



Pooraka Primary School

Reception Transition Book



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Principal's Welcome



Welcome to Pooraka Primary – a small R-6 school situated in the northern suburbs of Adelaide. Our school community of approximately 180 students brings a rich diversity of many cultures and languages of families from a range of countries all over the world. Pooraka Primary School has a rich heritage, and first opened on the 14th April 1914, formerly known as the Abattoirs School.

The school has developed strong links to all areas of the community, including the local Unity Park, nearby tennis club and our local kindergarten and childcare centre.

Our approach at Pooraka Primary School is to ensure both staff and students are thriving learners. We pride ourselves in how we support small groups and individual students to ensure they have the well-being and academic support they need to thrive.

Our beautiful, extensive grounds and site, houses a range of nature play equipment and kitchen gardens, specifically designed to develop, creative and critical thinkers that learn through play and problem solving.

As Principal of Pooraka Primary, it would be my absolute pleasure to welcome you and your family and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Michelle Parkes

Principal

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Meet the Leadership Team



Deborah Foreman
Acting Assistant Principal



Byron Stuit
Senior Leader Equity
and Inclusion

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<h2>Planning your child's transition to school</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They will meet other children that will be in their class • They will engage in some play-based learning activities
<p>At Pooraka Primary School we have a transition program to support children moving from preschool into reception. We have a wonderful relationship with the Pre-school and Early Learning Centres and work closely to understand the individual needs of every child before they start in Reception. Our transition program helps children settle into new routines, develop a sense of belonging at their new school, and build skills and concepts as they learn at their own pace. We believe that families play a significant role in supporting a successful transition to school and the learning needs of their child.</p>	<p>What if my child is upset when leaving them for the transition times?</p> <p>Our Reception teacher are nurturing, caring and highly experienced. Often once you are out of sight, the children settle in nicely and participate in the activities. We also have lots of classroom support workers that will be in the room to help support the emotional needs of your child.</p> <p>What will I (the parents) be doing during my child's transition?</p> <p>On the first transition visit, the parents</p>
<h2>Our transition program</h2>	<p>will meet the Principal and go through some important information that you need to know when starting at Pooraka Primary School and starting school for the first time.</p>
<p>Our transition program consists of 2 part days prior to the starting term of your child. If your child is commencing in January, the transition days will be at the end of Term 4 in the year prior.</p> <p>If your child is commencing in July (beginning of Term 3 – mid year intake), the transition days will be at the end of Term 2 in the same year.</p> <p>What will my child do at transition?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child will meet their teacher and learn where their classroom is. 	<p>You will also get to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • order your child's uniform • meet other parents • go on a school tour • enjoy some refreshments together <p>On the second visit, you will meet the classroom teacher in the front office and they will take the children to their classroom. You will meet your child at their classroom at the end of the transition time.</p>



The first day of school

Leaving your child for the first time for the whole day can be daunting and difficult, but rest assured, we have your child's best interest at heart.

Some tips to make your child's first day go smoothly






- Make sure our child knows who will take them to school and pick them up on the first day.
- Help your child to organise their clothes, hat, shoes and socks the night before.
- Help your child pack their school bag with a health snack, drink, lunch and a hat.
- Place a spare pair of underpants and a change of clothes in a plastic bag. Let your child know these clothes are in their bag in case of any accidents at school.
- Put sunscreen on your child in the morning if it's needed.
- Show your child where you will meet them at the end of the school day.
- At the end of the day ask your child what they did and what was the best part of their day.

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What to bring to school each day

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children receive a blue bag to keep readers library books and notes – please check each night and return daily
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Change of clothes – in case of accidents
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fresh fruit – for snack in the classroom, please cut up fruit into a container
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drink bottle with water only
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Healthy food for recess and lunch to support your child’s learning and well-being
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newsletter is sent home once a fortnight and will have important dates and events that are happening in the school. This is sent home on our “parent communication app – Seesaw”
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shoes – Please make sure your child has appropriate shoes for school and play.