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## TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

You are cordially invited to our extensive, 5 week Transition to School program for all pre-school children thinking about starting at Blackheath Public School in 2019.

Your child will be assigned to a 'colour group' for the purposes of this program only. These groups have no bearing on the class into which your child will be placed. Classes are formed on the basis of discussions with preschools, a balance of gender and age as well as consideration for special needs.

The transition program has a mixture of activities for children and parents as listed below. While we encourage you to come along to all of the sessions, we would particularly like to see parents in weeks 1 and 5.

Week 1 Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☺ Welcome to all the families</li> <li>☺ Activities for children starting Kindergarten in the hall</li> <li>☺ Meet and greet staff, including current Kindergarten teachers</li> <li>☺ Tour of the school with Year 5 'buddies'</li> <li>☺ Parents receive Information packs and further details of the program</li> <li>☺ There is the opportunity to meet other parents</li> <li>☺ Morning tea for everyone!</li> </ul>
Week 2 Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☺ Children have their first classroom visit with the Kindergarten teachers</li> <li>☺ Meet school volunteers – including P&amp;C, Canteen, Scripture and Ethics teachers, etc.</li> <li>☺ Recess with 2018 Kindergarten children (children to bring their recess)</li> </ul>
Week 3 Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☺ Kindergarten classroom visits and activities</li> <li>☺ Recess with 2018 Kindergarten children (children to bring their recess)</li> <li>☺ Optional parent tour of the school.</li> <li>☺ Uniforms will be available for purchase</li> </ul>
Week 4 Wednesday 7 <sup>st</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☺ Kindergarten classroom visits and activities</li> <li>☺ Recess with 2018 Kindergarten children (children to bring their recess)</li> <li>☺ Meet Counsellor, Learning &amp; Support Teacher, BOOSH</li> <li>☺ Uniforms available for purchase</li> </ul>
Week 5 Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☺ Parent information session with Kindergarten teachers focussing on Literacy and Numeracy development and home school partnerships</li> <li>☺ Children visit library, computer rooms, canteen and office with Year 5 buddies</li> <li>☺ Concert and presentation of certificates</li> <li>☺ Uniforms available for purchase</li> </ul>

***Parents please bring your children directly to the Blackheath Public School hall at 9.20 a.m. You will need to sign in and collect name tags at the tables before entering the hall. As teachers are supervising their own classes until this time, the hall will only be opened at 9.20 a.m. Once in the hall, you will be warmly welcomed by staff involved in presenting the Transition to School Program. We ask you to promptly collect children at the end of each session at 10.50 a.m., before school children commence their recess.***



The transition program will offer a range of activities to help your pre-schooler:

- ✓ Feel welcome and comfortable within the school
- ✓ Become familiar with the school environment and the layout of the school
- ✓ Get to know other children who will be in Kindergarten next year and develop new friendships
- ✓ Develop friendships with students in Year 5 who will become their Year 6 buddies in 2019
- ✓ Get to know the staff at Blackheath Public School
- ✓ Help determine whether your child is ready to start school in 2019
- ✓ Feel confident about starting school
- ✓ Spend time in a classroom and get to know how it looks and what it feels like being at school
- ✓ See our fabulous music program at work
- ✓ Become familiar with the library
- ✓ Meet our Café manager and see our school kitchen at work.

Parents will also have many opportunities to develop new friendships and get to know the other families starting Kindergarten.

We look forward to meeting you and being partners in your child's learning.  
Warm regards,

Jane Davies  
Principal  
Blackheath Public School

