



Information for Parents Enrolling Children in 2018 Kindergarten

Information Evening for Parents

Wednesday 25th October 2017 at 7:30 pm to be held in the School Library

Orientation Days for Pupils of 2018 Kindergarten

Session 1: Thursday 26th October 2017 or Friday 27th October 2017

Session 2: Thursday 9th November 2017 or Friday 10th November 2017

Between 9:30am to 11:00am

Dates For Kindergarten 2018

In **2018**, all Kindergarten children will complete the “*Best Start Kindergarten*” assessment before commencing school. This assessment program has been developed by early learning experts in the Department of Education and Training and will be used to discover what each student knows and can do as they start school. The assessment enables the teacher to better plan for individual student needs. The assessment focuses on numeracy and literacy skills.

It is important to note that *Best Start Kindergarten* is **not** a test. It’s purpose is to allow the teacher to gather information to guide the teaching of each student. Further details will be given at our Information Evening.

Best Start Kindergarten Assessments

Wednesday 31st January to Wednesday 7th February 2018

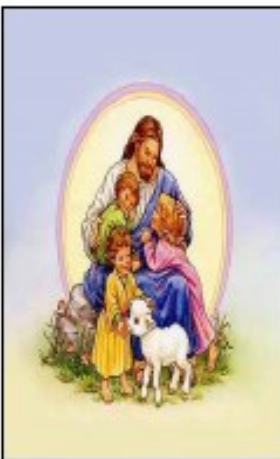
(each child will be required to attend school for 1 hour during this week for the *Best Start Kindergarten* Assessment - dates and times to be allocated December 2017).

Kindergarten Commences

Thursday 8th February, 2018

READY FOR SCHOOL?

- Is your child usually happy?
- Can your child accept discipline without becoming upset?
- Does your child socialize well with other children?
- Does your child respond positively to adults other than family members?
- Can your child contribute to conversation appropriately?
- Is your child confident when speaking in front of people?
- Is your child's speech clear?
- Does your child have a fairly wide vocabulary?
- Can your child perform daily routine tasks alone?
- Can your child take care of personal belongings?
- Can your child dress independently – such as doing up buttons, shoe-laces, etc?
- Does your child go to the toilet and wash their hands independently?
- Does your child share and take turns?
- Does your child generally finish tasks?
- Can your child work alone without being distracted?
- Can your child work well in a group?
- Can your child use scissors correctly?
- Can your child hold a pencil or crayon correctly and draw in bold lines?
- Can your child copy a circle, square cross, rectangle, triangle?
- Can your child recognize colours and shapes and correctly name them?
- Can your child remember and follow instructions?
- Can your child express ideas fluently?
- Can your child tell a simple story in correct sequence?
- Can your child discriminate visually between similar things?
- Can your child discriminate between similar-sounding words?
- Can your child rhyme simple words?
- Can your child tell a story based on a picture?
- Does your child enjoy books, stories and rhymes?
- Does your child show interest in the printed word?
- Is your child familiar with his/her environment?



VISION STATEMENT

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me"

John 10:14

The Children at Henschke Primary

**Will know that they are always loved by God
And they will return that love in word and deed
As they follow Jesus throughout their lives.**