



Important Information for 2019 Foundation Parents

Dear 2019 Foundation Parents,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for attending recent transition events. The afternoon tea party was a great success. The children thoroughly enjoyed participating in the organised activities. We would like to extend an enormous thank you to the level five students and 2018 Foundation parents who supported this event.

Information contained in this flyer is in response to queries and requests raised by parents at recent transition events. Some information from previous flyers has been repeated to accommodate those parents who did not receive earlier emails.

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Change to start dates

Please find below the updated start dates for Term One 2019.

Wednesday January 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School commences for Foundation to Level 6 Foundation children attend half day only for the first day of school (Boys - morning session 9:30-11am) (Girls - afternoon session 1:30-3:00pm)
From Thursday January 31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full school days for all Foundation students except for six consecutive Wednesdays as detailed on the next page.



Preparing for School

Listed below are the links to some video clips about school readiness which may help you prepare for your child's transition to school.

[Thinking about transition](#)

[Getting Ready for school](#)

[Understanding behaviour](#)

[Coping skills for children](#)

[A change for the whole family](#)

These resources are found on the Kidsmatter website (<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/mental-health-matters>), which has a range of resources on parenting, starting school, and how to support your children's social and emotional wellbeing across the transitions and challenges that life can bring.

Term One English and Mathematics Interviews

With the exception of the first Wednesday of school, the next six consecutive Wednesdays in Term One are set aside for all Foundation children to participate in the English and Mathematics online assessments. Both assessments are conducted in a one-on-one interview situation between the class teacher and child. A parent or known adult is required to attend both sessions. The duration of each session is forty minutes. Dates allocated for the English Online Interview are

Wednesday February 6th, 13th and 20th. The Mathematics Online Interview will be conducted on **Wednesday February 27th, and March 6th and 13th.** Parents will be informed of how to register their child for both assessments at the Parent Information Evening on Wednesday December 5th. For those unable to attend the session an email will be sent with details on how to register on Thursday 6th December.

Please note if you do not register you will be allocated remaining available times.

Parent contact list

Over the last couple of years a parent contact list has been set up for Foundation parents to contact other parents over the school holiday period, to organise play dates or just have a catch up. Parents interested in providing contact details e.g., name, number and email address can either register at the Parent Information evening or send an email to the school with permission to include their details on the contact list. The contact list will be distributed to all Foundation parents from your class at the final transition session, along with a letter listing your child's 2019 class teacher and class members.



School Uniform, Book Bag and Art Smock



Primary School Wear (PSW) supply our school uniform online and at their store located in Cheltenham. It is advisable to start shopping for your child's school uniform and book bag now, so that PSW can ensure stock availability ready for the commencement of the Foundation school year. Please note your children will also require an art smock for their Visual Arts specialist class.

In addition to the school uniform, **Primary School Wear stock the green book bag all Foundation children need** to carry their diary, notices and take home books between home and school.

PSW are located at 15 Mills Street, Cheltenham

Online: www.psw.com.au

Store hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am-5:30pm, Saturday 9am-4pm

SEPS School Bags and polo tops

SEPS currently have school bags in stock. The school bags are only available for purchase from the school office. The cost of the school bag is \$65.00 payable by cash, cheque or credit card.

Foundation 2019 polo tops are also available for purchase at the office for \$25.

School bags can be purchased on Tuesdays & Thursdays or by arrangement.

Please phone 9598 1704.



Emails and Compass Smart Phone App



COMPASS

School Manager

Compass is a means of instant communication that is used by SEPS to inform the school community of school events and updates. All 2019 Foundation families are encouraged to register for the Compass smart phone app!

Compass will be used to remind 2019 Foundation families of

upcoming transition events, but we will also send information via email, so make sure the office have your current email address.

SEPS Newsletter

The SEPS weekly newsletter is distributed electronically through Compass. Parents of 2019 Foundation children who would like to read an electronic copy of our weekly newsletter to keep up with all the news from SEPS are able to access this newsletter by clicking on the 'Online Newsletter' link at <http://sandringhameastps.vic.edu.au/>



SEPS final transition events for 2019 Foundation children

Visit the Specialist Areas - Physical Education and Performing Arts

Date: Thursday October 25th

Time: 9:45—10:45am

Please note school bags will be available for purchase before and after these sessions.

9:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please arrive promptly at SEPS and locate your child's name tag on the table in the assembly area. Name tags will be ordered alphabetically by surname. Please attach your child's name tag in a prominent position. Children will then line up on the two assembly lines — girls in one line and boys on the other.
9:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will be taken to their first session. Boys will participate in a Physical Education session with Mr Richardson. Girls will participate in a Performing Arts session with Mr Scherpenhuizen. Parents will be directed to the library for a presentation on school readiness and transition to school.
10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children swap activities.
10:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents return to the assembly area to wait for their child.
10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children return to the assembly area to meet their parents.

Visit the Foundation learning area - Children meet their 2019 level six buddy

Date: Thursday November 29th

Time: 2:00—3:00pm

1:55pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please arrive promptly at SEPS and locate your child's name tag on the table in the assembly area. Name tags will be ordered alphabetically by surname. Attach your child's name tag in a prominent position and escort them to the Foundation learning area where they will be greeted by a teacher. Parents are encouraged to say goodbye to their child and return to SEPS by 2:55pm. Please note this is a <u>student only</u> session. Children will listen to a story and meet their 2019 level six buddies. The 2019 level six students will work on an activity with their buddy to support the development of a social story. The social story will be given to the Foundation children at the final transition session. Parents are encouraged to read the story to their children over the school holiday period.
3:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents return to SEPS to meet their child in the assembly area outside the Foundation Learning Area. The 2019 level six students will accompany their buddy to the assembly area to meet their buddy's parents.



SEPS final transition events for 2019 Foundation children

Parent Information Evening

Date: Wednesday December 5th

Time: 7:00pm

Where: Sandringham East Primary School library

Important information pertaining to the 2019 school year will be disseminated at the Information Evening.

Parents will be informed of how to register for their child's Literacy and Numeracy school entry assessments on the night.

Parents can register their details for the parent contact list.

Please note this is a parent only event.

Visit the Foundation learning area - Children meet their 2019 class teacher

Date: Thursday December 13th

Time: 9:30—11:00am

Where: Foundation learning spaces

9:25am

- Please arrive promptly at SEPS and locate your child's name tag on the table in the assembly area. Name tags will be ordered alphabetically by surname. Attach your child's name tag in a prominent position and escort them to the Foundation Learning Area where they will be greeted by a teacher.

Parents are encouraged to say goodbye to their child and return to SEPS by 10:55am.

Please note this is a student only session.

- Children will participate in a short literacy and numeracy session with their 2019 class teacher before meeting with their buddies. The children will receive their social story.
- A letter outlining class placement including contact details of class parents will be distributed to all children at the end of the session.

11:00am

- **Parents meet their child in the assembly area outside the Foundation learning area.**

