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Dear Parents/Carers of 2021 Kindergarten students,

Kindergarten 2021 – Virtual Transition- **Week 4 Update**



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.

This week's resources that are available for you on our Ruse and Kentlyn website as well as your, now activated and live, Seesaw App.

- **Kindergarten transition video links** to watch with your child that cover topics such as
 - Transition to school
 - Getting ready for school
 - Understanding behaviour such as excitement as well as 'nervousness' about what lies ahead
 - Numeracy website
 - Trusting the count – number talks
- **Literacy PowerPoint** – A very brief outline and premise of how literacy is taught at Kentlyn Public School
- **Literacy resources** – In your literacy pack, which you will be able to come and pick up once again from our lovely ladies in the office, will contain some of these already printed and ready to use with your child.
- **Literacy Pack** – Visual representation of what it includes

On **Thursday 5 November, Friday 6 November and Monday 9 November, we invite you and your child to visit our school and pick up the second pack in our series of Kindergarten packs. This pack will include information about English/Literacy and flyers on how you can further support your child at home.** You will also have the opportunity to see 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, 3rd 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 29th January, Monday 1st February and Tuesday 2nd February 2021 – Best Start assessment 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 to six students per day, depending on the day that your child has been assigned.

Wednesday 3rd February – Friday 5th 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.

Regards

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Principal