**KINDERGARTEN 2022**

 **DATES TO REMEMBER**

***All dates are dependent on the current Department of Education (DoE) COVID19 guidelines and are subject to change.***

***Parents will be advised of any changes via email, the Singleton PS Facebook page and the School App.***

**TERM 3**

**Wednesday, 21 July 2021**✓ Parent Information Evening

* + Open Kindergarten classrooms for a tour, presentation from School Captains and presentation in the library from 6.00 pm

**July-August 2021**

✓ Small Steps Transition to School Program

* Return slip to Singleton PS office (or mailbox) as soon as possible

**Friday, 13 August 2021**✓All forms to be returned to Singleton Public School with supporting documentation

**Thursday 26 August, 2,9 and 16 September 2021 (Weeks 7-10)**✓ Small Steps Transition Program (see details over page)

**Friday, 17 September 2021**✓Enrolment acceptance letter sent out by the end of Term 3, 17 September 2021

**TERM 4**

**Tuesday, 21 October 2021**✓Information Evening Number 2, 6.00 pm

* + Information re Uniforms, Daily Routines, Transition Days, P&C, etc

**Thursday 7, 14, 21 and 28 October 2021 (Weeks 1-4)**✓ Small Steps Transition Program – 9.30 am to 12.00 pm OR 12.30 pm to 3.00 pm (see details over page)

**Tuesday 9, 16 and 23 November 2021**✓Kindergarten Orientation sessions 9.30 am to 11.00 am (see details over page)

**Tuesday 9 and 16 November 2021**✓ Parent sessions at Singleton PS on Literacy and Numeracy (9 November) and PBL/Wellbeing (16 November) while students are at Kinder orientation

**Singleton Public School**

**As per DoE requirements, parents/carers must return signed enrolment forms along with supporting enrolment documents including their child’s birth certificate, immunisation statement and 100 points proof of address documents for their child to be eligible to attend both Small Steps and Kindergarten Orientation days.**

**Kindergarten Orientation**

On the following days, children are invited to attend Kindergarten Orientation sessions. The Kindergarten Orientation sessions are very important for children to become familiar with school routines, the school setting and the Kindergarten classrooms. They are a chance for the children to get to know the teachers, the classrooms and more importantly, an opportunity to meet their new classmates. Each session will be structured and organised to enable children to experience a variety of activities and lessons in preparation for Kindergarten learning. While the students are at the Kinder Orientation, parents/carers are invited to stay for a Literacy and Numeracy information session on 9 November, and a Wellbeing Workshop on 16 November. Parents/carers will leave the school for the last session. The children will need to attend the three sessions listed below:-

Tuesday, 9 November Children attend class 9.30 – 11.00 am

Tuesday, 16 November Children attend class 9.30 – 11.00 am

Tuesday, 23 November Children attend class 9.30 – 11.00 am

*Please note: these dates and additional parent sessions are subject to change depending on any changes in the current Department of Education (DoE) COVID19 restrictions and guidelines.*

**Small Steps Transition Program**

The Small Steps transition to school program will run on Thursdays for 8 weeks over Terms 3 and 4 on **26 August and 2, 9 and 16 September** and **7, 14, 21 and 28 October**. Small Steps will be conducted in line with current NSW DoE COVID19 requirements and guidelines. Parents/carers will be advised of any changes to dates and times.

There will be two sessions:-

* 9.30 am – 12.00 pm, and
* 12.30 – 3.00 pm.

Each session will have 15-20 children. Children participating in the program will only attend their allocated session each Thursday. The program will include activities across all areas of learning and provide incoming Kindergarten children with an opportunity to mix socially with their peers and become familiar with the school environment.

As places are limited, preference will be given to children who have had little or no preschool experience, eg they do not attend preschool or only attend for one day per week; or children who have an identified special need. If your child attends a preschool/childcare facility for two or more days a week, you are still able to register for your child to attend the program. If vacancies exist, those places will be filled from a waiting list.

Children will be required to bring a hat, morning or afternoon tea and a drink of water.

Children will meet one of our Kindergarten teachers under the tree in front of the office for the sessions.

**If you would like your child to attend this program, please return the expression of interest slip attached as soon as possible to the office or school mailbox. Students who gain a place in the program will be advised of their session time in Term 3.**

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