



Welcome to
Haberfield Public School

Kindergarten

Parent Information Guide



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Principal's Welcome

Ms Karlynnne Jacobsen

We look forward to welcoming our 2023 Kindergarten students to Haberfield Public School. The first year at school is an important one as it is the foundation of your child's learning. From the start of their school life, we want all our Kindergarten students to develop a love of learning and enjoy coming to school each day.

Our school community is vibrant, creative and supportive. It is a safe and caring community where every student has the opportunity to achieve their personal best and grow into respectful, responsible and resilient learners and citizens.

Haberfield Public School has a long tradition of excellence in education during its 112 years on this site. In 2023 your child's primary educational journey at Haberfield Public School will begin!



Contact Information

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School Enews

Notes and information are sent electronically via School Enews.
You can find more information on how to download the Enews App by clicking here:
<https://haberfield-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/newsletters--notes-and-notice.html>



School Times

- 8:30am Teacher on duty
- 8:55am Class lines
- 9:00am Morning session
- 11:00am Recess
- 11:20am Middle session
- 1:00pm Lunch
- 2:00pm Afternoon session
- 3:00pm School finishes



At lunch time, students are seated for the first ten minutes during eating time. They sit with their class and are supervised by their classroom teacher.



Important Dates 2023

Term 1

Best Start Kindergarten Assessment

Tuesday 31 January,
Wednesday 1 February,
Thursday 2 February,

First day for Kindergarten students

Monday 6 February

Students last day of Term 1

Thursday 6 April

Term 2

Students first day of Term 2

Wednesday 26 April

Students last day of Term 2

Friday 30 June

Term 3

Students first day of Term 3

Tuesday 13 July

Students last day of Term 3

Friday 22 September

Term 4

Students first day of Term 4

Monday 9 October

Students last day of Term 4

Tuesday 19 December



Is My Child Ready for Big School?

You might have heard the term ‘school readiness’ – but what does it really mean?

What is ‘school readiness’?

Parents sometimes think that school readiness means being able to read, write and do basic maths before starting school. But this isn’t the case! School readiness is about the development of the whole child – their social and emotional skills, physical skills, communication skills and cognitive skills. Children cannot thrive at school if they haven’t developed the skills to manage things like getting along with other children, following instructions, and communicating their needs.



For more information, please visit: <https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/articles/is-your-child-ready-for-big-school>



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Best Start Kindergarten Assessment

Best Start Kindergarten Assessment will take place at our school in Term 1.

It is a state-wide assessment that helps show teachers the literacy and numeracy skills of each student at the beginning of Kindergarten. This helps teachers to plan lessons to best support the learning needs of every child.

Children come to school with a range of experiences, skills and abilities. Some are familiar with books, can recognise letters of the alphabet or even write their name or count to ten, while others have not yet learned these skills.

Best Start Kindergarten Assessment provides teachers with the opportunity to sit with a child one on one, focusing on what that child can do.

The assessment is not a test but provides teachers with useful information to help support your child's learning at school.

Dates for Best Start

You will be informed of the date and time of your child's Best Start Kindergarten Assessment soon.

- Tuesday 31 January, 2023
- Wednesday 1 February, 2023
- Thursday 2 February, 2023



First Week at Primary School

Kindergarten students will all start school on Monday 6 February.

During the first few weeks of school your child will be welcomed by a Year 6 buddy. The buddy system helps Kindergarten students feel welcomed at our school.

You will receive further details about your child's first day at school later this term.

[Click here for information on how to prepare for the big day!](#)



First Day of School Checklist

- School Bag
- Hat
- Recess
- Lunch
- Water Bottle
- Labels on all Belongings
- Tissues (for the grown ups waving goodbye)
- A Big Smile



School Uniform

When students wear a school uniform, they feel included in our school community. School uniform is compulsory at Haberfield Public School and we ask all parents and carers to support this policy. We also encourage you to purchase the Haberfield School Bag and Library Bag as they are durable and will be used throughout your child's time at school from Kindergarten to Year 6.

School uniforms can only be purchased at the school uniform shop (they are not sold elsewhere). The school uniform shop is managed by the school P&C Association and is staffed by volunteer parents. All profits are donated to the school, which are spent on school resources, which benefit all children.



Price and Uniform Guide: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IXjWvcQKfj2Sz8zPRi4nzYwlORUvJwsg/view?usp=share_link

Uniform Orders: <https://haberfield-public-school-uniform-shop.square.site/>

Please check the size guide carefully when placing your order.

Enquiries about the uniform shop can be directed to the uniform shop coordinator: haberfielduniforms@gmail.com



Allergies

The School must be informed of any allergies that your child has (eg. peanuts, eggs, bee stings) or any other medical conditions, such as Asthma. If they do have an allergy or other medical condition, you need to provide the School with an Action Plan from the doctor. The plan must contain the doctor's signature, a current photo of your child, a summary of the allergy and the emergency procedures that need to be followed, such as the use of an EpiPen or ventolin.

We're an allergy-friendly school

There are students at Haberfield Public School with severe and life threatening reactions to some foods, especially nuts. We request that parents do not send their child to school with nuts, peanut butter, hazelnut spread, chocolate or biscuits containing nuts. Strict avoidance of such foods is necessary for avoiding a severe reaction. We also ask parents and carers to remind their child that sharing food is not allowed at school. These simple rules help to keep all our students safe.

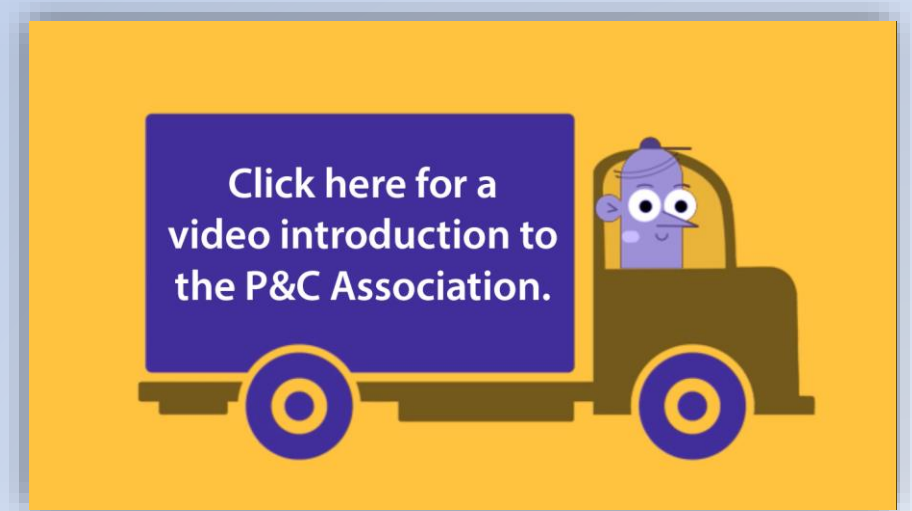


Parents and Citizens Association (P&C)

As a parent or carer, you are an important part of our school community. Our Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) offers a range of services to support you and your family. It is made up of parents and carers, teachers and community members.

The P&C meets regularly to contribute to decision-making, developing policies and management plans as well as fundraising.

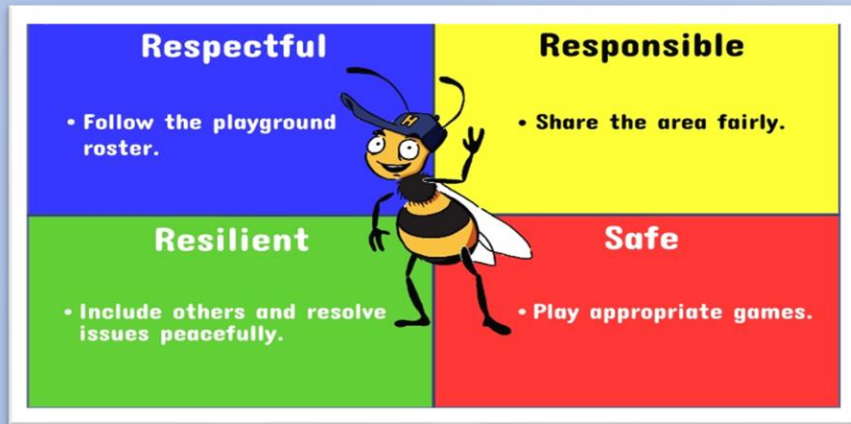
P&C Association Website: <https://haberfieldpandc.org.au/>



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

We are committed to ensuring a safe and happy environment for all students. *Positive Behaviour for Learning* is an evidence-based whole school process which we use to improve learning outcomes for our students.

Our whole school community works together to promote a positive, safe and supportive learning environment where students know what is expected of them. Our PBL focus areas help students make safe choices at school, become resilient learners and understand the benefits in behaving responsibly and respectfully.



Signs like this are displayed throughout the school, specific to each area.

They remind students of the good choices they should make at school.



Key Learning Areas

English

Students learn about the English language through written, spoken and visual texts. The study of English develops a love of literature and learning while being challenging and enjoyable.

Mathematics

Students learn to work mathematically in an interactive and hands-on learning environment. As well as a strong focus on number, students develop skills in measurement and geometry as well as in statistics.

History & Geography

In History, students share stories of their own family heritage as well as identify similarities and differences between families and family events. In Geography, students identify familiar places and recognise why some places are special or important to people.

Creative Arts

Students discover a variety of art forms through a study of dance, drama, music and visual arts. They learn to appreciate, compose, listen, make and perform. Students participate in weekly music lessons with the school Music Teacher.

PDHPE

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Students learn about the importance of making healthy and safe choices for themselves and others. Students also participate in challenging and enjoyable physical activity, developing their fundamental movement skills and their confidence.

Science & Technology

Students engage in the processes of Working Scientifically, and Design and Production to make sense of the world around them. They explore their surroundings and ask questions about their observations and experiences.



Community Languages

Students at Haberfield Public School participate in the Community Languages program and have the choice to study either the Italian or Mandarin languages.

By learning a second language, students will develop communication skills as well as knowledge and cultural awareness that enhance their sense of personal, community, national and global identity.

Learning languages at Haberfield exercises our students' curiosity and increases their understanding of the role of languages and culture. Through the development of communicative skills, students strengthen their intellectual, analytical and reflective capabilities as well as their creative thinking.

Our Community Language classrooms can transport children to another world through music, sport, film, art, costume, festivals, food, internet, incursions, clubs, fashion and history.



Why do children at Haberfield Public School learn Italian?

- Italian is the language of music, art, food, history and culture.
- Students develop an appreciation of the culture and language of their Haberfield community.
- Students will improve their literacy skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking in Italian.

Why do children at Haberfield Public School learn Mandarin Chinese?

- Mandarin Chinese is the most spoken and used language in the world. (Ethnologue, 2019)
- Students develop skills in communicating in Chinese languages.
- Students engage in learning Pinyin and simplifying Chinese characters.



Library

We are proud of our modern, well-equipped school library with its large, comprehensive collection of books and resources.

Students participate in weekly library lessons where they further develop their love of reading. The librarian reads a story to the class, followed by borrowing time. Kindergarten students can borrow one book each week. Students can choose books to borrow from a wide range of engaging quality picture books to factual texts. Library bags are available from our School Uniform Shop.

Some exciting events that your child can look forward to include the Premier's Reading Challenge, the Book Week Parade, and book fairs throughout the year.



Learning and Support

English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D)

Some students at Haberfield Public School come from a background other than English, which means that a language other than English is spoken at home. Our EAL/D teachers provide additional support to these students. This support assists students to access the curriculum and develop the academic English language proficiency required for success at school.

Learning Support

Learning and support resources are available at Haberfield Public School to help any student experiencing difficulties with learning in their class. Our learning and support team works with students, parents and carers, classroom teachers and other professionals to identify students who need extra support.

School Counsellor

The school counsellor assists students by providing a psychological counselling, assessment and intervention service. By working collaboratively with principals, teachers, learning and support teams, parents and carers, and other agencies, the school counsellor supports the learning and wellbeing outcomes for students.



High Potential and Gifted Education

Haberfield Public School is responsive to the educational needs of all students. Classes for high potential and gifted students offer a flexible and enriched curriculum across all areas of learning. They are offered from Year 1 to Year 6 and include accelerated programs in Mathematics and English, with enrichment programs in historical, artistic and cultural studies.

At Haberfield Public School, we also offer enrichment programs for students who demonstrate talents in specific subject areas.

More information on our school's High Potential and Gifted Education program can be found here:

<https://haberfield-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/gifted-and-talented.html>



Canteen

The canteen provides a healthy, nutritious menu in line with the Australian Dietary Guidelines for Children and Adolescents. This helps to make the healthy choice an easy choice for students.

The canteen operator is *Rainbow Food* and it is open from 8:30am.

Lunch Orders

You can place a lunch order online via the [Flexischools app](#), or in person. All lunch orders must be placed at the canteen by 9:00am. Please make sure your child's name is clearly written on their lunch bag along with their class.

If you have placed an order but your child is absent from school, please notify the canteen by 9:30am by contacting the school via telephone.

The Canteen menu can be found here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1I5XBn37ccnwyztITvM33h9IDTwDJsmK3/view?usp=share_link



Out of School Hours (OSHCare)

The before and after school service operates during school terms along with a vacation care program during the school holidays.

OSHCare hours of operation

Before school care – 6:45am to 9am

After school care – 3pm to 6pm

Vacation care – 7am to 6pm

Enrolling is easy – visit www.primaryoshcare.com.au

Phone: 0409 707 859

Email: HFOSHC@primaryoshcare.com.au



Useful Links

Below are some useful resources that have been provided by the NSW Department of Education.

[Getting Ready for Primary School](#)

[Kindergarten: Preparing your child](#)

[Settling into Kindy](#)

[Helping Your Child with Literacy and Numeracy at Home](#)

[Handwriting in the Early Years](#)



**We look forward to welcoming your child
to Haberfield Public School in 2023.**

