

# Greetings from Reservoir Primary School!

Welcome to the August edition of our Foundation newsletter. This letter will focus on how we run our Transition Program.

## What is Prep Transition?

Prep Transition is a program designed to help students ease into the school environment in preparation for their first year of school. They spend time playing in Investigations, making crafts and learning their way around the classroom and school environment.



Some of our prospective prep students exploring our school environment and making new friends with the help of our wonderful Handy Helpers!

## Investigations

Investigations is an open play-based learning space that connects the prep classrooms. There are a range of play experiences set up to encourage sharing, teamwork and imaginative play. We change the imaginative role play space based on student interests, such as a cafe, school, hospital and op shop.



## Handy Helpers

To help promote leadership skills, we have 'Handy Helpers' in each prep classroom. Their role during Prep Transition is to assist the kinder children. They help them navigate the classroom, make their craft, and model the play experiences we have set up in Investigations. Students feel a lot of pride when they are chosen to be a Handy Helper and they enjoy being great role models to our prospective new students.



A very proud Handy Helper ready for duty!

# Crafty Classrooms!

During Prep Transition we keep to a similar routine for each session. The kinder children are welcomed into the classroom where we sit together to read a story. We then have a craft based on the story. These crafts are designed to allow teachers to observe fine motor development (colouring, cutting, pasting) and to encourage children to be creative.

Children are provided with everything they need to be as creative as possible, such as coloured paper, scissors, crayons, glue, sequins etc. Children take their artwork home as a keepsake of their transition session.

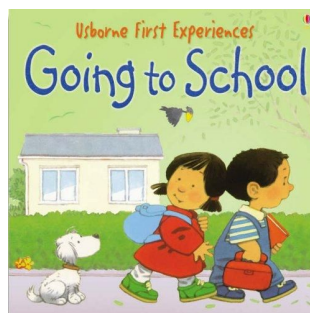


**Exploring their creativity and making new friends in preparation for starting school next year!**



**Proudly showing off their fine motor skills!**

During our Term 3 transition sessions, parents often stay in the classroom to help their child feel more settled. As we move into our Term 4 transition program, parents will attend information sessions while their child participates in the classroom activity. This encourages children to feel confident and safe in the classroom, and will help with the transition to school next year.



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**Here are some great books to read in preparation for starting school.**