

# Waitara Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

## Classroom visits

The importance of a successful transition to school cannot be overstated. With this in mind, all Kindergarten students attending Waitara Public School in 2018 are warmly welcomed to come along and meet the Kindergarten teachers and have a taste of 'big school' on three occasions. During this time your child will play, sing, listen to a story and play games. Teachers will use this time to get to know your child. Please place the following dates in your diary; we look forward to meeting you and your child.

- Tuesday 24th Oct 10-11am
- Tuesday 31st Oct 10-11am
- Tuesday 7th Nov 10-11am

## Best Start

All children come to school with different levels of literacy and numeracy. Some are familiar with books, can recognise letters, write their name or count to ten, while others have not yet learnt these skills. Our school, like all Department of Education schools, takes part in *Best Start*. Best Start is an opportunity for your child to have a one-on-one interview to gather information to guide the teaching of your child. This is not a test, and there is no need to prepare your child for this interview.

The Best Start interview will run for between 20 and 30 minutes. During this time one of our lovely kindergarten teachers will observe your child, read them a story and complete some fun activities. You will be given written feedback about what your child's teacher has learnt about your child at a later date.

You will receive a letter in the mail with further instructions in regarding the booking of your child's interview in December.

## Kindergarten 2018 First Day

**Kindergarten students will begin school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018.**

If your child will no longer be attending Waitara Public School or will be attending later than the kindergarten start date, it is important that you notify the school by either email or telephone. If their absence will be longer than 10 days you will be required to fill in an application for extended leave.

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*Early Stage One Assistant Principal.*

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