



# FLORAVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Believe it or not, the beginning of school is just around the corner. Whether you read that and smile or continue to mark things off your list in preparation, please know that our teachers and staff are excitedly finalising plans for your child's transition to school. It has been a time of unprecedented uncertainty and we appreciate your patience as we reschedule our Orientation Program to adhere to current regulations.

Unfortunately, onsite orientations and transition programs are not allowed in person on school sites until we are advised differently by NSW Health. Therefore, plans are currently underway to host a virtual Kindergarten 2022 Orientation Program.

In order to assist you in planning, the following dates have been finalised for Best Start and Kindergarten start date.

## **Best Start dates**

**Tues February 1<sup>st</sup>, Wed February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Thurs February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

Your child will be required to attend a one on one Best Start interview with a Kindergarten teacher. This 45 minute session allows teachers to observe the students and ask a series of questions to identify initial Literacy and Numeracy knowledge. It is a great opportunity for your child to meet their teacher and see the classroom. Throughout Term 4, an online booking system will be set up to enable you to book your child's Best Start interview. Further information will be forthcoming.

## **Kindergarten start date**

**Friday February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

### **Please note:**

- Kindergarten will have staggered starting times between 9.15am – 10am on the **first day only**.
- Kindergarten finish at 2.30pm for the first three weeks until Friday, Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. Thereafter, Kindergarten will be dismissed at the usual time of 3pm.

The following events and resources are currently being organised to help make the beginning of school smoother and easier for your family. Further details will follow shortly.

- A Virtual Orientation Program
- Parent Information Packs
- Uniform Orders – Please see <https://www.flexischools.com.au/> or call Lisa at the office for assistance.

To help you and your child prepare for Kindergarten the links below provide useful advice.

- Helping your child with Literacy and Numeracy at Home Booklet

[https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/en/home/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/literacy-and-numeracy/teaching-and-learning-resources/parent-carer-lit-and-num-booklet/Helping\\_your\\_child\\_with\\_literacy\\_and\\_numeracy\\_at\\_home.pdf](https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/en/home/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/literacy-and-numeracy/teaching-and-learning-resources/parent-carer-lit-and-num-booklet/Helping_your_child_with_literacy_and_numeracy_at_home.pdf)

- Handwriting in the Early Years Booklet

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/en/home/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/literacy-and-numeracy/teaching-and-learning-resources/effective-reading/phonics/Handwriting-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

- Healthy Lunch Box Website

[https://healthylunchbox.com.au/?utm\\_source=referral&utm\\_medium=website&utm\\_campaign=nsw\\_hlb21&utm\\_content=generalflyer\\_ko21](https://healthylunchbox.com.au/?utm_source=referral&utm_medium=website&utm_campaign=nsw_hlb21&utm_content=generalflyer_ko21)

- Floraville Public School Website – Check out our “Where’s Wally?” Video for a tour of the school

<https://floraville-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/kindergarten-next-year.html>

We are looking forward to working with you this year. Please don't hesitate to call us on 49454845 if you need anything or have any questions.

Regards,

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