



# Kentlyn Public School

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Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers of 2021 Kindergarten students,

## Kindergarten 2021 – Virtual Transition



Starting Kindergarten is an exciting time for children and their families. In their first year of school, students learn through explicit teaching, interactions, exploration and play in the classroom and play ground. They develop their understanding of school life, establishing positive learning behaviours and routines. Our school vision ‘*Together We Can – Learning for Life*’ nurtures a love of learning that prepares students to become lifelong learners.

**Due to COVID-19, we have unfortunately, had to make some changes to our transition program. However, we have developed several resource packs, PowerPoints, videos to help you transition your child to our lovely school.**

On **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020**, we invite you and your child to visit our school and pick up the first of a few Kindergarten packs. The first pack will include information about Kentlyn Public School and activities for you and your child to do to help them prepare for ‘big school’. You will also have the opportunity to meet our lovely friendly staff in the office that will go through the package with you. You are welcome to drop in at the office at a time that best suits you. We will be here ready to welcome you and talk you through the packs 😊.



When you come in we will also walk you through the packages and show you how to access our online information that will be posted to further assist your child’s transition to Kindergarten. We will show you how our Seesaw app will work and the Kentlyn & Ruse Website where you can get further information.

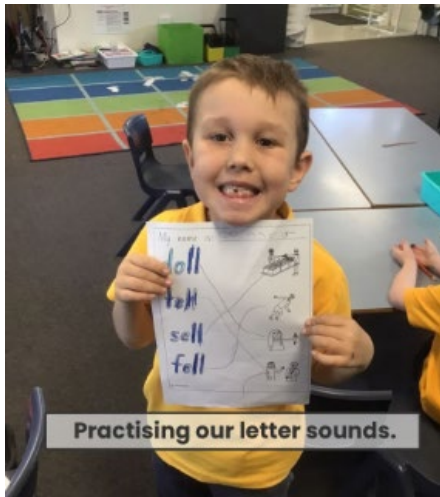
<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/home-learning-rps/kentlyn-ps/kindergarten-2021>

We want to ensure that we make this virtual transition to Kindergarten as seamless as possible during this current climate and unprecedented times.

We will also have our school uniform on display and you will be able to purchase your child’s school uniform ready for Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.

It is our intention that we will be delivering updates and information to you via the two above mentioned websites. We will be posting information on both these virtual sites to further assist your child with getting to know our school and some of the routines ready for 2021. Through this App, we will send out videos showcasing our staff, students and school. This will help your child get to know staff and the school prior to him / her starting in 2021.

### 2021 Dates to add to your calendar:



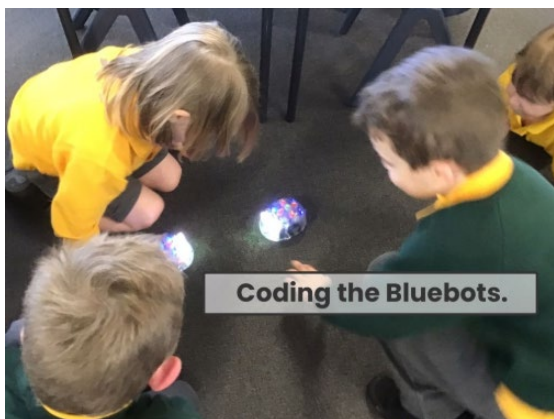
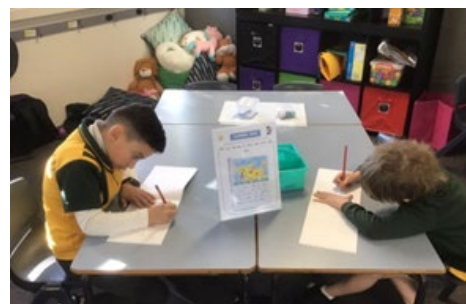
#### **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 – Best Start testing and transition days.**

- All Kindergarten students participate in Best Start Assessments before beginning school. Best Start Kindergarten Assessment identifies student's literacy and numeracy skills on entry to Kindergarten. This assessment is purely for us as classroom teachers to assess where your child is to ensure that we cater for their individual needs. The assessment should take approximately 45 minutes. They will be assessed in literacy and numeracy.

As a way of transitioning your child to kindergarten we are also organising for your child to stay and

experience a day in kindergarten, until 2:30pm.

Our new Assistant Principal Mrs Sarah Harris, will be supervising the students in the 2021 Kindergarten classroom. The transition will be five students per day, depending on the day that your child has been assigned.



#### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

All Kindergarten students attend school for full days, with the support of Mrs Mammoliti, our School Learning Support Officer, the classroom teacher and Mrs Harris.

Please note that there might be variations to this proposed plan, depending on the Department of Education's updated Covid-19 guidelines and requirements.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us on 4628 2455 and speak to our lovely ladies in the office Karen and Michelle.

Regards

*Androula Kavallaris*

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