



Welcome to Pre Primary

Parent Handbook 2026



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Thank you for choosing to enrol your child at the Gosnells Primary School Pre-Primary.

Dear Parents and Families

Our world is changing at a rapid pace and there are opportunities for your children that our grandparents could not even imagine.

However, our children still need the same basic prerequisites in order to succeed:

- An integrated approach to learning;
- Learning through play;
- A vibrant and flexible learning environment;
- Intentional teaching of literacy and numeracy skills; and
- Support to foster self-regulation and emotional control.



Gosnells Primary School prides itself on providing an environment of excellence for all staff, students and their families with four simple expectations that everyone **'Be Safe'**, **'Be Responsible'**, **'Be Respectful'** and **'Be Better'**. We ask that you join us in expecting the very best from both us and your children so that they have every chance to achieve their potential.

Your support is appreciated and your child greatly benefits if you are able to come along to reading, assembly or any rosters where the teacher needs help. Our partnership with you is very important to us.

We look forward to working together with you to make a difference for your child.

With best wishes

Scott Tapper
Principal



Before your child's first day

Talk to your child about going to Pre-Primary. Minimise screen time wherever possible (phone, television, iPad etc). Show them the pictures in this book and discuss some of the activities they will be doing; for example, puzzles, painting, playdough, blocks, outside play, plus starting reading, writing and maths. During the holidays encourage them to become more independent with their belongings, with tidying up after themselves and with dressing and toileting. Involve them in organising their booklist, uniform and bag. Establish a bedtime routine during the holidays to ensure they get enough sleep ready for the new school year. Mark clothing, bags, lunch boxes, water bottles and hats with your child's name.

On your child's first day

Ensure your child has a good night's sleep and has had a good breakfast before school. Encourage them to pack their own school bag. They will need a piece of fruit, a sun-safe hat, a drink bottle with water, a healthy lunch in a lunch box and a change of clothes.





Attendance

Pre-Primary children attend five days a week and keep regular schools hours. Please bring your child to the classroom at 8:15am. If you arrive prior to 8:15am, please wait outside the school gates. Please do not leave your Pre-Primary child unattended before this time.

Please collect your child promptly at 2:40pm. No child will be able to leave the Pre-Primary class unaccompanied or with a person other than his/her legal guardian. If they are to be collected by somebody other than a parent/guardian please ensure the teacher is informed beforehand or given a note.

Pre-Primary attendance is compulsory. Regular attendance is important to develop a routine, developing skills and understandings and forming relationships with other children and staff. If your child is going to be away or is away please provide a note and inform the teacher. Extended absences require the Principal's approval.

Clothing

Please name all clothing. Pre-Primary children run and climb during outside play so we prefer they wear sandshoes or joggers for safety.



Behaviour Management

Pre-Primary children follow the school disciplinary system:

Positive behaviour:

- Specific praise
- Stickers
- Class prizes
- Pride points

Negative behaviour:

1. Warning and name recorded
2. Time-out in classroom
3. Time-out in partner room
4. If behaviour continues on return to class - detention at lunchtime

Parent Contributions

The parent contribution for Pre-Primary is \$60 per child per year. This contribution may be paid in cash at the office, online via the Qkr! App or when personal items lists are ordered.

Can my child celebrate their birthday at school?

You are most welcome to bring along a cake to Pre-Primary when it is your child's birthday. Please check with the classroom teacher for the number of students to cater for. Individual cup cakes are a good idea.





How can I help as a parent/guardian?

We value your help in our Pre-Primary program and ask that you volunteer to come in for a couple of sessions per term by writing your name on our parent roster which will be displayed in the Pre-Primary classroom. Please help out by taking laundry home to wash when on roster. Rosters will be displayed on the board outside the classroom. The noticeboard outside the room also displays relevant information. If any parents have special talents we would love you to come in and share them with us; such as art, music, storytelling or dancing. We appreciate donations of scrap materials for our art/craft program.

During the weeks ahead

When your child comes home from Pre-Primary talk with them about what they have been doing. Much of what they do at Pre-Primary cannot be brought home. It may be what they made in the sand, the story we read, the songs we sang, what they made with the play dough, who they played with or what they built. Show an interest in what they have made to bring home, show it to others and find a special place for it.

Check your child's bag every day for notes and read class and school newsletters as they will keep you up-to-date with what is happening. Our school website is also regularly updated and timely information can be found by 'liking' our Facebook page.

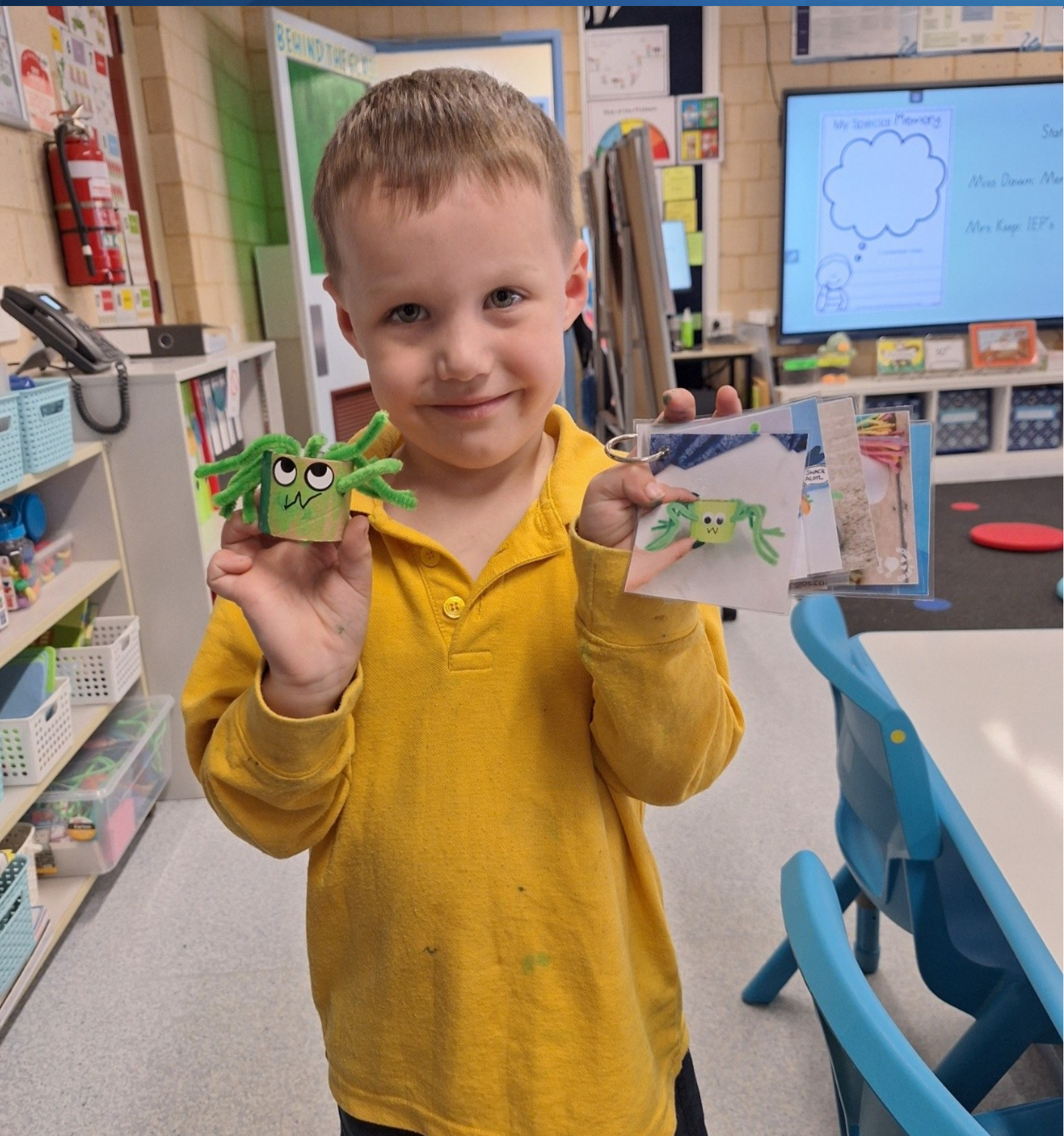
It would also support your child to take an interest in the phonics program we run at Gosnells Primary School called 'Letters and Sounds'. Your child will be learning the sound each letter (and combinations of letters) make. They'll learn to say the sound when they see the letter/s and to write the letter/s when they hear the sound! This will help them when reading and writing words ... starting with words that have three sounds. More information will be available from your classroom teachers at the beginning of the year.





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