORM PRICES

**UNIFORMS ARE ON SALE IN THE UNIFORM ROOM BETWEEN 2:45pm AND 3:15pm EVERY WEDNESDAY**

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<td>By order only. 4 - 16 Y</td>
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<td>Spray Jackets</td>
<td>By order only. 14S - 24 3XL</td>
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<td>Hoodie</td>
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Once the teaching session has commenced it is difficult to speak with the teacher privately as it disrupts the class. We are always happy to discuss any matters to do with your child, often this can be done informally before or after sessions. An appointment for a mutually suitable time will need to be made for more formal interviews.

**ITEMS FROM HOME**

Toys and trinkets from home very often become lost or broken at school. It saves a lot of time and heartache if these are left at home. Any toys that find their way to school will be cared for in the office until the end of the day. Staff cannot assume responsibility for any loss or breakage.

**SHARING INFORMATION**

Events in family life e.g. births, visits away, relatives visiting, accidents, major illness, can be of concern or excitement to children and can affect their behaviour. It is important that the home and the school share any information which may affect the child. We would appreciate if you would inform us of any unusual happenings, as we will inform the child.

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EXCURSIONS
During the year we may organise an excursion of educational value for the Prep students. Written permission from parents will be necessary before a child may participate in any excursion. An outing may incur a cost, which will need to be paid prior to the excursion.

NEWSLETTERS
Prep information will be included in the school's weekly newsletter "East Echoings" which is emailed home each Monday. If you don't have an email address you can collect a paper copy from the office. Extra information pertinent only to Prep will be outlined in separate newsletters.

REPORT CARDS
Report cards will be emailed home twice a year, in Term two and Term four. If you don't have an email address you can request a paper copy through the office.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Your Prep teacher is happy to discuss your child's progress with you at any stage throughout the year. If you have any queries or information to relate, please do not hesitate to make a time to see your teacher. Formal parent/teacher interviews will be offered twice a year.

ATTENDANCE
Regular attendance at Prep is important. If you are going on holidays, or there is an illness in the family, please contact the school office on 4660 5888 or phone the absence line on 4660 5860.

Please Note: Commencing soon there will be a new system in place where a text message will be sent to parents/caregivers if your child is absent and you haven't notified the school.

ILLNESS
Parents of Prep students who are injured or become unwell at school will be contacted to consider the best course of action for their child. Medical opinion may be sought or an ambulance called if parents cannot be contacted. This makes it imperative that the information on the student's enrolment form is updated regularly (especially addresses, telephone numbers and emergency contacts).

Strict new procedures have been developed by the Queensland Government regarding prescription and over-the-counter medication in schools. Our school is committed to working closely with parents and students to highlight the risk of students misusing these medications. Education Queensland Regulations require that, before medication is administered by staff the following conditions must be satisfied:

All parents/caregivers must:
- Notify the school in writing of a health condition requiring medication at school
- Request in writing if school staff are to administer medication or assist in the management of a health condition - forms available from the Hub.
- Notify the school in writing of any requests and/or guidelines from medical practitioners including potential side effects or adverse reactions.
- Provide the medication in the original labelled container to the
In 2017, Warwick East State School will be continuing to implement the Australian Curriculum. Education Queensland has developed the materials and resources for this implementation. This Curriculum is called "Curriculum into the Classroom" (C2C).

Warwick East State School will also use the Early Years Curriculum Guidelines to incorporate the following:

- Supporting play as a context for learning;
- Understanding each child as an individual;
- Developing supportive partnerships;
- Providing flexible learning environments;
- Social and personal learning;
- The five learning areas in the curriculum are:
  - Social and Personal Learning;
  - Health and Physical Learning;
  - Language Learning and Communication;
  - Early Mathematical Understandings; and
  - Active Learning Processes.

Children come to Prep with different experiences, interests and learning needs. Teachers plan programs that aim to promote the achievement of every student.

Music / Physical Education Specialist Lessons

Prep children will participate in music lessons and physical education. Lessons by specialist teachers.

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In Prep we implement the following programs to assist students in their Prep:

- Jolly Phonics, Lead 21, Decoding in Reading Strategies, Seven Steps to Writing, Policy, Jolly Phonics, Lead 21.

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