



# Watsonia Heights Primary School

'Strive for the Heights'

## Play Dates For Children Starting School in 2021

To support the 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 current staff).
- Join the group for shared time and farewell.

Date	Play Date Focus
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 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 17 <sup>th</sup> June 4pm-5pm	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).
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 4pm-5pm	Indoor or Outdoor play: Continue to explore our school and enjoy the playground, sports equipment and the Prep classrooms.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> August 4pm-5pm	Art and Music: Sing and play some percussion instruments. Visit the Art room and create something to take home!
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 4pm-5pm	Science and Mandarin: Visit the Science room and find out what Prep scientists do. In Mandarin, experience a snapshot of Chinese culture and the Mandarin language.
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 4pm-5pm	Play and ICT: Check out some of the fun and educational ways that WHPS utilises technology in the classroom.

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 as soon as possible.

Your Name: ..... Child's Name: .....

Current Kindergarten: .....

Contact Phone or email address: .....

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Any Special Considerations: (allergies, diet, physical, emotional, learning, etc.): .....

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