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Key Dates for 2026 Prep Transition

Our Prep 2026 transition process aims to give families multiple opportunities to visit the school and for us as a school to get to know our future Prep students. The below information details the scheduled events across the rest of the school year.

Transition Days

Term 3 - Monday 15 September 2025 9am - 10am OR Friday 19 September 2025 9am - 10am

All in catchment, enrolled 2026 Prep students are invited to attend one transition day. The transition day gives children the opportunity to become familiar with our prep learning spaces. Parents will remain with their children in the Prep room. Due to limited space, we kindly ask for one parent/guardian to attend, and that no siblings attend.

- · Bookings will open 8am, Monday 18 August 2025. Children will only attend one transition day.
- For instructions on booking your child's session via SOBS, please <u>click here.</u>

 <u>To book via SOBS for your transition day, please click here.</u>
- · Please tick the box for Prep and add fill in all of the details requested.
- · Please print or take note of your Transition Day. Changes can be made on SOBS until 24 hours prior to the event, subject to availability.
- To be included in these transition days, enrolment forms must be in to the office by Monday 18August 2025.
- · Parents TEAMS information session Thursday 18 September 7.30pm. All enrolled families will be emailed the link prior to the session. Teams session link: <u>Join the meeting now</u>

Local Early Childhood Education Centre Visits

Term 4 – Friday 10 October & Monday 13 October 2025

As a school, we have been in contact with a number of Early Childhood Centres to organise ways in which the centres and the school can connect and assist in making the transition process for families as supportive as possible. In collaboration with the centres, we are looking to arrange opportunities for centres to visit the school with the children. Please note that we do not visit all Early Childhood Centres.

· Please ensure your consent form enclosed in the Prep enrolment documents has been signed.

Prep Meet and Greet

Term 4 - 17 October 2025

All 2026 Prep enrolments will have an opportunity to meet with a School Leadership Team Member and a current Prep Teacher. At this Meet and Greet, families have a chance to share information with the school staff. This is also an opportunity for your child to have an informal conversation with a current prep teacher. This time together allows us an opportunity to get to know each individual child and their family.

Meet and Greet sessions will be held at Sherwood State School.

- · To book your child's Meet and Greet at Sherwood State School please click here to access SOBS.
- Bookings will open on SOBS 6pm Friday 19 September and close 9am Friday 10 October 2025



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Orientation Day

Term 4: Friday 5 December 9am - 10am

All 2026 Prep children, as well as their parent and guardian, are invited to attend the Orientation Day. Students will be placed into class groups and will spend time with their 2026 class teacher and teacher aide in their future classroom. Parents are invited to participate in the classroom orientation activities and meet their child's 2026 Prep teacher and teacher aide. Please meet school staff in the Hall **promptly at 9am**.

Pre-Prep Possums

Term 4

In-catchment families can enrol in our Prep-readiness playgroup, the "Pre-Prep Possums". Enrolment paperwork must be returned to the office before booking your Possum place. The program includes five fortnightly sessions and a special take-home pack. Possum visits will be fortnightly on either a Tuesday from 9am – 10am or 10am – 11am or Thursday from 9am – 10am or 10-11am. This is a fantastic opportunity for you and your child to embark on your Prep transition. **Bookings can be made now via QKR**. Places are limited, and we encourage you to complete your booking as soon as possible.

Please note that parents/carers will stay with their Prep student during the session at school. We kindly ask that only one parent/carers attends, and that no siblings attend. At the end of each Possum visit week, information for parents and carers relating to the content covered will be emailed home. We encourage families to engage with this information and strategies, which are designed to help a smooth transition to school.

Group A - Tuesdays	Group D - Tuesdays	Group B - Thursdays	Group C - Thursdays
14th October 2025 9 – 10 am	14th October 2025 10 - 11 am	16th October 2025 9 - 10 am	16th October 2025 10 - 11 am
28th October 2025 9 - 10 am	28th October 2025 10 - 11 am	30th October 2025 9 - 10 am	30th October 2025 10 - 11 am
11th November 2025 9 – 10 am	11th November 2025 10 - 11 am	13th November 2025 9 – 10 am	13th November 2025 10 - 11 am
25th November 2025 9 – 10 am	25th November 2025 10 - 11 am	27th November 2025 9 – 10 am	27th November 2025 10 - 11 am
Culminating Day	Wednesday 10 th December 2025 9 – 10 am Bring your favourite teddy bear, picnic rug and morning tea and join our 2025 Prep Cohort for a Teddy Bears Picnic! We will sing songs, play games and celebrate the end of the Pre-Prep Possum Program.		

All families are invited to 'Meet the Staff' on Wednesday 3rd December from 3.30pm-4.30pm. This is an opportunity to hear from key staff, ask any questions, meet other prep parents, and enjoy a light afternoon tea. Please meet on the Prep Verandah. The information presented in this session is for parents and carers, Prep children do not need to attend.

Contact Details

Should you have any queries about the enrolment process or the events outlined above please do not hesitate to contact staff below:

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