



Pre-Prep Transition Newsletter

I would like to welcome everyone to our Pre-Prep Transition Program for 2019.

We will be learning through play and will have various fun, stimulating activities planned for the children.

The Pre-prep transition program is a stepping stone to school routine, rules and expectations and along the way they will become familiar with our school grounds and much more. The children will make new friends and experience learning in a fun, organised environment which will help with their preparations for Prep next year.

Mrs Pauline Thompson

I am a parent of Northview State School as well as being a Teacher Aide at the school for the past 7 years. During that time I have worked in Learning Support and also as a full time Prep aide. We chose Northview State School for our children as we firmly believe that Northview is a school that is big enough to make a difference in students but small enough to care about individual students and their learning outcomes and believe that Northview does this very well.



Sessions are run weekly with the same lesson running for 2 weeks in a row. This is to allow children attending Kindy to come on their Wednesday off.

The Letter Box

This is a fun, interactive way to get the children involved in our weekly sessions as well as helping our children to start thinking about the beginning sounds they can hear in words.

Each week we will have focus letters and we ask the children to have a look at home for small objects that begin with the sounds. Children can bring their object in and put it in the letter box which will be located on the stage before the session starts. We will then take the items out and discover the sound our objects begin with. Below is a timetable of the sounds for Term 3. Their order is based on the Soundwaves Program, the program used in our classrooms.

Week	Dates	Letters
3 & 4	31/7 & 7/8	S, I, D
5 & 6	14/8 & 21/8	F, N, P
7 & 8	28/8 & 4/9	O, R, G
9 & 10	11/9 & 18/9	E, H, C, K
Holidays		

What to Bring each week:

- Hat
- Closed in shoes
- Water bottle
- Light morning tea
- Objects for letter box
- Big smiles and "I Can Do" attitude



Soundwaves has been adopted to teach letters and sounds at Northview State School. We all learn in different ways. With Soundwaves different learning styles are combined into one to help students learn quickly whilst having a load of fun along the way. The Soundwaves program has:

- Picture
- Chant
- Sound
- Action

This will help our Auditory (hearing), Visual (seeing) and Kinesthetic (action/doing) learners.

Things to Remember



Daily Reading

It will give them the best start to understanding the structures of language.

Discussion

Talking to your child about what they have experienced each session will encourage and excite them about learning. Whilst you are doing everyday activities involve your child and discuss things such as colours of clothes, numbers of cutlery on table, songs, rhyming words, etc.

Thank you and see you all next session.

Mrs Thompson

Classroom Activities/Set Up

We will set up our classroom area up near the stage of our School Hall. The children will meet together on the mat at the beginning of our sessions.

All paperwork including attendance sign in sheet, contact and personal details along with our Media Permission forms and expressions of interest for enrolment will be located near the stage.

Please ensure that you fill in all paperwork as this information is used for fire emergency plans and attendance records and will allow me to plan for the specific needs of your children.

You will need to sign in for each session your child attends over the program.

We ask that morning tea is a small healthy snack and please be aware that our school is "Nut Free". We have limited time in our pre-prep transition program so our morning tea break will only be 10-15mins at the most. .

It is important that we encourage children to become independent and ask that you allow your child to complete tasks with minimal assistance.