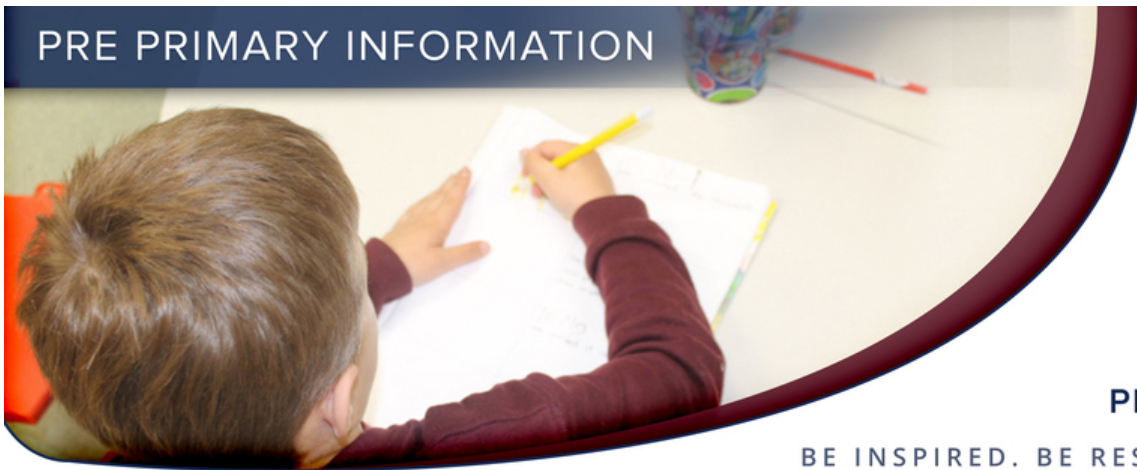


PRE PRIMARY INFORMATION



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Pre-Primary Parent Information

**Pre-Primary commences Wednesday, 31
January 2018**

Bibra Lake Pre-Primary Centre

Welcome to Bibra Lake Pre-Primary! The purpose of this brochure is to help you become acquainted with the day to day running of the Centre and to provide you with a few notes about what to expect as your child begins attending Pre-Primary sessions.

TIMES: All Groups Monday to Friday 8.48am – 3.02pm
Wednesday 8.48am – 2.30pm (currently under review)

The first day of Pre-Primary will be Wednesday, 31 January 2018. As Pre-Primary is now compulsory, all children will attend full time from this date.

All Pre-Primary children must be accompanied by a parent/ carer to class each morning. Parents/carers must stay with the children until the door is opened. To comply with duty of care it is imperative children are handed over from the parent/ carer to the teacher. The hours of Pre-Primary sessions coincide with the starting and finishing times of the school as a whole. It is most important for your child and the staff that you are on time at both the beginning and end of each session. After the session children will wait inside the Centre until their parent arrives, and if someone other than a parent will be collecting your child, you must notify the teacher. Please tell the other person to identify himself or herself to the teacher.

TELEPHONE

Phone: 9417 3303 specifying to whom you wish to speak.

Aims of Pre-Primary

Pre-Primary is a transitional year which supports the child and his/her family in settling into Primary School Education. A

developmental programme which incorporates all learning areas helps a child to grow socially, emotionally, physically and cognitively. Children are involved in group and individual activities indoors and outdoors. Assessment in all learning areas is continuous and related to the Australian Curriculum and the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF). The Early Years Learning Framework highlights the specific ways that young children learn. We support children to have a sense of:

Belonging

Children need to understand where and when they belong – family, culture, neighbourhood and wider community. Children build relationships with other children and adults. They will have the opportunity to contribute in small and large groups practising many skills including negotiation, empathy and fairness.

Being

We celebrate your child's interests and strengths and acknowledge weaknesses. The classroom and outdoor environments will provide opportunities to engage in challenges in complex situations that will require problem solving and the integration of learning over many curriculum areas.

Becoming

As your child develops we will support their learning dispositions such as curiosity, co-operation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflection. This is seen in a variety of ways, - from learning through play, to a more structured approach to learning. We provide a balance to teaching that is reflective of the children's ability to learn new skills, gain information and maintain a positive attitude towards learning.

Outside, the children gain control over large and small muscles by running, climbing, building, jumping, digging etc. They learn to cooperate with others - adults and other children, to share and to respect the rights of others.

Our primary concern is that Pre-Primary will always be a safe, secure and happy place for your child.

The most important thing your child learns each day can't be brought home in a bag.

Skoolbag

Our School has its own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name "Bibra Lake Primary School" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. Newsletter can be accessed and important reminders sent to keep our parents informed of events happening in our school.

Website

<http://bibralakeps.wa.edu.au/>

Our Website is full of important information and regularly updated. If you require any information on school events, we have a live 'School Calendar' that you can easily check regularly. Newsletters are accessible through our School APP (Skoolbag) and 'Important Dates' events are displayed.

Day Care Carers

If your child attends day care, please notify us in writing of this arrangement. Day Care providers are to stay with children until the class door is opened. Before and after school care is available on site. Contact Helping Hands on 0420 656 371 or go to our website for more information.

Bags/Notes

Please check your child's bag regularly for notes. Bags need to be big enough to fit all their things, such as spare clothes, work, lunchboxes etc. All notes sent home are displayed on the notice board. Please check the noticeboard regularly and if you do not have a note, please see the teaching staff.

Outdoor Play Equipment

Please note for the safety of your child the play equipment is out of bounds before and after school. For Duty of Care, parents are required to leave the Pre- Primary area once their child has been collected.

Fruit and Lunch

Children are requested to bring a piece of fruit or vegetable to share at fruit time. Canteen orders can be placed for lunch. Orders must be placed in lunch baskets supplied at each classroom.

Dress

Pre-primary t-shirts are held in stock at the Uniform Shop. The Uniform Shop is staffed by parent volunteers. Please check the newsletter for opening times.

The children will get dirty. Most paint splashes come off in the wash, especially after soaking, but there are a couple of colours, which have pigment that is difficult to remove.

Shorts and tracksuits are most suitable for the activities, which are part of the program. Please ensure your child wears toilet-wise, manageable clothes.

A hat must be worn outside at all times. Please put sunscreen on your child before they arrive at Pre-Primary. The "No Hat No Play" in the sun rule applies to the Pre-Primary children. Children are required to wear the school broad brimmed hat. These are available from the Uniform Shop.

A spare set of clothes including underpants left in your child's bag is essential. There are occasions when accidents happen and it is necessary to change clothing. Having a spare set of familiar clothing in the bag, relieves some of the child's anxiety. (Please check periodically to see if these still fit your child and are in season). Please mark all items clearly with your child's name.

Shoes

As we are establishing a standard of dress, 'safe' shoes or sandals must be worn (not thongs, gumboots or clogs). Also, because we will be encouraging independence the children need to practise the management of their own footwear.

Absentees and Health

As pre-primary is compulsory a note or phone call explaining each absence is required to be given to the classroom teacher. Remember, if your child is unwell; please keep him/her at home until completely recovered (even if your child says he/she wishes to come). It is essential that we can contact a responsible adult at all times. Please advise your Teacher and the School Administration of any changes to phone numbers and emergency contacts.

If your child requires support for a health condition, please contact our Administration Office on 9417 3303.

If your child is required to take any medication, a Form 3 - Administration of Medication form can be downloaded from our web site, completed and handed to the office.

Birthdays

Birthdays may be celebrated with small cakes if parents wish. Please remember to ask the teacher how many children are in each group. Please don't allow your child to bring chewing gum, lollies or other food or drink. Please be mindful of children's food allergies.

Toys and Jewellery

Please leave toys and jewellery at home as children become distressed if they are lost or broken.

Parent Help Roster

This is not restricted to mothers. A visit by dad, no matter how short, is meaningful to a child, helping him/her take pride in all he/she is doing. Grandparents are also welcome to visit.

This is an opportunity for you to interact with your child. He/she is the special child that day and will look forward to the time when he/she can share pre-primary with you. Therefore, we request that younger brothers and sisters do not accompany you on parent roster.

Laundry Roster

Every week, we will have a bag of laundry – aprons, tea towels, hand towels etc. – that need washing. We will ask each family in turn to launder and return these items as soon as possible.

Any Queries?

Any parents who wish to contact the teacher with regard to their child's progress, are urged to make an appointment.

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