



Ferny Hills State School

Prep Year 2021

Achieving success together, every day.





Transition Program for Pre-Prep students & Parent Information Sessions.

2021 Prep Transition	Student Activities (Prep Transitions start at 9am)	Student Venue	Parent Information Sessions	Parent Venue
25/08/20 (9am – 10am)	Welcome to school Library Activities	Prep Classrooms	Getting to Know Ferry Hills State School	Resource Centre (Library)
12/10/20 (9am – 10am)	Literacy Activities Storytelling and craft	Prep Classrooms	Ready, Prep, GO! Starting School Successfully	Resource Centre (Library)
29/10/20 (9am – 10am)	Numeracy Activities Artistic Numbers	Prep Classrooms	Prep Year Literacy and Numeracy	Resource Centre (Library)
27/11/20 (9am – 10am)	Music Lesson	Prep Classrooms	Support Programs & Inclusive Education (Uniform Shop Open)	Resource Centre (Library)



Wednesday 27 January, 2021

Doors open at 8:35am

Please bring your child to the room & enjoy a classroom activity with your child

For a successful first day at school:

Uniform, bag, lunch box (brain break, first lunch and second lunch), a hat, waterbottle and a smile. 😊

FERNY HILLS STATE SCHOOL




- SCHOOL MOTTO: *“Strive, Seek, Find”*
- SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS:
 - *We are Safe*
 - *We are Respectful*
 - *We are Responsible*
 - *We are Active Learners*
- VISION STATEMENT: *“Achieving success together, every day.”*

Class Allocation for 2021



- How will I know what class my child is in?
- Who their teacher is?
- What is their sports house?
(Banks, Cook, Hicks)
- Email will be sent directly to parents in Week 8 of Term 4 (by Friday 27 November)



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Friday 27 November 2020

WELCOME TO PREP YEAR FOR 2021

Dear Mrs Smith,

I would like to welcome you to our school community.

Your child has been placed in **Prep D and their teacher is Mrs Michelle Drake.**

Your child's Sports House is:

BANKS

Prep provides an engaging learning environment. Students will be involved in a variety of hands-on learning activities that are based on the Age Appropriate Pedagogies Philosophy, and clearly aligned to the Australian Curriculum.

Ferry Hills State School will host our final Prep 2020 transition visit on:

- **Friday 27 November (9am – 10am)**
- **Student Session Focus: Music Engagement**
- **Parent Session Focus: Inclusive Education which encompasses all students with additional learning needs**

The Uniform Shop will be open from 8am – 9am on Friday 29 November, should you wish to purchase uniforms for your child/children.

Prep Resource Scheme: You will receive a separate letter via email regarding next year's Prep Resource Scheme. The Prep Resource Scheme replaces a booklist and is a more economical means for providing learning equipment for your child. The letter sets out further information, including cost and terms.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Bradley Geisel
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Mrs Michelle Drake
Prep D Teacher
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Prep 2021 Introductory Letter—Prep D students



Leadership Team

- Principal – Brad Geisel (bgeis2@eq.edu.au)
- Deputy Principal – Gemma Dunn (gdunn12@eq.edu.au)
- Head of Curriculum & STEM – Carly Bell (cbell62@eq.edu.au)
- Pedagogical Coach – Jo Smith (ismio@eq.edu.au)
- Business Manager – Andrea Simons (asim09@eq.edu.au)



Prep Teaching Team



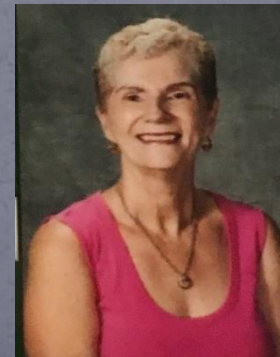
- Michelle Drake (Prep D)



- Alice Smith (Prep S)



- Teacher Aides:
- Mrs Megan Grainger
- Mrs Alex Webb



Inclusive Education Team



- Courtney Bernard – IET Teacher (Prep & Year 1)
- Sara Hocking – IET Teacher (Years 2, 3 & 4)
- Michael Trafford - IET Teacher (Years 5 & 6)
- Kylie Sweeting – Guidance Officer
- Sandy Burman - Chaplain

Daily School Routine



- 8:30 – 8:40 – Walk your Preppie to Class
 - 8:50 – Rolls are marked, class begins
- (note: If you are running late, you need to go to the office to collect a late-slip for your child).
- 9.30 – 10am - Brain Break
 - 11am – 11.10am – Morning Tea
 - 11.10am – 11.35am – 1st Break Playtime
 - 11.40am – Middle Session
 - 1.10pm – 1.20pm – Afternoon Tea
 - 1.20pm – 1.45pm – 2nd Break Playtime
 - 1.50 – Last Session
 - 3pm – School finishes (collect your child from the classroom)

Typical Week at Ferny Hills



- Assembly: Mondays, 2.20pm in the Hall)
(variety of student awards presented)
- PE, Music & The Arts (30 minutes per lesson)
- Library Borrowing
(Don't forget a library bag)
- PMP (Perceptual Motor Program): Mondays in the Hall.



Uniform



Black Shoes, White or Bottle Green Socks

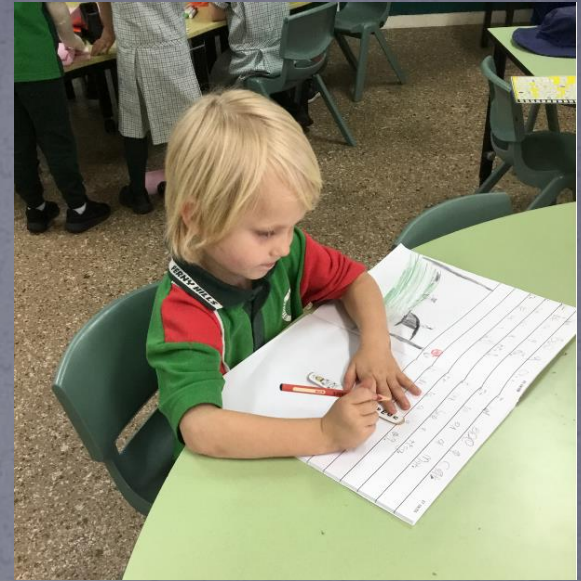
Experiences and Events

Classroom Experiences

- Interactive Whiteboards
- iPads
- Hands-on learning resources
- Multi-purpose hall
- Reverse Cycle A/C in all classrooms
- Full time aides for Prep classes
- Numerous well equipped playgrounds

Events

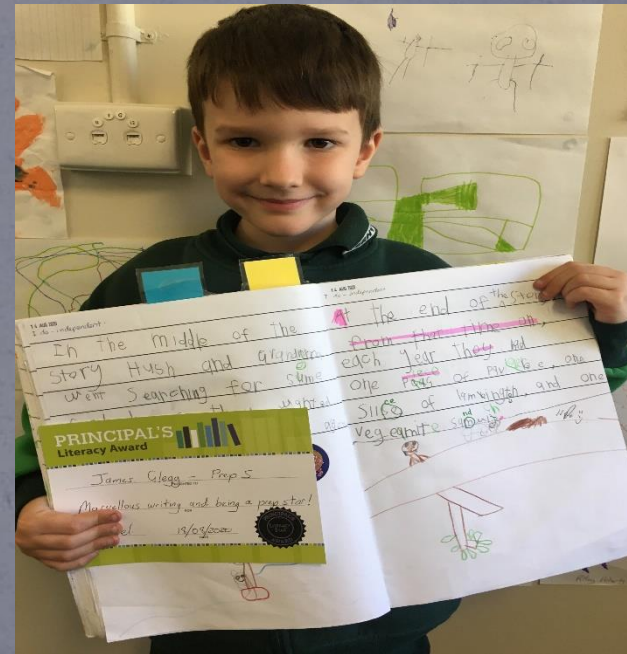
- Literacy and Numeracy Week
- Book Week Parade
- Under 8's Day
- Colour Fun Run
- Sports events



Prep Learning Experiences



Involve developing social, physical and cognitive skills with a focus on Literacy & Numeracy Foundations, Science & HASS in line with the Australian Curriculum.



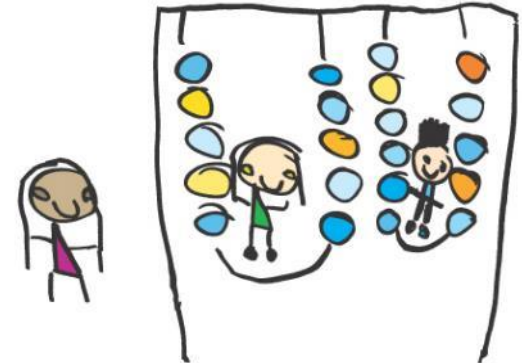
Your child will learn through Age Appropriate Pedagogies.



Routines and transitions



Play



Focused learning and teaching



Investigations



Real-life situations

Extra curricular opportunities



- Gardening Program
- Buddy Reading Program
- Instrumental Music (Yrs. 3 – 6)
- Lunchtime Sport options
- Gymnastics Club
- Robotics Club
- Grasshopper Soccer
- Taekwondo



Reporting at Ferny Hills State School



- **Parent / Teacher Interviews** are offered in terms 1 and 3. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to discuss their child's progress.
- **Report Cards** are sent home at the end of first and second semesters.



Parent Handbook

- A great reference point for new families
- **Prep Resource Hire Scheme (\$110)** parent fee which enables your child to access all learning materials (e.g. pencils, glue, scissors, reading eggs subscription)
- Please name all of your child's belongings (e.g. lunchbox, waterbottle, hat, school bag etc.)
- Library Bag (Parents to purchase)
- Homework Satchel (Uniform Shop)



School Events



- Parents are encouraged to attend:

- Cross Country
- A variety of P & C Events
- Colour Fun Run
- Track & Field Carnival
- Easter Hat Parade
- ANZAC Day
- Mother's Day & Father's Day Celebration
- Under 8's Day
- Book Parade and Book Week
- Excursions/Incursions each term



Preparing my child for Prep (Handout)



Self-help and independence:

Encourage and help children to:

- Toilet independently which includes managing their clothes including zips and buttons, wiping independently and washing hands.
- Putting shoes on and off without assistance.
- Being responsible for their belongings including opening and closing their own lunch boxes and being able to open the food contained within, ensuring they have everything they need the day before by using a checklist.
- Wiping their noses.

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Social and Emotional Skills:

School is a social place and a great deal of learning occurs in large groups. For group work to be successful it is necessary to:

- Take turns
- Share
- Wait
- Ask for help
- Develop empathy
- Listen without interrupting
- Join in games with others
- Recognise numbers and letters
- To be able to retell a story
- Cut along a straight line

Questions....

