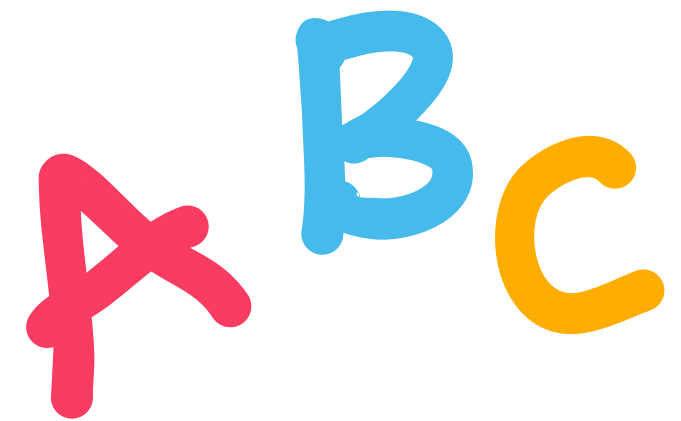
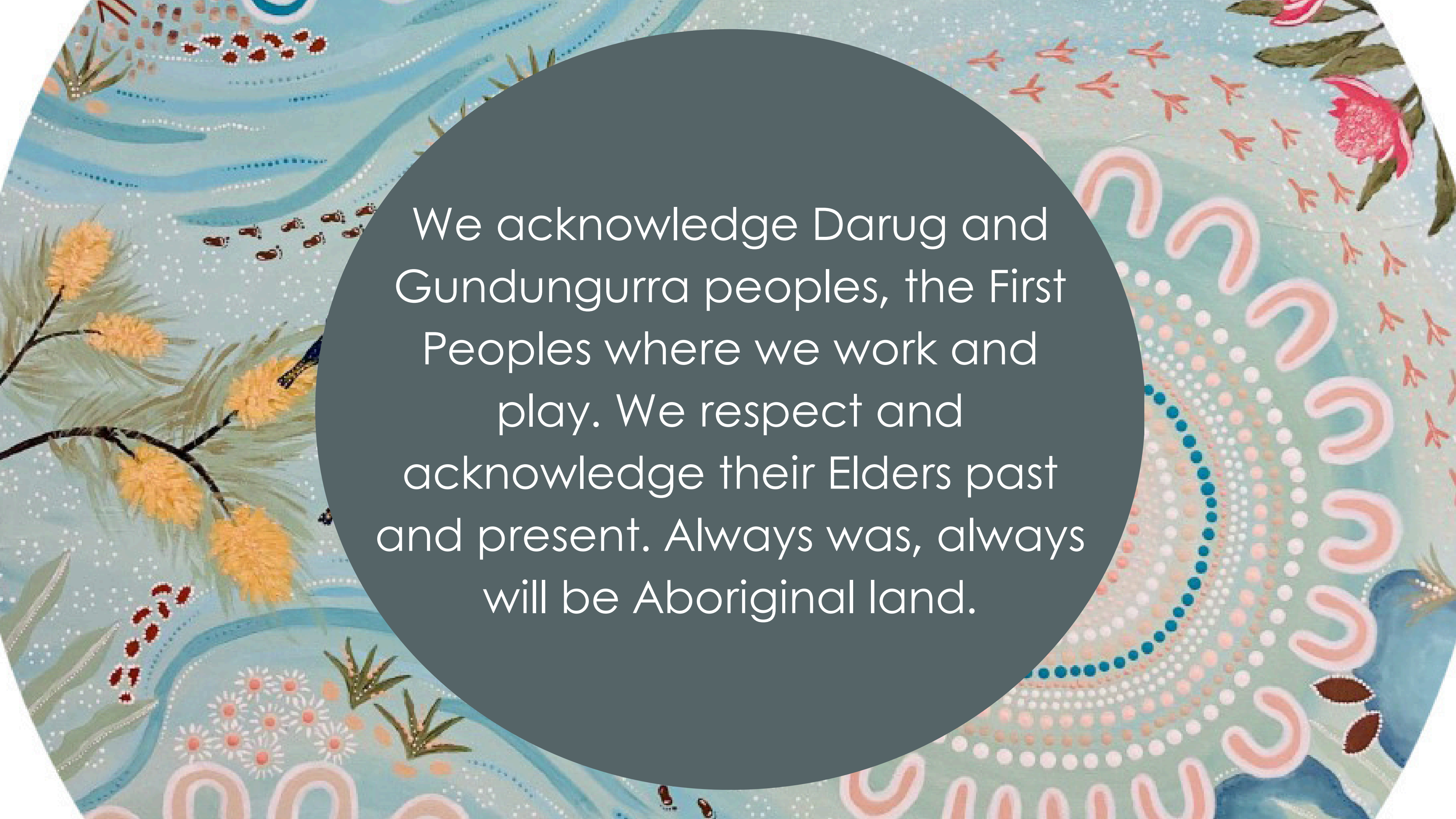




Countdown to School Calendar

July 2024 - June 2025





We acknowledge Darug and
Gundungurra peoples, the First
Peoples where we work and
play. We respect and
acknowledge their Elders past
and present. Always was, always
will be Aboriginal land.

Time to enrol in school



- To enrol you will need a birth certificate, Immunisation History Statement, and proof of address.
- When visiting your school ask about orientation days, transition to school programs and open days.

For more information
Head to:



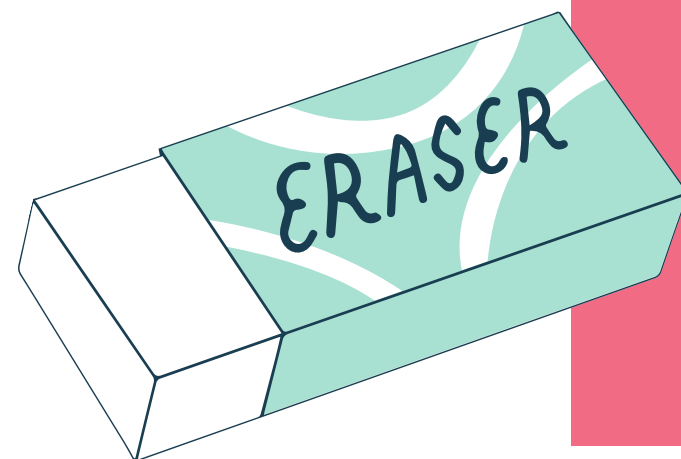
Enrol in a NSW public primary school

Here's what you need to enrol your child in a NSW Government primary school.

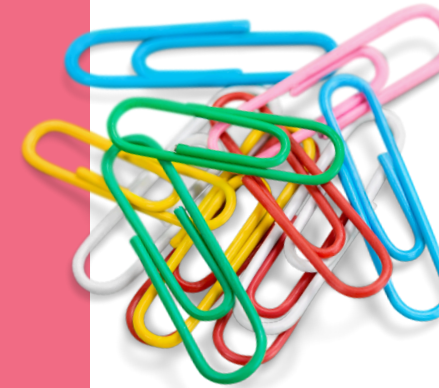
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July 2024

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TO DO LIST



To Do

Visit your local school and fill out an enrolment form or complete one online

Learning through play



- Building together with Lego and blocks strengthens the muscles in children's hands which helps them when learning to write.

- Pretend play develops many skills that will help children at school. Skills to help with friendships, communication with others, and using their body.



- Play simple card games like "Snap", "Memory" or "Go Fish". Children are using hand and finger muscles to hold the cards, as well as taking turns and matching.



August 2024

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Education Week
National Science Week

TO DO LIST



“Knowledge will
bring you the
opportunity to make
a difference”



Encouraging a love for reading



- Talking and listening is the foundation of reading so play games with words and rhymes.
- Books can also help children learn how to handle their own feelings in healthy ways. Seeing characters in books experience big emotions like anger or sadness, give children a chance to talk about their own difficult feelings, too.
- Ask your child questions about the story, such as
 - “Who did you like best in the story?”
 - “What did you like about them?”
 - “What do you think might happen next?”



September 2024

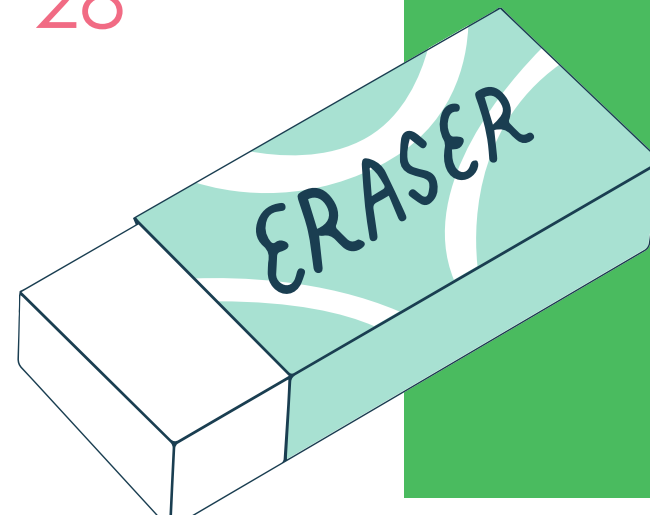
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TO DO LIST



To do

Contact the school to confirm orientation and transition session times.



National Child Protection Week
School Holidays

Writing and drawing



- Offer different writing and drawing tools. Try writing or drawing with chalk on a path, sticks in the sand or painting with water outside.
- Write your child's name. Talk about the letters in their name. Names are meaningful to children, and preschoolers typically are interested in learning to write the letters in their name, especially the first letter.
- Playing with dough, pegs, Lego and other building blocks will help to build the muscles in your child's hands.
- Children begin to explore written communication by scribbling, drawing and producing approximations of writing.

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School Holidays
Labour Day
Mental Health Month

TO DO LIST



"Nothing is impossible. The word itself says 'I'm possible'"



Encouraging Independence



- Independence gives your child a sense of importance and belonging
- Practice your child's independence skills, such as opening lunchbox containers and drink bottles.
- Give your child little jobs to do at home such as make their bed, put their clothes away or set the table. Acknowledge them when they complete the task.
- Independence promotes confidence and self-esteem. Encourage your child to dress themselves.
- Support your child to develop independence using the bathroom – including urinals in the boys bathroom – and practise good hand-washing techniques. Additionally, practice opening and locking doors together.
- Have a conversation with your child about the symbols on the restroom doors.



November 2024

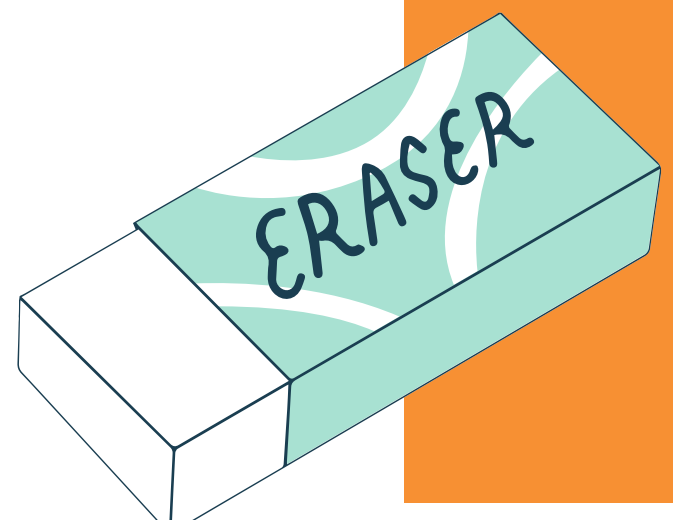
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To Do

Visit the local library and borrow picture books about starting school.



Practice Makes Perfect



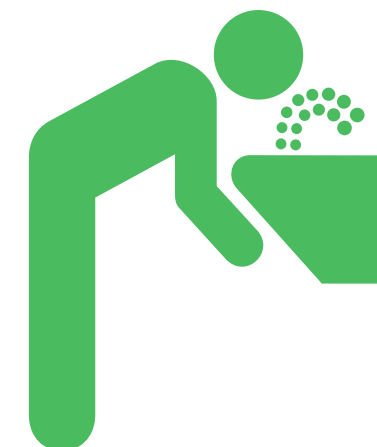
- Organise a picnic with a packed lunch and encourage your child to open it and eat the food by themselves



- Take a ball to a park to throw, catch and kick together



- Read the book Daisy's First Day with your child.



- Try drinking from bubblers

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School Holidays

TO DO LIST



“Trust yourself. You know more than you think you do.”
Benjamin Spock



Someone with

Getting Ready for the Big Day



- Children love to dress up in their uniform. Let them wear their school shoes before they start school so they get used to them. They may need school uniforms, sports uniforms, shoes and a school hat too.

- Pick the safest way to school and practise travelling the route with your child, talking about and showing them how to be a safe road user.

- Talk about the times and structures of the school days e.g.
“You would be going into school now.”
“This would be lunch time.”
“It would be time to come home now.”



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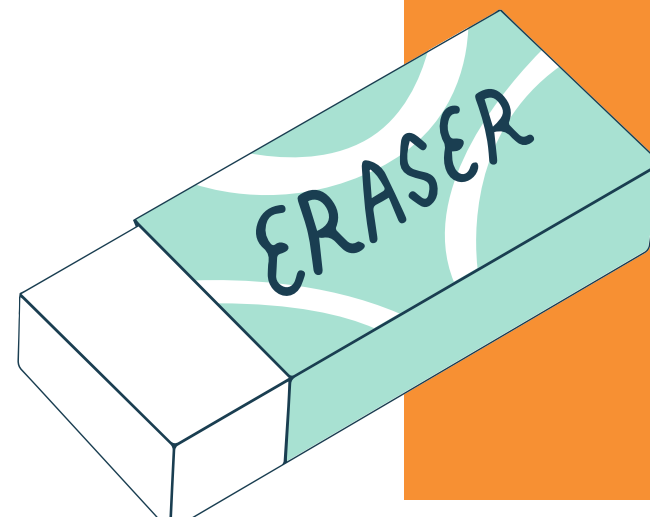
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To Do

Check starting dates
for your child's school.
Some Kindergarten
children
start later than
Years 1-6 students

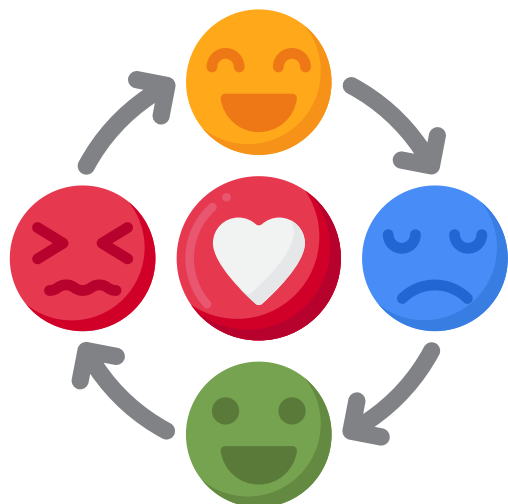


School Holidays

Setting the Stage for a Bright Beginning



- Your child is coping with lots of new things. Be prepared, they may become tired and cranky sometimes!



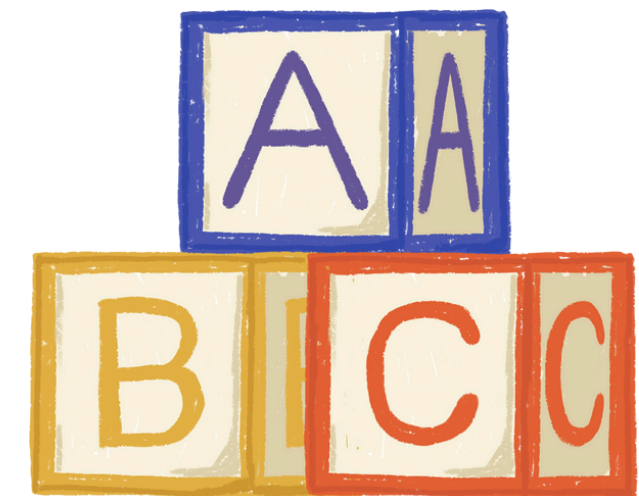
- Plan a play date with some friends from school. Invite them to come and play at your house or meet at the park together



- Talk to your child about their day. Ask questions like...

“What was your favourite thing you did today?”

“Did you go into the playground? What did you do?”



February 2025

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TO DO LIST



“Mistakes are
proof that you
are trying.”



Picture Perfect: Draw Your First Day Fun at School Here!



Learning is fun

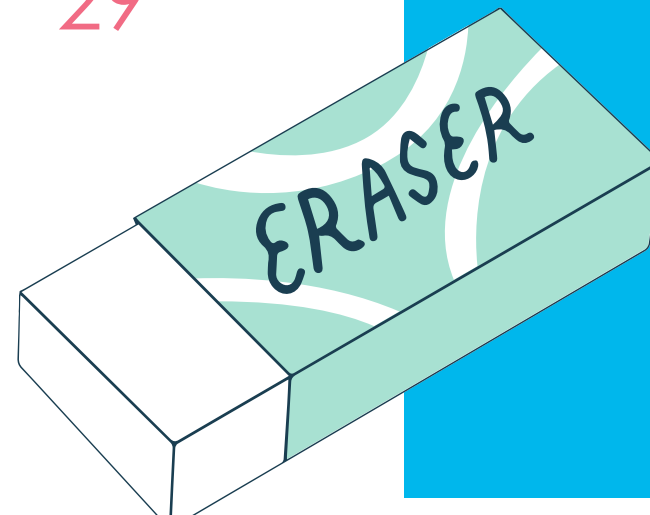


- Play provides opportunities for children to learn as they discover, create, improvise and imagine.
- Learning is fun- it is life's greatest adventure!
- Children are naturally curious. Encourage their curiosity, it can lead to great discovery and learning!
- Learning brings joy and satisfaction as we uncover new passions, gain confidence in our abilities, and embrace the joy of lifelong discovery.
- Learning presents a sense of adventure and excitement, as each discovery and breakthrough brings a sense of accomplishment and fulfillment.

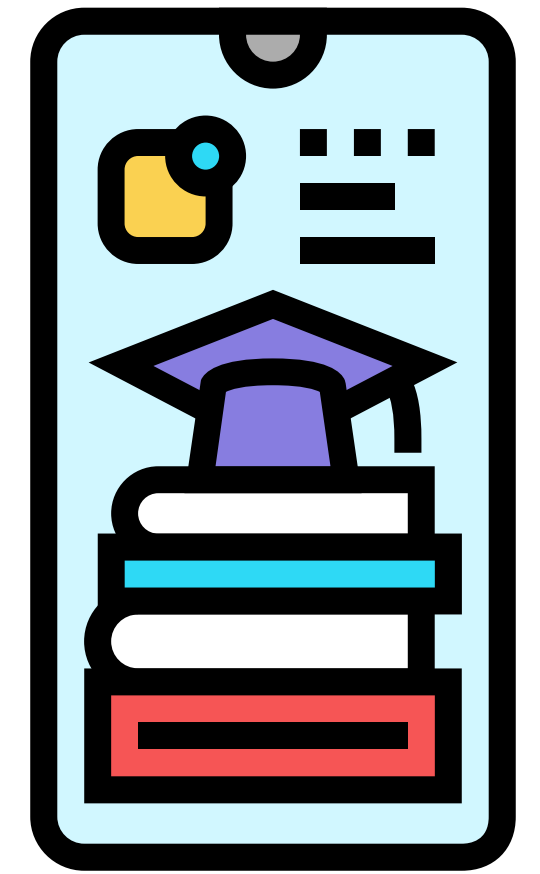


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TO DO LIST



To Do

Consider
accessing school
information
electronically via a
school app.

Supporting Your Child's Learning Journey



- You will have the greatest influence on your child's attitudes towards school and learning. Always remain positive as your child is experiencing their own school journey.

- Praise your child when they try something new. Taking risks and learning from our mistakes is an important life skill.



- Even though your child is at school, play is still very important way for them to learn and develop. Provide lots of opportunities for them to just **PLAY!**

April 2025

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School Holidays
Easter
Anzac Day

TO DO LIST



“You are capable
of making a
difference in the
world.”



Helping your child learn to read



- Through reading together, parents can expose their children to a rich variety of words and language structures, expanding their vocabulary and language skills.

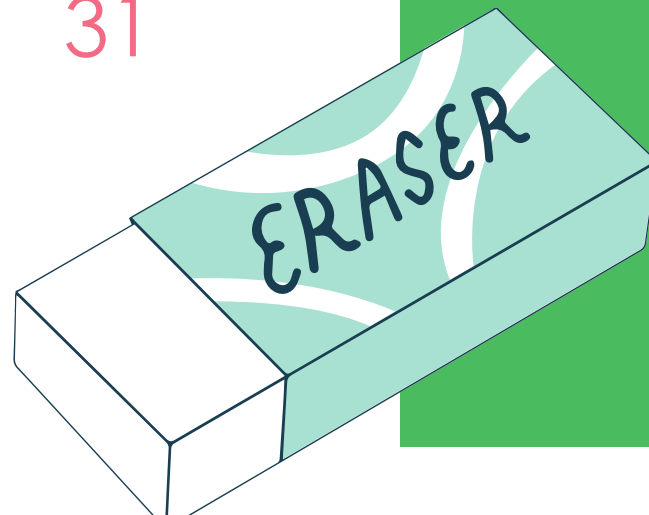
- Guiding a child's reading journey provides opportunities for praise, encouragement, and positive reinforcement, boosting their confidence and self-esteem as they navigate the world of books.

- Make comments about the story- "I loved the bit where..." "My favourite part was...."
Encourage your child to comment "How did you feel about the story?"



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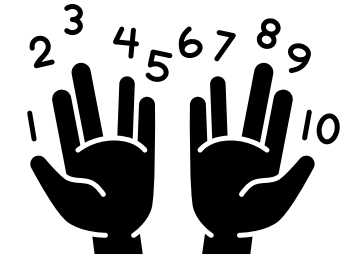
To Do

Time for winter uniforms—make sure they are labelled with your child's name.

Making Numbers Fun for Your Child



- Division is about sharing. We will divide a pizza among 4 people.
- Grouping and matching are foundational number skills.
- Maths helps children develop essential skills such as counting, sorting, and recognizing patterns.



- Numbers are about “how much”, “how many”. Use opportunities to talk about more or less, longer or shorter, higher or lower, faster or slower.



- Math concepts are everywhere in the world around us, from counting objects to measuring ingredients in cooking. Exposing preschoolers to math helps them understand and navigate the world more effectively.



June 2025

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TO DO LIST



“Think and
wonder, wonder
and think.”



Someone with a gift.

Understanding School Talk

- A.P Assistant Principal
- CWU Child Wellbeing Unit
- COLA Covered Outdoor Learning Area
- DCJ Department of Communities and Justice
- DoE Department of Education
- DP Deputy Principal
- EAL/D English as an Additional Language/ Dialect
- ES1 Early Stage 1- Kindy
- LaST Learning and Support Team
- PDHPE Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
- SDD Staff Developmental Day
- SAO School Administration Officer
- SDD School Development Day
- SLSO School Learning Support Officer

For more information

Head to: [DICTIONARY OF EDUCATION LANGUAGE](#)

Helpful Links

Need to find a school?

Head to: <https://schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au>

Looking for some parenting support?

Head to: <https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age>

What will my child be learning at school?

The curriculum is set out by Board of Studies

Head to: <https://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/k-6/>

For more information

Head to: <https://www.connectcfs.org.au/for-families/>

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Helpful Resources



Getting ready for primary school

Prepare your child for Kindergarten with our checklists, routines, learning and health and wellbeing resources.

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