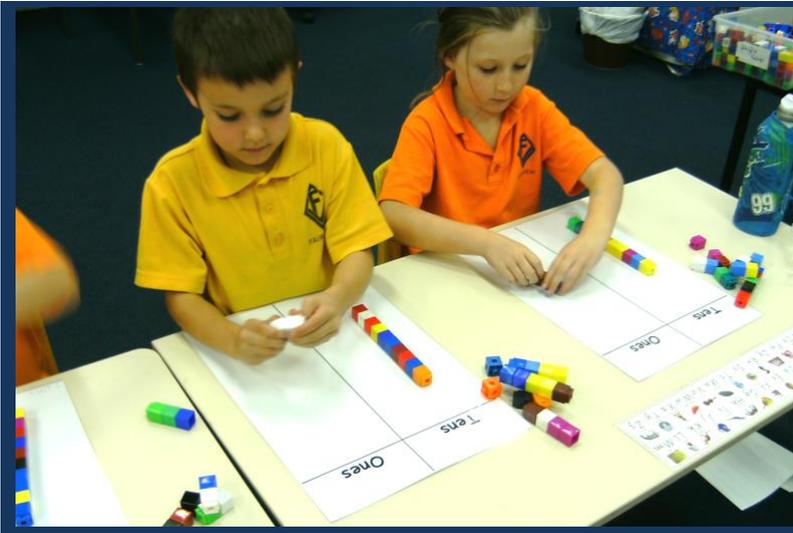




Welcome to Year 1 at Fairview



We would like to take this opportunity to welcome students and parents / caregivers to Year 1 at Fairview Primary. This is a significant transition time for your child from early childhood into the next phase of their education. You will find quite a few differences in the Year 1 experience as we encourage greater independence and self management in students over the course of their first year in the “big school”.

This publication will hopefully provide you with the information you need. If you do have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school and speak to

School start and finish

School starts at **8.50 a.m.** Parents are asked not to leave their children before **8.30 a.m.** as there is no supervision provided before that time. If your child needs to be dropped off early for some reason, they can sit in the undercover area to wait for the classroom to open.

It is important that students are picked up on time – they will only be released to a parent. If another adult is picking them up, it is important that we have been informed about this beforehand.

We do ask parents to wait outside

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“Fairview is Care View”

Cooperation

Achievement

Respect

Enthusiasm

Our priorities

Literacy

Numeracy

Wellbeing

The School Day

- 8:50 School starts
- 10:50 – 11:10 Recess
- 1:10 – 1:50 Lunch
- 3:00 School finish time

Attendance



Regular school attendance is one of the most important ways you can support your child in getting the best education. Establishing good habits early – K/P/1 – set up your child well for the rest of their school career. Please support us by ensuring your son or daughter is at school every day possible. Letting them stay home for birthdays etc is not a way to help your child learn. Every day counts!

Attendance at school is compulsory for all Pre-Primary to Year 7 students in accordance with the School Education Act 1999. All students must attend school unless:

- They are too unwell
- They have an infectious disease
- The principal is provided with a

Starting off the year

While the students have been involved in several transition activities to familiarise them with the Year 1 classroom, where it is and how it works etc., some of them may still be apprehensive at starting Year 1. Tears are normal, but you will be kinder by keeping your goodbyes brief. Teachers are not permitted to put upset children on their knee (due to the Child Protection Policy). The less fuss made the better progress will be made on this front.

Books and Equipment

- Please do not cover any Year 1 booklist books. The teacher will put a subject specific cover on the books so that the children can identify these.
- Please name **everything** – including **all pieces of your child's** uniform, hats, single coloured pencils within the case etc. Nothing will be shared as it was in Pre-Primary. Children will be responsible for sharpening pencils themselves.
- Please buy the maths book from the front office as soon as possible so your child can fully engage with the maths program.
- If possible, please teach them to sharpen pencils using a sharpener over the holidays.
- Please work on teaching your child to tie their own shoe laces over the holidays if they have laced shoes for Year 1. Older siblings could be asked to assist.
- The pencil case size as mentioned on the booklist is for a reason. Bigger ones (often arise because of competition between students) almost take up the whole tray and will not be used. Crunch & Sip, pencil case and alphabet strip all need to fit on the desk.
- Please send everything on Day 1. Do not keep spare pencils, glue, scrapbooks etc. at home as the teacher can store these and they are there ready for when students need them.



Contributions and charges

All families will be provided with information on contributions and charges and student requirements list. The \$50 contribution helps the school provide learning resources for children such as library books, reading resources, additional classroom resources etc. Parents are urged to pay this as soon as possible. We have options for time payments.

The P&C

Fairview has a small but active P&C group. These parents work very hard to support every child in our school. Activities such as:

- The canteen
- Nitzblitz
- Fundraising
- Mothers and Fathers Day stalls

Would not happen without this fantastic group of parents.

Meetings are the third Tuesday of the month.

New members are always welcome

Homework

Homework is provided as a way of reinforcing the work your child is learning about at school and to give you an opportunity to help support and show additional interest in your child's learning.

Parents can expect students to have approximately 15 minutes of homework each day, mainly to reinforce literacy and numeracy skills. The teacher will explain it and more information will be given at the beginning of the year when Mrs Hatch and Mrs Francis have their classroom meeting for parents. These meetings are important and we encourage you to attend.

Lunch boxes and Crunch and Sip

When packing lunch boxes at the beginning of the year, it is really helpful if you pack them **with** your child. Let them know what is to be eaten at recess and what is to be left for lunch, or else use two separate boxes.

As per our Crunch and Sip policy, only plain water is allowed, no flavoured or play water. We also ask that no iced water is provided as the iced bottles leak all over the desk.

Fruit should be cut up. Whole fruit can be very messy.

We encourage healthy food choices so please minimise lollies, junk food or other "sometimes" foods.

Curriculum

Our school curriculum is based on the Western Australian Curriculum. The learning areas of Maths, English, Science, HASS and Health and Technology are covered by classroom teachers. The Arts – music and visual arts, Languages – Indonesian and Physical Education are covered by specialist teachers.

We use a range of both traditional and modern resources including iPads, computers and interactive whiteboards which are available in every class.

Letter formations will be focussed on in Year 1. Lower case in Victorian Modern Cursive will be the focus to begin with. A copy of the letter formations is attached for your information.

Students are now moving into formal learning situations in Year 1 and so should not expect as much "free time".

Students will also have some specialist teachers from Year 1 onwards. They will be doing Daily Fitness every morning and it is essential they have appropriate footwear. They will also have

- Specialist Physical Education lessons each week with Mrs Ludlam
- An Art lesson with Mrs Young
- An Indonesian Language lesson with Mrs Cowgill
- A Music lesson with Mrs Wood.

Fairview also has an extensive Social and Emotional learning program. PBS is the basis of our behaviour processes and programs to support self regulation (Zones of Regulation) and social problem solving (BUZ) are in use. Kidsmatter – a positive mental health initiative and the Friendly Schools Plus program are central to this. Programs in Protective Behaviours and Cyber Safety are also covered.

There is also a very strong "structured play" component to learning. Students often learn best when given opportunity to work, share and socialise with other students. An emphasis on nature play, problem solving and taking "safe risks" is a key part of our curriculum.

If at any time you have a concern about your child and their academic or social progress, please see the teacher and organise an appointment to discuss any issues. Please do not "sit" on an issue. It is always easier to nip a problem in the bud than let it grow until it becomes overwhelming.

Ordering Lunch

Our Canteen operates every Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Lunches can be ordered at the canteen in the morning or using our online ordering system

The canteen is ALWAYS looking for parent helpers.

Can you help?

Student support

Caring for all your child's needs while at school is very important to us. We have resources available to help your child including

- School Chaplain – Mrs Cheryl Gibbs and Mrs Michelle Boyland
- School Psychologist 1 day per week
- Pastoral care team including both the Principal and Deputy Principal

We also work closely with a range of Collie and Bunbury support agencies including:

- Collie Family Centre
- GP Down South
- CAMHS

If you believe your child has any specific or significant issues that you feel need to be addressed, please make a time to meet either the classroom teacher, deputy principal or principal.

Sustainability focus

Fairview has a well established sustainability focus. As your child goes through their schooling, they will have opportunities to be involved in our Green Team and the Gardening Club.

All students are encouraged to support this by:

- Minimising the packaging they bring to school in lunch boxes
- Sorting their recyclable and non-recyclable rubbish into separate bins
- Putting food scraps in the bins provided for our chickens, compost and worm farms

All of these activities help to conserve and sustain our environment.

Class meetings for parents

Other school activities

Year 1 students will also be involved in whole school activities such as:

- assemblies every three weeks
- interm swimming in Weeks 8 and 9 of Term 4
- Junior Aqua Fun Day later in Term 1
- incursions and excursions
- Faction Athletics carnivals
- Regular dance sessions culminating in a Fancy dress dance Term 4

We really encourage you to come along and support your children in these activities. They can be fun for parents

Communication and talking to teachers

If you have any questions or concerns, or information you would like to pass on about your child, we really encourage you to talk to the class teacher in the first instance. Mornings are a busy time for teachers to get the class started, so if you have an issue that requires some time to discuss, please make an appointment to see the teacher rather than trying to fit this in first thing in the morning when there are many other parents and caregivers about.

Parents/Caregivers are also encouraged to contact the Deputy Principal, Mrs Turner, or the Principal, Mr Whitney, if there are concerns you need to have addressed.

We regularly communicate via our fortnightly newsletter as well as our school app. The app is available for both iOS and Android devices and can be downloaded for free. Our website is regularly updated with a range of information.

We hope you and your child will have a positive experience in Year 1 at Fairview Primary School.