

Prep 2026 Transition

Information Session

October 2025





Acknowledgement



Acknowledgement Matters

“We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we stand today and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.”



PSW Presentation





Out of School Hours Care Presentation





A Learning Community

- High expectations of each other
- Mutual respect for each other
- Commitment to each other





Transition Sessions

Transition is an important first step in giving the children the opportunity to become familiar and feel comfortable with the school and classroom setting.

Transition groups do not determine the class or teacher that your child will be placed with in 2026.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
1. Tuesday, October 14, 2025 2. Wednesday, October 22, 2025 3. Thursday, October 30, 2025	1. Thursday, October 16, 2025 2. Tuesday, October 21, 2025 3. Wednesday, October 29, 2025	1. Wednesday, October 15, 2025 2. Thursday, October 23, 2025 3. Tuesday, October 28, 2025

The next Prep Transition session is on **Tuesday 25th November 2:15pm-3:15pm**



Step Up Day

A date to remember!

Tuesday 9th December 2025

Time: 9:30am - 10:30am

MEET IN THE SCHOOL GYM

This is when you and your child will meet their 2026 teacher and be introduced to the children in their class. You will also find out where your child's prep classroom will be located.





Friendships & Classroom Allocations

- Lots of factors are taken into consideration when making our Prep grades.
- Kindergarten teachers have been contacted to give us ideas of who they feel is best suited to be in a grade together.
- We endeavor to ensure that EVERY child has someone they know from their kinder.
- If you do have a specific friendship request or separation then please complete the following form via link or QR code
<https://linkly.link/2GB2N>
- Please be mindful that some children are in fact the only ones coming from their Kinder and do not have this privilege.
- A huge focus in Prep is relationship building so throughout the year we encourage the development of new friends anyway.





Settling into School

To help your child settle into school comfortably we encourage you to assist your child to become more confident in doing the following:

- Eating:** Unwrap a food packet (Nude Food), undo a lunchbox, peel a piece of fruit. Timing how long it takes them to eat to ensure they can finish in given time. Make sure they can open and close water bottle themselves!
- Toileting:** Go by themselves, undo and do up any buttons or zips and wash their hands. Boys familiar with using a urinal. Washing hands.
- Dressing:** Recognising their name on clothing, removing school jumpers by themselves, tying shoe laces or velcro.
- Tissues:** It is important for health reasons that your child is aware when their nose needs wiping and your child is able to do this.
- Hand/Eye Coordination:** Packing own bag, being able to hold a pencil, ability to use scissors. Can be developed through hands on activities such as puzzles, playdough etc.
- Basic Movements:** Walking, running, hopping and skipping.



Your child's first day in Prep

- Prep classes begin on **Friday 30th January 2026**
- Staggered start beginning (on this day only) at 9:20am based on last names
 - A-G 9:20am start
 - H-N 9:40am start
 - O-Z 10:00am start

- School will finish at **3:30pm**

On this day your child will need:

- a school hat with their name on it
- shoes that have been worn for a couple times to avoid sore feet
- a lunch box with a morning snack, fruit and a sandwich for lunch
- a water bottle

You will need to:

- Book a day and time for your child's Prep Entry Assessment
- Reassure your child by letting him/her know where you will be
- Picking him/her up from after school.





Making your child's first day a memorable occasion

We understand that this is an exciting and nervous time for both you and your child but here are some things we suggest to make that first day run more smoothly...

- Practise a school run - travelling by car or walking.
- Practise dressing in the school uniform (show your child how to put on and take off jumper etc.)
- Practise opening a lunch box, drink bottle and unwrapping packets/wrappers
- Practise recognising and reading his/her name.
- Practise tying shoelaces or purchase shoes with velcro.
- Make sure your child's name is on all their property





Your child's first week of school

- Separate play time to the rest of students
- Prep students are allocated an area to play and Prep teachers will be on yard duty with them at both recess and lunch
- Preps are given a tour of the school - toilets, drinking taps, canteen, gym, office and sickbay.
- Preps will begin each morning with 'Circle Time' and then Investigations.
- **From Monday 2nd February** there will be no staggered start. The bell rings at 9am, Prep classrooms will be open at 8:50am and there will be no assembly for Preps until they have settled into school.
- Make sure your child gets enough sleep.
- Practise leaving your child at a friend or family members house for an extended period of time if this is something you haven't done before.

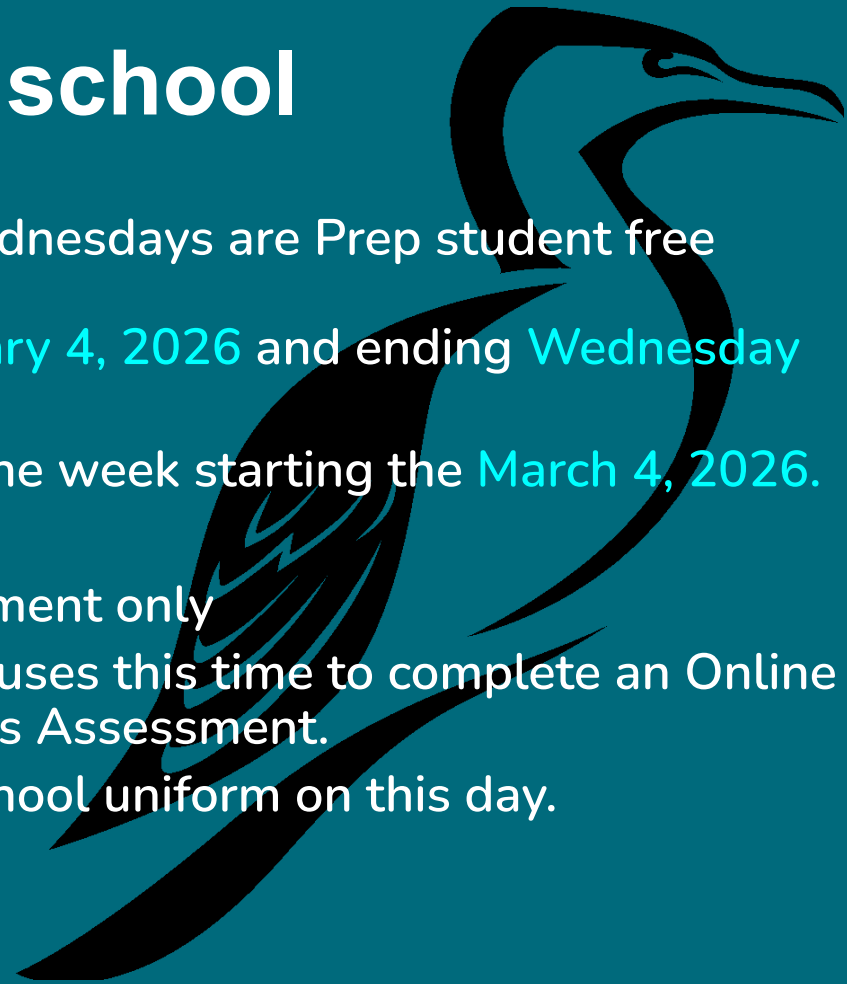


The first weeks of school

- For the first **four** weeks of school, Wednesdays are Prep student free days!
- This will begin on **Wednesday February 4, 2026** and ending **Wednesday February 26, 2026**
- Preps will then begin full time as of the week starting the **March 4, 2026**.

Assessments on Wednesdays by appointment only

- Together with your child, the teacher uses this time to complete an Online English Interview and Alphabet/Maths Assessment.
- Children do not need to wear their school uniform on this day.





Communication

Compass is our main communication program. You will be provided with login credentials before the end of the year. Our staff are happy to help you get started if you need assistance.



Please email the school lyndhurst.ps@education.vic.gov.au if you have any questions. Your emails will be forwarded to the teacher.

There will be other opportunities to meet with your child's teacher, at the Partners and Learning information sessions and parent-teacher interviews.



Make sure you subscribe to our school newsletters



Attendance

Learning starts in the classroom at 9:00am each day

- After 9:05am, parents must sign in their child via the office to receive a late pass.
- If your child is not present in the classroom when the attendance roll is marked with no explanation (ie Compass absence note), an automatic text will be generated at 10am.
- Please enter all students' absence notes via Compass.
- If you require support using Compass, our office staff will be more than happy to help you.

We request that personal appointments be scheduled outside of school hours. When students leave early, it negatively impacts their learning and is disruptive to the classroom.

If it is necessary that your child be collected early, please come to the office. ALL adults must present a valid ID check (physical or VicRoad App) when signing out their child. Students can not be signed out to anyone under the age of 18 years.

The preferred early collection times are:

- 10:35am
- 11:10am
- 12:45pm or
- 1:50pm

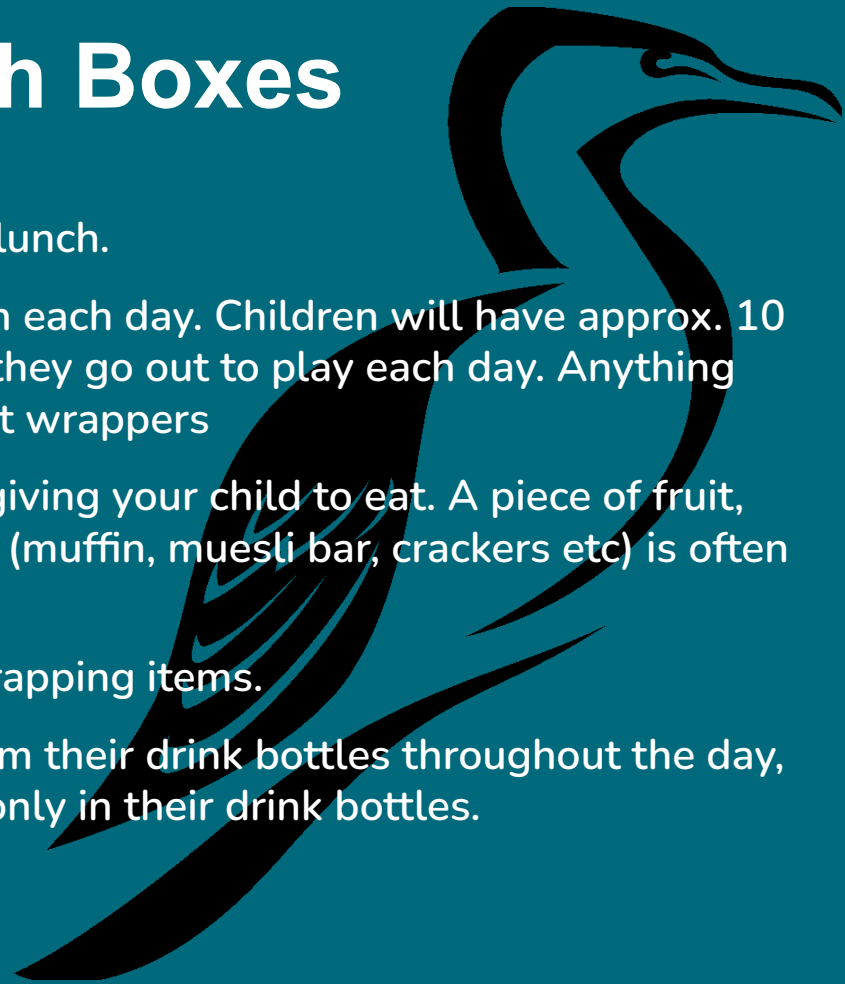
This allows for minimal interruption to the classroom.

- **Students will not be signed out early after 3:00pm.**



Healthy Lunch Boxes

- We encourage 'Nude Food' and a rubbish free lunch.
- Please pack a healthy morning snack and lunch each day. Children will have approx. 10 – 20 mins to eat inside their classroom before they go out to play each day. Anything not eaten will need to be taken outside without wrappers
- Be mindful of how much or how little you are giving your child to eat. A piece of fruit, yoghurt, sandwich/roti/rice/pasta and one treat (muffin, muesli bar, crackers etc) is often ample.
- Please encourage independent eating, ie, unwrapping items.
- Children are able to freely access and drink from their drink bottles throughout the day, however, we do ask that children bring water only in their drink bottles.
- **All items need to be clearly labelled.**





First Aid and Medications

- All medication needs to be brought to the front office and a medication authority form must be completed by the parent/guardian.
- All asthma/allergy/diabetes/medical plans need to be updated every 12 months by your Doctor and provided to the school.
- If a child is diagnosed with a medical condition, please contact the front office so we can best support your child.
- It is advised that a spare change of clothes, underwear and socks be packed in your child's bag.
- If your child is unwell, please ensure they are kept home to rest.





Booklist Supplies and Contributions

- **Booklists for 2026 will be available to purchase in November**
 - Delivered to the school for your child's first day
- **Curriculum Contributions (School Fees or Parent Payments) will be available in November.**
 - Payment can be made through Compass
- **CSEF: Camps, Sports & Excursions Funding**
 - Parents/Guardians with a current Healthcare Card in the parent's name (not the your child's name) may be eligible to claim CSEF - \$400 of funding per child per year. Applications open and forms are emailed out at the start of the year, and close at the end of Term 2 each year.
- **Costs for Excursions, Incursions and Swimming**
 - Will be provided in 2026 closer to the event





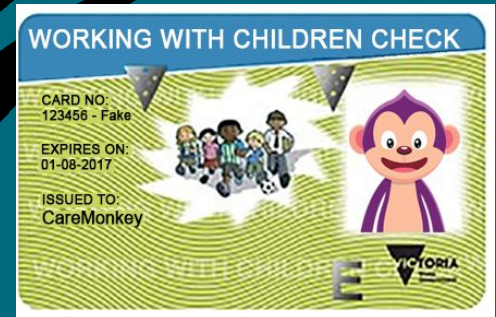
Parent Involvement

We love having parent helpers here at Lyndhurst Primary School who can be involved in our daily classroom routines.

Parent involvement opportunities include:

- Excursions
- Assemblies throughout the term
- Special school events such as Colour Run

Volunteers must provide a valid Working with Children Check, a signed Volunteer Expectation & Agreement form, and complete the online OHS Volunteer Induction form. These will be requested upon your offer to volunteer.





Book Bags

- **Black Book Bag** - This folder is used for the children's take home books and needs to come to school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in order for the children to change their books daily.
- No folder means no new books
- Home reading diary must be filled in each day.
- This book bag needs to be purchased through PSW and needs to be a Lyndhurst one.



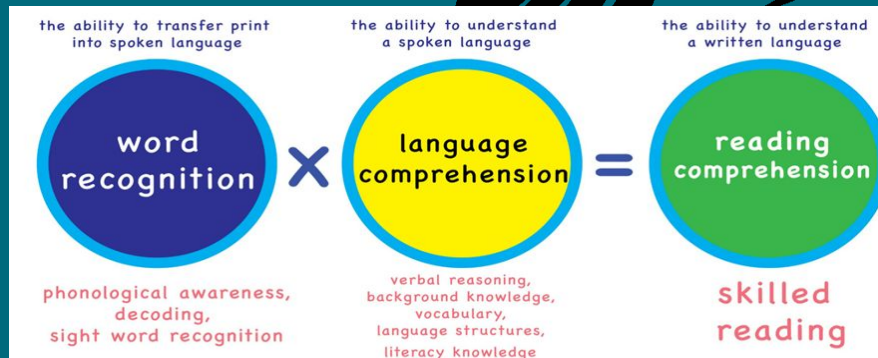


Systematic Synthetic Phonics Approach

In 2025 all Victorian schools began learning to read using the **Systematic Synthetic Phonics approach**. This consists of one hour a day of focused teaching on how letters and sounds work together to make words

Core components of the SSP approach

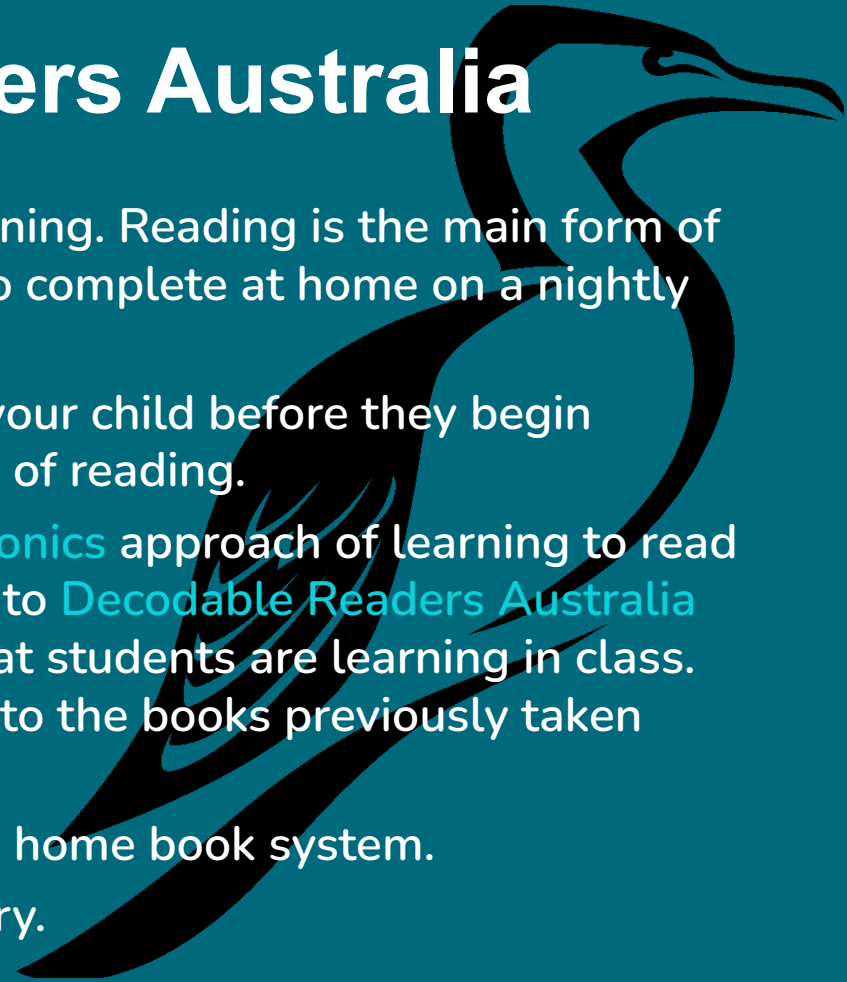
- Systematic, clear and logical sequence
- Cumulative and builds on previous learning
- Phonemic awareness (blending, segmenting & manipulation)
- Phonological awareness (rhyme, syllabification & alliteration)
- Spelling rules / patterns
- Handwriting / Dictation
- Fluency





Decodable Readers Australia

- Reading at home is a celebration of learning. Reading is the main form of work that Prep students are expected to complete at home on a nightly basis.
- By having a nightly reading ritual with your child before they begin school, you have already instilled a love of reading.
- To support the **Systematic Synthetic Phonics** approach of learning to read we have changed our take-home books to **Decodable Readers Australia** (DRA) which are designed to match what students are learning in class. These have a different levelling system to the books previously taken home at Lyndhurst.
- You will have access to their online take home book system.
- Students record nightly reading in a diary.





Term One Focus

- Fine motor skills
- Social Development- building relationships and positive social behaviour
- Emotional Development – expressing emotions, independence from parents and confidence
- Developing a passion for learning
- Developing interest in learning the more formal aspects of school
- Having FUN!!

School Preparation

- Talk to your child about school. Make it something to look forward to, desirable and positive.
- Discuss and alleviate any concerns about school well before the first day.
- Do all you can to make your child happy and confident about entering Lyndhurst Primary School!



School Expectations

- **School Start Times:** Children are able to come into the classroom from 8:50am each morning to unpack their bags and get settled for the day. We have music playing until the bell.
- **School Uniform:** Children are required to wear full school uniform at all times. Shoes should be ALL BLACK! No dangly earrings
- **Sun Smart Policy:** Hats are compulsory from 1st August - 30th April as stated in our sun smart policy. Children must wear a proper school hat however a hat is recommended anytime of the year when the UV index is high.
- **School Bags:** School bags don't have to be purchased from the school, however, please ensure when buying that they are an appropriate size. They need to be big enough to fit lunchbox, reading folders etc

Do you have any questions?



Thank you for attending the parent information session!