



Sherwood State School

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June 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians of our 2024 Prep cohort,

Welcome to the **Pre-Prep Possums!**

At Sherwood State School, we recognise the importance of continuity of learning and wellbeing as children transition from kindergarten to school. We want to make this transition as smooth as possible for both you, and your children. The Pre-Prep Possums is a program designed to support our future Prep cohort and their families. We want to learn about you and your children, just as you are keen to learn about us and what Prep looks like at Sherwood. This program assists us to be ready to respond to the capabilities of your children, embrace diversity within our community, and maximise continuity of teaching and learning for children.

At these sessions, your children will engage with a variety of learning spaces, including the Prep classrooms, outdoor learning area, playgrounds etc. You will have an opportunity to observe your children in these settings, as well as to meet with school staff to hear prep-readiness messages.

The Pre-Prep Possum Program is a series of five dates and we request commitment to each of these dates where possible. You can select either Monday (Group A or B) or Thursday (Group C). Participation is optional, however, we strongly encourage families to embrace this opportunity. Enrolment in this program opens **Monday 10 July 2023 at 10am** and is secured by a \$70 payment via the Qkr! app, which is an online payment tool used by Sherwood families. *Please ensure your enrolment paperwork has been received by the school office **prior** to paying for the Pre-Prep Possum program.* For assistance downloading and setting up a profile on the app, [click here](#). You will need to add yourself as a guest profile, and your child's details will be requested at checkout.

Places in this program are *limited*. Your payment via Qkr! will secure your place in the program. Cost includes:

- Pre-Prep Possum t-shirt
- Sherwood State School tote bag
- Sherwood State School handball
- Prep and school staffing and preparation
- Take home resources (including arts and crafts)
- Follow up resources to be used at home as a follow on from our learning

Payments will close on **Friday 25 August 2023**, if our quota is not reached earlier. Please note that all parents/guardians who attend will be sent a Mandatory Student Protection policy that must be read before your child commences the first session.

If you have any questions about the Pre-Prep Possum program, please contact Stacey Thomasen at sthom677@eq.edu.au

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	Group A	Group B	Group C	Pre-Prep Possums will:	Parents/Guardians will:
Session 1	9 October 2023 9 – 10 am	9 October 2023 10 - 11 am	12 October 2023 9 – 10 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be welcomed to the Pre-Prep Possum program. Be introduced to our values program, You Can Do It! They will be introduced to Gabby Get Along, Pete Persistence, Oscar Organisation, Connie Confidence and Ricky Resilience. Nursery Rhyme focus – <i>Twinkle Twinkle Little Star</i>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage in a discussion with the Sherwood SS Guidance Officer, Jenny Davidson, who will discuss students' emotional wellbeing during the transition to Prep.
Session 2	23 October 2023 9 – 10 am	23 October 2023 10 - 11 am	26 October 2023 9 – 10 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in a range of fine motor activities including colouring, cutting, gluing, threading. Nursery Rhyme focus – <i>Hey Diddle Diddle</i>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage in a discussion with Sherwood SS teacher, Liz Walsh, who will discuss the importance of Fine Motor Skills and ideas about what you can do at home.
Session 3	6 November 2023 9 – 10 am	6 November 2023 10 - 11 am	9 November 2023 9 – 10 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete a range of oral language activities. Nursery Rhyme focus – <i>Incy Wincy Spider</i>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage in a discussion with the Sherwood SS Speech Language Pathologist, Melynda Raabe, who will discuss the importance of oral language and ideas of what you can do at home with your children.
Session 4	20 November 2023 9 – 10 am	20 November 2023 10 - 11 am	23 November 2023 9 – 10 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare for Prep, including special people and places in our school. Look at lunch box choices and what kinds of foods they may like to eat at lunch in Prep. Create teddy bear ears, ready for our Teddy Bears Picnic! Nursery Rhyme focus – <i>Humpty Dumpty</i>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage in a discussion with our Principal, Amanda Hawkswell, and P-2 Deputy Principal, Stacey Thomasen, about how to best prepare your child for Prep. Question and answer session.
Session 5	Monday 27 November 2023 9 – 10 am			Bring your favourite teddy bear, picnic rug and morning tea and join our future 2024 Prep cohort for a Teddy Bears Picnic! We will sing songs, play games and celebrate the end of the Pre-Pre Possum Program.	

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