

EARLWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Kindergarten Transition - Session 1

Wednesday 18 October 2023



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY



Earlwood Public School would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Wangal, Bedigal and Kameygal people of the Eora Nation.

We pay our respects to the courage of the Elders past and present.

With loyalty we recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land, which continue to be important today.

With courtesy we must remember that this is, was and always will be Aboriginal land.













Kindergarten Transition

18 October

- ESPA
- School Uniforms
- Before and after School care-Earlwood Caring for Kids
- School Programs

25 October

- Road Safety
- Speech Pathology
- Kindergarten Program
- Best Start Assessment Dates
- First days of Kindergarten – survival tips

1 November

- EPS Mini-showcase
- Morning tea / light refreshments

Earlwood School Parents Association (ESPA)





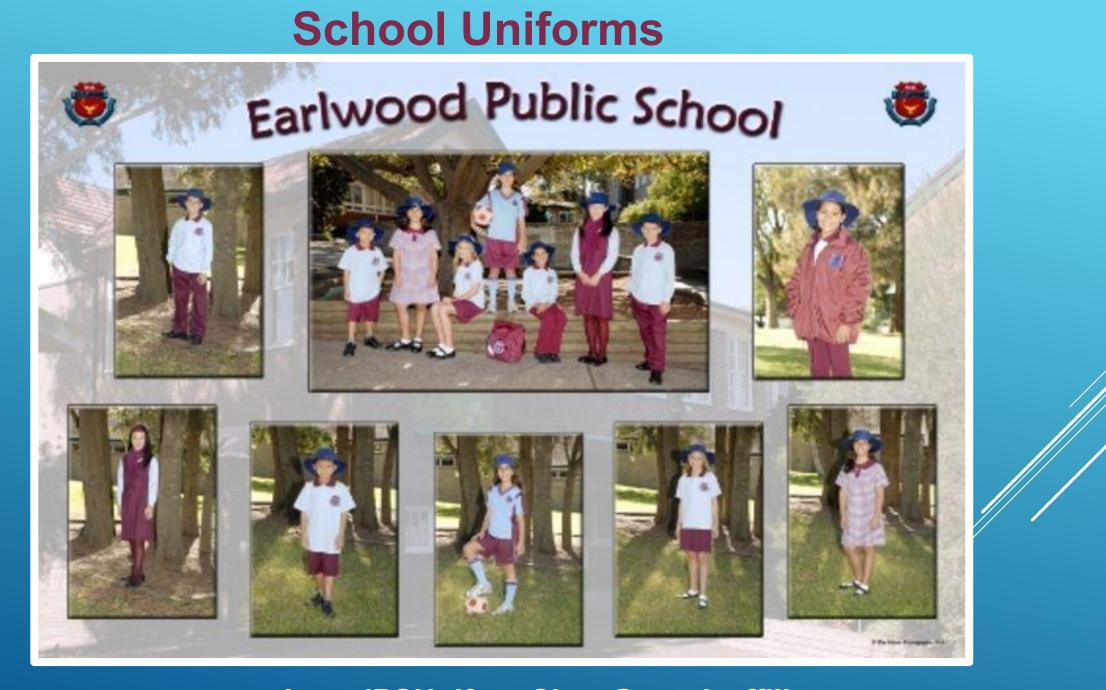












Email orders to earlwoodPSUniformShop@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Greek Community Language Program

The Greek language program has been a feature of Earlwood Public School for over 25 years and it is taught from Kindergarten to Year 6.

The aim of this program is both language exposure and language fluency as well as an appreciation of Greek culture.

K - 1 children receive two hour tuition per week. For Years 2 to 6 there are classes for advanced speakers and beginner speakers. These children receive two hours tuition a week as well. Whole school participation is encouraged.







Before and After School Care



Library

All classes visit the library each week to borrow and enjoy literature. All students have regular access to the library during school hours. The library has 15 desktops, laptop computers and access to iPads. The library is also open during second half lunch (1:30pm - 1:55pm). It is important that students bring a library bag, with their name on it to



- The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)
- Book Character Parade Term 3

library classes.







Student Wellbeing

Student wellbeing is at the centre of everything we do. Students are explicitly taught social skills, effective strategies for positive peer relationships, anti-bullying strategies and leadership.

Supportive and positive
Buddies Program K-6
Mindfulness program
Anti Bullying lessons
School Counsellor – learning and emotional needs









K-6 Buddies Program

The Buddies Program is a peer support program designed to help Kindergarten students transition to school.

Kindergarten children will have a familiar face, someone to look after them when you are not around and someone to play with during those first few weeks until they begin to establish their own group of friends.

 Weekly structured activities Bullying. No Way! Day activities Easter Hat Parade Book Week Parade







Keeping in Touch

Email earlwood-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au **Telephone 02 9789 5066** Facebook Earlwood Public School **ESPA - Earlwood School Parent Association** Audiri Earlwood Public School Website https://earlwood-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/



Important Dates

Student / teacher appointment times:

Thursday 1st February 2023 BEST START ASSESSMENT Friday 2nd 2023 BEST START ASSESSMENT Monday 5th February, 2023 BEST START ASSESSMENT

First Day Of School - Tuesday 6th February, 2023

All Kindergarten students will commence school at staggered start times of ly on their first day between 9:05 - 9:35am. School pick-up is at 3pm.

Information Form

You are your child's first teacher and what you know about your child is valuable.

The survey allows the teachers to gain a better understanding of your child, their interests, abilities and any areas of need.

Please bring the completed form with you to next week's session.

Consistent and Carers, Your child is a valued member of our school community. To help us understand them better, please fill in the following questionnaire, so that together, we can make the transition to school proceed smoothly. Student's Name:______ D.0.8:______ Name of Preschool (if applicable) : ______ Contact name at Preschool: _______ I give permission for staff from Earlwood Public School to contact my child's preschool if necessary : Yes/No

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please tick/highlight the skills that reflect your child's development at this point in time. (We understand that young children change so fast -- if they can't do something this week, they may be able to do it a few weeks later.)

Has your child had any assessments?	
o Vision	o Speech
o Hearing	 Occupational Therapy
o Paediatrician	o Other
o Psychologist	 Copies have been provided to the school
Gross and Fine Motor Skills	Academic Skills
 Holds a pencil using three fingers when drawing 	o Shows curiosity or has an interest in learning
 Uses either right or left hand for most fine motor 	o Can sit for 10-15 minutes at a table
activities	 Can participate for 30 minutes in a group activity
 Can use scissors to cut along a straight line 	 Can follow a basic pattern e.g. 12121212
 Runs, skips, hops and jumps in a coordinated way without support 	o Recognises letters and numbers
	o Can write own name
	o Can read independently
Self-Care Skills	Language Skills
 Uses the toilet by themselves 	o Follow a two-step instruction e.g. put your shoes awa
 Uses a hanky or tissue by themselves 	then come to dinner
 Dress and undress without assistance 	 Asks and answers a simple question
 Looks after their belongings 	o Expresses their ideas clearly
 Can open their lunch box/ food packaging 	o Listens to a story and recalls events and characters
Personal Social Skills	Emotional Regulation
o Can take turns and share	o Identifies likes and dislikes
o Can line up with others	o Identifies own emotions e.g. I am sad
o Shows an interest in their peers and forming friendship	s o Allows others to comfort them if upset or agitated
 Can finish a set task and clean up afterwards 	o Accepts unexpected changes
 Separates easily from parents/caregivers 	o Accepts not being first at a game or activity
3 - ^ 11 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1	 Accepts losing at a game without becoming
 Adapts to new environments and new people well 	upset/angry

CHECKLIST

- Attend the next Earlwood Public School's orientation to school program
- Return the information form to the next session
- ✓ When immunisations are due, ask to have your child's hearing and eyesight checked.
- Speech assessments, occupational therapist or psychologist appointments if you have concerns
- If your child has an allergy, medical condition, takes medication or has any special needs, inform the school as early as possible and make an appointment to see the Principal
- ✓ Organise out of school hours care
- Talk positively about going to school





QUESTIONS?













Session 2 Wednesday 25th October

Please take your child straight to the classroom between 9:00 - 9:15 am

The information session in the hall will begin at 9:15 and

Collection of Children

Children will be collected one at a time at the door of the classroom.

Earlwood Caring for Kids is open. Please enter via the gate on Richard Avenue.