



Watsonia Heights Primary School

'Strive for the Heights'

Play Dates For Children Starting School in 2018

To support transition to school we would like to invite 4 year old kinder children to a series of play dates. We offer this opportunity to all children and their families wishing to gain more exposure and experience with 'life at school'. You do not need to be enrolled at our school to attend. We run a more formal orientation program for enrolled children later in the year. All sessions are fully staffed, however parents are encouraged to stay and participate with their children. Parents have the opportunity to have a chat with staff, learn more about school and ask any questions they may have. If you wish to attend the play dates please complete the attached form and return to the school or alternatively phone your RSVP through to the school office on 9435 4617.

The format of the playdates will be:

- Whole group welcome in a Prep rooms and shared time on the mat. Listen to a big book or share an interactive whiteboard activity. Maybe have a game or a song.
- Have some fun and play in different areas of the school. Become familiar with the school environment and meet other parents and children starting Prep next year (and meet the staff).
- Join the group for shared time and farewell.

Date	Play Date Focus
Wednesday 10 th May 4pm-5 pm	Outdoor Play: Children have the opportunity to explore the school playground, use the climbing equipment or dig in the sandpit. They can meet some of the teachers and other children beginning school next year. (If the weather is inclement we will move indoors)
Friday 2 nd June 4pm-5 pm	Visit the Prep Classrooms: See some of the work school children do and play with our construction equipment. Try some tricky jigsaw puzzles or use our magnetic shapes, numbers and letters. And much more!
Wednesday 21 st June 4pm-5 pm	Indoor or Outdoor play: Continue to explore our school and enjoy the playground, sports equipment and the Prep classrooms.
Wednesday 26 th July 4pm-5pm	Art and Music: Sing and play some percussion instruments. Visit the Art room and create something to take home!
Friday 25 th August 4pm-5pm	ICT: Check out some fun educational software and apps on the schools laptops and ipads.
Wednesday 13 th September 4pm-5 pm	Further ICT Fun: Continue to explore the programs on the school laptops and ipads.
Wednesday 25 th October 4pm-5 pm	Science: Visit the Science room and find out what Prep scientist do. Amongst other things, feel the kinetic sand and explore magnets.

There will be an ongoing focus during these sessions on:

- Having fun in engaging and enjoyable experiences
- Gaining valuable confidence in the surrounds of Watsonia Heights PS
- Socialising with peers and adults
- Developing oral language skills to express thoughts, ideas, feelings and discussions
- Supporting students to actively participate and follow instruction
- Develop interpersonal and personal skills required to participate in group situations

Warm Regards,

Michael Kent

Principal

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RSVP for Prep Play Dates

Please either phone in your RSVP or return this to the school office by 5th May

Your Name: Child's Name:

Current Kindergarten:

Contact Phone or email address:

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Wednesday 13 th September 4pm-5 pm	Further ICT Fun		
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Any Special Considerations: (allergies, diet, physical, emotional, learning, etc.):

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