

# Bungendore Early Learning Community

~ Working together in Partnership for the Bungendore Community ~



## Kindergarten 2023 School Readiness Information Session

# A very big, warm welcome to you...

*A community journey together, for your child and your family...*



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# About us

The **Bungendore Early Learning Community** group is made up of educators from Bungendore Public School, Bungendore Preschool, Bungendore Children's Cottage and Milestones Early Learning Centre, who are committed and dedicated to high quality, impactful and measurable early learning programs that foster authentic academic, social, emotional and developmentally appropriate opportunities to ensure children have the best possible start in life.



## *Our Philosophy*

*As a community of early childhood educators, we are committed to working in partnership across educational settings and with children and their families. We believe in doing so, that all young people within our care can develop the necessary skills to communicate and participate in opportunities within our educational settings and beyond, to become increasingly prepared to be active citizens in community life and going into the workforce.*

*Together, our group leads innovative, inspiring, impactful, and measurable practices that are underpinned by the values of:*

*Children are the priority*

*Change is the reality*

*Collaboration is the strategy*



# A word from our Principal

## Mr Nigel Trethowan



# What is 'School Readiness'?

*'School readiness' is a measure of the knowledge, skills and behaviours that enable children to participate and succeed in school.*

# What is 'School Readiness'?

**The NSW Department of Education states - “Children can start Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn 5 on or before 31 July that year. Some gifted or talented children may be ready to start school at an earlier age while others may benefit from being a little older.**

**Deciding if your child is ready for school is an individual matter for your family to consider. Please continue your conversations with your early learning center for supportive advice and guidance. We are always here to help.**

- Is my child emotionally ready for the challenges of school?
- Can my child socialise well with others?
- Does my child separate from me easily?
- Does my child listen well and respond appropriately to instructions?
- Will my child flourish in a structured environment or does s/he need a more relaxed, unstructured one?
- Does my child communicate effectively?
- Do I want my child to go to school because it will be more convenient for me, or because they are ready?
- Will another year at a prior-to-school service be more beneficial for my child?

# Preparing your child in advance

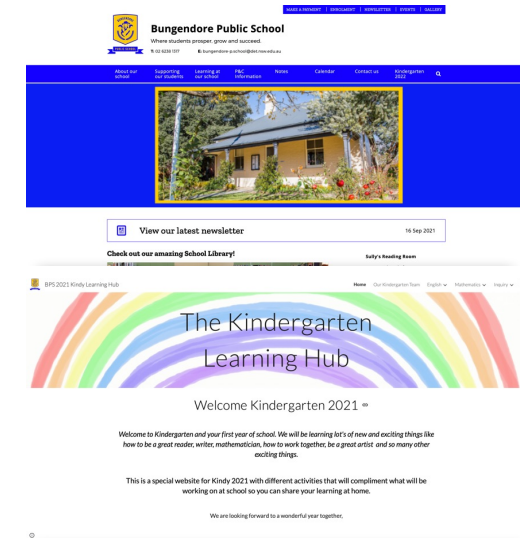
## The transition process...



Driving past the school to familiarise them with the environment.



Read, read, read to your child every day.



Sit with your child and check out our school website.  
We have a gallery of some of the things we do at school and links to our *Kindergarten Learning Hub*.

# Preparing your child in advance

## The transition process...



Play games that involve taking turns and sharing



Talking about school in a positive way.  
Things like: "School will be fun" and you will make lots of new friends".



How to open and close their lunchbox

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## The transition process...



Practice using the toilet independently (including using a urinal for boys)



Trying on their 'big school' uniform



Tying their shoelaces

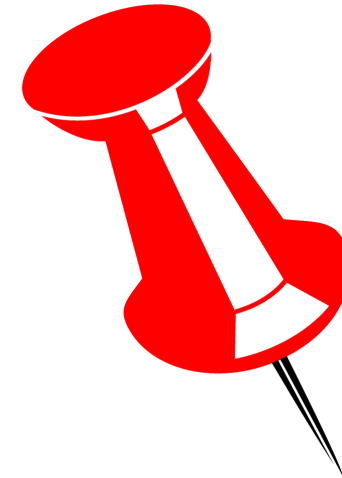


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## The transition process...



Helping to build your child's fine motor skills by playing with playdough or construction type activities



Stay informed for our upcoming term 4 orientation sessions. From your centre, and our school website.

# Teddy Bears Picnic





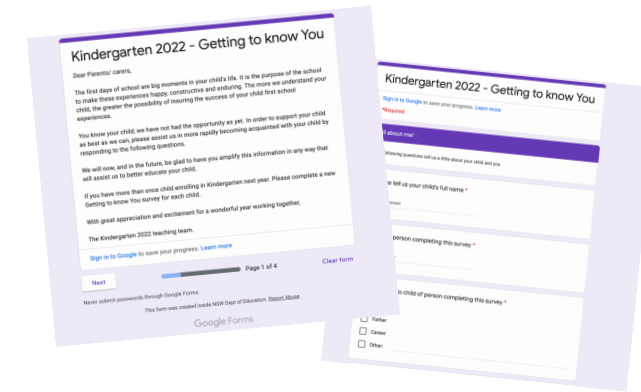
# What would be helpful for my child to know?

- How to use the toilet independently and wash their hands.
- Be able to dress themselves where possible.
- Eat independently.
- Recognise their first and second written name.
- Understand the need to share and listen.



# Helpful Hints

- Label everything!
- Snacks – healthy, easy to open, drinking water
- Medical and dietary information (in enrollment and first meeting at school)
- “It takes a village to raise a child” - Be proactive and work with your child's teacher(s)
- Share information with the school – there will be many times before your child starts. You can complete our online [Getting To Know You](#) survey here.....





# On the very first day of school

- Don't rush
- Be organized
- Pick your battles
- Be positive
- Be calm
- Settle your child and don't linger
- Make plans for yourself after drop off



# After School

- Expect your child to be tired
- Expect your child to be hungry
- Do not believe everything they say 😊
- Check bag for notes or messages





# Ways to ask

## “How was your day?”

*What was the best part of your day?*

*What did you eat for lunch today?*

*What do you wish you could do more of at school?*

*What would you like to forget about today?*

*Which part of the classroom do you think I would like best?*



# Thank you for coming – classroom visits

We welcome you to visit our Kindergarten classrooms. This years Kindergarten teachers will be available in rooms if you have any further questions.



*We shall be holding a BPS specific information session early term 4 with even more information and insights to support you and your child in starting school.*