



BILLANOOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM TERM 4

Dear Parents,

We have been pleased to see the number of children who have participated in our transition program so far this year. The children seem to enjoy joining in the activities and are at the same time becoming more familiar with our school. Our transition program for term four will provide further opportunities for your child to continue this process.

- ***Safety House Puppet Show***

Your child is invited to join our current Prep and Year One children to watch a puppet show on **Friday 16th October**. The puppet show will be held in our school hall from 2:30 until 3:30. The cost of the show is \$6:60 which can be paid at the door. You do not need to book in for the puppet show.

- ***School Sessions***

We will holding two 'School Sessions'. These sessions will involve your child in a rotation of four activities with our current Prep teachers and four of our Specialist teachers. For each session please bring your child to the hall where they will be allocated to a 'colour group' and a Prep teacher who will then accompany them throughout the activity rotations. Please collect your child from the hall at the end of the 'School Session'.

Please note that the teacher to whom your child is allocated may not be their teacher for 2010. Staffing for 2010 is not decided until late November.

The first 'School Session' will be held on **Tuesday 13th of October from 9:00 until 11:00**.

This session will involve activities with Mrs Banfield in the library, Mr Steele (P.E.) in the hall, Mrs Blain in the art room and Mrs Murphy in the music room.

The second 'School Session' will be held on **Wednesday 18th of November from 11:30 until 1:30**.

This session will involve activities with Mrs Murphy in the music room, Mr Steele (P.E.) in the hall, Mrs Blain in the art room and Miss Engelhardt (German) in room 6.

Your child is invited to attend both sessions. You do not need to book into these sessions.

- ***Orientation Morning***

On **Tuesday 8th December** your child is invited to come to school for the morning and be 'a real school person'. Your child will meet their teacher and classmates for next year.

Details about arrangements for this morning will be distributed at the Prep Information Evening.

****The activities listed above have been organised to assist your child in their transition to school.***

We are also providing opportunities for you to become more informed about your child's first year at Billanook and these activities are listed over the page.

PARENT PROGRAM TERM 4



- ***Literacy Workshops***

Three evening sessions which will provide you with an insight into how your child will develop literacy skills and how you can assist this development.

Please see the attached notice detailing arrangements for these sessions.

- ***Transition Information Session***

This session will be held on Wednesday 18th of November from 11:45 until 12:45 in room 4.

This session has been planned at the same time as the second 'School Session' so that you can attend it once you have dropped your child off at the hall. The session will be conducted by Mrs Julie O'Byrne. Julie is an educational psychologist who provides support for teachers, parents and students at our school.

- ***Prep Information Evening***

Will be held on **Wednesday 25th November** at 7:30-9:00 in our school hall.

This meeting will provide you with an outline of the transition process throughout February and give you an opportunity to meet your child's teacher. Parents are strongly urged to attend this important meeting as many aspects relating to your child's first weeks at school will be discussed.

We look forward to seeing you and your child at Billanook throughout the term. If you have any queries please feel welcome to contact us at school.

Thank you

Julie Legione (Principal) and Sharon Kidner (Prep Transition Co-ordinator)