

I WISH I'D KNOWN...

Hints/learnings/feedback/ideas from previous Prep parents:

- It takes a long time (for parents *and* kids) to adjust to the new routine, but you will get there! School days are surprisingly short.
- 'Parade' and 'Assembly' are the same thing. Try to go along - it really helps you understand the school and key people (Wednesday 2.30pm).
- Engage with the P&C Facebook page - it's the BEST source of information.
- There are 'Student Free Days' or 'Staff Professional Development Days' (kids don't go to school - but Vacation Care is available). Most are attached to the end of school holidays but there is one in the middle of Term 4.
- Try to get to Parent Hub for a cuppa - currently Tuesday mornings - such an easy way to connect!
- If you can, volunteer in the classroom - it's the best way to find out who all the kids are and what happens day-to-day in class.
- Information is now mainly electronic, so make sure both the School and P&C have an email address that you check daily. Sometimes notes will come home with your child, so check your child's bag regularly.
- Sneakers (any colour) and socks are fine! Velcro shoes are ideal until your child can tie their own laces.
- Your child will be in one of the house/sports teams and you will need a red, green or yellow t-shirt for sports days. Don't buy one until you find out which team you are in.
- 2nd-hand clothes at our uniform shop are only \$2 and there's usually a great range – wait until winter before buying jumpers/jackets and check here first!



INTRODUCING DUTTON PARK STATE SCHOOL P&C

Parents and Citizens Association - Your School Community

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL FAMILY!

The P&C is **all of us** – The adults in this school community sharing their time, talents, passions, ideas and resources, **for the benefit of all children and families**. We welcome your support and involvement!

The P&C acknowledges the Turrbal and Jagera Traditional Owners of the land on which our school stands, and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

CONNECT WITH US



Dutton Park School P and C Community

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WHAT'S ON?

BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS: PRE-PREP PLAYDATE

Sunday 22nd January 2023, 3pm

To ease the transition to school, come along to meet, chat and play with other Prep kids and families at the playground in the centre of the school. The Uniform Shop will be open as well.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: TIM TAMS, TEA & TISSUES

Monday 23rd January 2023, 8.45am

Join other Prep parents/carers to celebrate/mourn this new beginning! Enjoy a free cuppa and bikkies at the Parent Hub/Uniform Shop after dropping your child at their classroom.

WEEKLY PARENT HUB: ALL WELCOME

Tuesday mornings after drop-off, 8.45am

Join other parents/carers to chat, ask questions, share ideas, peruse the 2nd-hand uniforms, etc. We have toys for pre-schoolers and coffee/tea/snacks.

MONTHLY P&C MEETINGS: ALL WELCOME

3rd Tuesday of each month, 6.30pm-8.30pm in the school library

Meetings are all about information sharing. We hear updates from the school Principal, the executive and the working parties/committees. We come up with ideas, ask questions and make decisions. And we enjoy drinks and snacks!

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

There are lots of ways to connect with others and support our children:

Volunteering in classrooms, attending class playdates and school events (Sports Day, Cross-Country, Under 8s Day, Ride to School Day), helping with occasional special food days, helping in the Uniform Shop or Library, joining the Ecology/Garden team, helping with fundraisers (raffles, Mothers' Day stall, big events).

Fundraising ensures that our kids get great resources to support their learning! We've recently funded iPads, playground markings, musical

instruments, art supplies and programs, library books, literacy and philosophy resources and training, sheds, fences, and a toilets makeover!



THE CLASS PARENT REP

To help parents connect, the *Class Parent Representative* is a really important role. It may involve co-ordinating a class play-date, liaising with the teacher, and communicating (mainly through email) with parents.

UNIFORM SHOP

Volunteers open the uniform shop (new & 2nd-hand) regularly during the school terms. 2nd-hand uniforms are only \$2 per item.

See the website for opening hours, pricelist, and order online

www.duttonparksspandc.org.au/uniform-shop

LOST PROPERTY

Please write a name/phone number on all uniforms, hats lunch-boxes and water bottles. Lost Property can be found under the Admin building. Volunteers check and sort it regularly.

At the end of each term, unclaimed uniforms are washed and added to the 2nd-hand uniform shop, and non-uniform items are donated to a charity shop.

NAME LABELS

If you need to order sticky name labels, consider ordering from mynamelabel.com.au and using the code DPSS051218 to get 5% discount and support our School. Include a name and mobile number on your labels to help us return your lost property!