

Community engagement: welcoming family

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Hub leader presentations - engagement



Transition Engagement

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Overview

- Stevensville PS is located in St Albans West / Kings Park
- Approximately 200 students
- We have a multicultural community Pacific Islanders make up 20%



Transition Team Members



Welcome parents!

- Invite parents to four sessions
- Our goals are:
 - Help parents understand the Australian primary school system
 - $_{\odot}$ Meet the school leadership team and teachers
 - Support student readiness before entering school
 - Familiarise families with the school's policies/school values



Transition activity

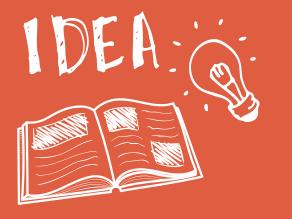
Invite parents to take part in an activity, and then discuss it.

- Literacy activity
- Numeracy activity
- Healthy lunch box cooking activity
- BBQ sausage sizzle





Class information



- Students will be evaluated in the first week of school
- Report cards and progress reports distribution
- Homework expectations. Reading nightly is a must
- Calendar of upcoming events class excursions and parent-teacher conferences
- Explain importance of parents signing paperwork / permission slips in order for children to attend events.



School Readiness

- How to help their child get ready for school
- Might include:
 - Go to sleep early
 - Getting ready for school breakfast, teeth etc
 - School bag inclusions lunch box, water bottle, hat and reading bag.

Get involved!

- Parents can become involved in volunteer programs, advisory councils
- Provide sign-up sheets for parents who are interested in helping with excursions, gardening, or fundraising projects







Handouts

- English as a second language translation or interpreter
- Handouts might include:
 - A list of school phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and website addresses.
 - Copies of classroom and school policies.
 - $_{\odot}$ A list of items students will need daily

Learning Outcome

- Parents familiarise themselves with

 the school's settings,
 the leadership team,
 meet the Foundation teachers
- First time parents...relationship building with other families = trust
- Parents volunteering in the school garden, cooking demonstration, joining school council, participating in school activities.





Recommendation for Hub Leaders

- Get involved with school transition process by getting to know families
- Engage with the leadership team and be involved with the transition planning
- Organise a chef for a session to discuss and healthy lunch box ideas for basic, inexpensive lunches and snacks for kids
- Organise morning tea for the new families and parents/carers with guest speakers or a chef.

