Prep 2020
Information Session
Chapel Hill State School
Thursday 01 August, 2019
Striving for Excellence
Principal’s Welcome

“Learning with joy, creativity and wonderment”
Matthew Butcher (President)
You are Starting School Too!

You are Nervous too!

Get involved!

Whether it be as a Class Rep, assisting Teachers, go to after school catch ups or join the P&C team and help with something around the school.

You get to know what is happening and even influence things at the school.
Support the School

What do we do?
Offer a Communication Channel for Parents and Citizens and the School.
We also help with all of the “Fluffy” things around the school that are not part of the school budget, but are ‘Nice to Have’.
Things like:
Air Conditioning for Classrooms
Band Uniforms
School Banking
Class / Parent Representatives
We are assisting with laptops and computers
Tuck Shop / Uniform Shop
Building & Grounds
Nature Play
Colour Run
Mother’s & Father’s Day
Parent Evenings
Fete – Festival on the Hill

Fireworks!

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Christmas Concert
Class Parent Reps help you get settled into the school community, and become part of the community. A lot of parents form lifelong friendships from these meetups. They are also a communication channel for the P&C and school to ensure important messages get to you as parents.
What can you do?

• Come to a P&C Meeting (2\textsuperscript{nd} Tuesday of the Month)
• Volunteer to run a stall at the fete
• Work in the Tuck Shop
• Bake for the Tuck Shop (Carrot Cake, Anzac Biscuits etc)
• Donate time and / or money
• Contribute at Events
We are also DGR Compliant, so any donation that you make to the P&C Directly to our Building Fund is Tax Deductible (check with your accountant)

Did you know?
If every child that starts Prep next year, has 1 parent (not even 2) that volunteers 2 hours of their time during the year to the P&C, then we would have 240 hours, or 6 weeks of a full time person, and if that is expanded to the whole 7 years at Chapel Hill State School, then we cover all of the weeks of the school year.
Possible Future Projects

Taking over the management of OHSC (After School Care)

Laptops / Computers - Improved Technology including Coding

Feel free to put forward your own suggestions
Uniform Shop Relocation
Prep students are expected to wear the school uniform available from Uniform Store operating from the Tuckshop.

*The Uniform Store is opened to counter service every Monday morning from 8:00am – 10.00am.*
Our School

• Positive Learning  (Deputy Principal, Tal Mitchell)

• Student Support Services  (Head of SSS, Tina Wogandt)
Our teaching approach in the Early Years

WALKER LEARNING:
...a holistic approach......committed to developing children who can think for themselves and for others, can create and imagine, who are strong in their literacy and numeracy, and who can navigate the challenges of the world with intrinsic motivation and strength of character made of a strong sense of self and resilience.
Our teaching approach in the Early Years

Provides experiences to develop skills for life including:

- Resilience
- Problem Solving
- Creativity
- Thinking Skills
- Self-Concept
- Intrinsic motivation
Reflects that children require a mix of active investigation alongside explicit, formal instruction.
A typical day in Prep

Jane Speed-Smith – Prep Teacher

Inquiry Learning Block
Tuning-In → Investigations → Reflections
(English- Maths-Science-HASS- Physical-Social-Emotional Development)

Literacy Block
Explicit Teaching + Hands-On Activities
Whole Class – Small Group – One on One

Numeracy Block
Explicit Teaching + Hands-On Activities
Whole Class – Small Group – One on One
Parents have the opportunity to settle their child in, see what’s happening in the room, talk briefly with the teacher, or make a special appointment for an interview.

**Term 1 - Weeks 1,** our doors open at 8.30 a.m. for an 8.45 a.m. start. (From Week 2, doors open at 8.45 am)
A typical day in Prep

Martina Horn – Prep Teacher

Meal Breaks
Brain Snack
Lunch
Afternoon Tea
Prep Playground & Year 6 Buddies

During Term One, all Preps play in a designated Prep Playground.

Year 6 Student Leaders take on the role of ‘Playground Buddies’.
Perceptual Motor Program

Jodie Anthony– Prep Teacher
As part of the curriculum, students at Chapel Hill have weekly lessons with the Music Specialist, P.E. Specialist and the Librarian.
Is my child ready for Prep?

Janet Hoek - Deputy Principal, Teaching & Learning

**Social and emotional** areas are the key areas of development that are most important for a child in regard to school readiness.

The key areas of social and emotional maturity related to school readiness can be summarised by reviewing these questions.........
Is my child ready for Prep?

At kindergarten does your child .....  

• Separate easily from parent / carer at drop off  
• Independently make a decision of where they are going to work / play  
• Self initiate, engage and sustain engagement (6 – 8 minutes), have the skills to solve basic problems and ask for help from the teacher if needed  
• Work and play besides other children  
• Have basic independence skills (able to put shoes and socks on, art smock on, toileting independently)  
• Sit with the group (eg mat time) and remain focused, ask questions and answer questions from the teacher  
• Self regulate their emotional response when they need to do something they don’t want to (eg don’t tantrum when it is time to pack up)
Is my child ready for Prep?

School readiness is paramount to giving children the opportunity to **thrive and flourish** ....not just cope.
Readiness for school: Why is it important?

School life needs to be a fulfilling, rewarding and happy experience ...
Chapel Hill State School - Transition to Prep 2020

Save-the-Date Events

Information Session:
Thursday 01 August 2019
5:00pm-6:15pm
General Information session, early prep curriculum, meet the Prep Team and tour Prep classrooms.

Kindergarten Connections:
Term 4, 2019
Contact Bell Prep teachers and consult with your child’s kindergarten teachers - allowing them to more easily plan for continuity of learning and development.

Story-Time Sessions:
Friday 11, 18, 25 October 2019
2.30pm-2.50pm
For enrolled students, come along to our fun Story-Time sessions with one of our Prep teachers for stories and rhymes that encourage early literacy and numeracy skills while also familiarising your child with our teachers and our campus.

Smart Start Program:
Thursday 7, 14, 21, 28 November 2019
9:00-10:30
For enrolled students: A series of four orientation sessions held each Thursday in November.

Parent-Child Teacher Meetings:
Friday 24 January 2020
This optional visit to your child’s Prep classroom just prior to the first day of school allows for some one-on-one time with the teacher and familiarisation with the room layout.

First Day of School:
Tuesday 28 January 2020
Students start their exciting journey of learning and independence.

Parent-Teacher Evening:
Term 1, Week 2, 2020
5:00pm - 6:45pm
This session covers the daily routines and practical issues that arise in the first weeks of school.

Save-the-Date

SEPTEMBER:
Festival on the Hill

OCTOBER:
Story-Time in the Library

NOVEMBER:
Smart Start Sessions
Ensuring a positive start...

Term 4, 2019:
• Transition to Prep Information Statements
• Linking with our local kindy centres

Student-Free Day 2020
• Parent-Child-Teacher Interviews & Classroom Orientation
When can my child start Prep?

All Queensland children are eligible to attend full-time Prep if they attain the age of 5 years by 30 June in the year they propose to attend Prep.

Children commencing Prep in 2020 will have been born between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015.

School commences on Tuesday 29 January, 2020.
Be involved in the school...

Parent involvement is encouraged and valued. There are many different ways parents can assist or be involved:

• Helping in the classroom
• Assisting on excursions
• Being a classroom parent representative (C.P.R.)
• Assisting with school community events / fundraising
• Attending P&C meetings (Held 2nd Tuesday of each month)
Enrolment Management Plan

This plan is in place to ensure that:

• The school’s enrolment capacity is not over-extended

• We can cater for in-catchment enrolments

• We allow for an in-catchment growth during the year
How do I enrol my child?

Enrol your child **NOW**.

An ‘Enrolment Form’ can be downloaded from our website.

Provide the following document/s:
  • Birth Certificate (Australian born students) OR
  • Child’s passport (for all students born overseas) and Visa documentation.

A copy of these documents is required for our records. Please bring your originals AND a copy.
Prep 2020 enrolment timeline

For in-catchment or current sibling/s enrolled:

• Complete enrolment form

• Enrolment complete → attend ‘Smart Start’ Transition Sessions in November.
For out-of-catchment:

• Submit enrolment form → name on waiting list

• Successful families on waiting list will be contacted early October (Please have a contingency plan)

• Enrolment complete → attend ‘Smart Start’ Transition Sessions in November.
Where can I get more information?

Chapel Hill State School – Prep Information Handbook
https://chapelhillss.eq.edu.au/

Education Queensland

Australian Curriculum Preparatory Year
http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/FoundationYear

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