



# Kentlyn Public School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all well. I know that most of you were expecting that with the new announcements that Kindergarten Orientation will be one of the major changes and allowing students and parents back on site. As a school we are moving to Level 3 Plus restrictions, which unfortunately still do not allow for Kindy Orientation sessions to take place on school sites.

As a school we are ready to go with all our Kindergarten packs and information that we will make available to you as our 2022 kindergarten parents and carers.

**We have 3 packages that we are ready to deliver to your front door early next week.** This will be done in a covid safe contactless way. The 3 packs will be delivered to your home and be left outside your front door. All 3 packs will be inside our school library bag, a complimentary gift for your child 😊 We ask that you keep them in a safe place and start with the light reading that we are providing for you.

Every fortnight Mrs Harris and I will be unpacking each of the packs with an email, a PowerPoint and any other relevant information. I will be sending these information notes and links to the 2022 Kindy Seesaw app and via email. Please remember that we sent the QR codes to all families in our last pack.

**In late November, depending on departmental guidelines, we would like to have a couple of 2022 Kindy Play dates and host an information evening to answer any questions you might have either here at school or via zoom. Of course, if DoE guidelines change and the orientations can take place, we will definitely update this plan.**

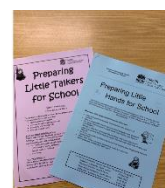
This week we are going to be focussing on the 'Kindergarten Package 2' pack which includes the following:

Your seesaw app QR code was posted to everyone in your last package.

- Various information booklets
- Getting ready for Primary School flyer
- Why regular attendance at school matters
- A courtesy library bag
- Canteen and uniform list
- Activities that you and your child can complete at home to get them ready for kindergarten
- Activities to strengthen your child's fine motor skills



*"Preparing Little hands" – Activities to strengthen your child's fine motor skills*



### **Purchasing School Uniform:**

If you would like to purchase your child's school uniform in advance we are more than happy to assist. We ask that you follow these 5 basic steps:

- Complete the uniform order form attached
- Pay using our P&C account details which are provided on the order form
- Email the school: [kentlyn-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kentlyn-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) and attach your order form as well as your paid receipt number.
- The lovely ladies in the office will get your order organised and ring you to come up and pick up from the school. To ensure that we are covid safe we ask that once you are outside our main office gate, you call the office and the lovely ladies will bring it out to you.
- If the size is too big or too small, we can exchange with no problem at all.

We also have 3 video links to further support our Kindy transition:

- Welcome to Kentlyn Public School
- Transition to School – what you as a parent can do to support your child
- Our School Library – an introductory video

Welcome to KPS- <https://youtu.be/kH1xVXGpmko>



Welcome to KPS library- <https://youtu.be/6x59Dm7N8LQ>

### TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcINGGuysBE&t=148s>

Starting school is an important time for children and families. Children who make a positive start to school are more likely to:

- feel comfortable, relaxed and valued
- feel excited and motivated to learn
- have good relationships with others
- develop a sense of belonging within the school community.

Starting school is not just about the first day. It's a process that begins when children and families start to prepare in the year before, and continues as children experience their first days, weeks and months of school.

Please remember that you can contact me at any time via email if you have any questions or queries.

Take care and stay safe

*Androula Kavallaris*

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