

Getting your child PREPared



**Welcome to our school.
We look forward to you being part of our
Norris Road State School Community**

Welcome to Prep

Congratulations on choosing a Prep environment that is exciting, challenging, rewarding and driven by focussed teaching and learning.

In the following we offer some tips and information. We offer this to allow you and your child to have a clear idea on what Prep looks like, and ease the transition to school.



Our School Expectations

- ✎ We are safe
- ✎ We are respectful
- ✎ We are learners

Prep and the Australian Curriculum

At Norris Road State School, our Prep teachers deliver the Australian Curriculum in all subject areas. The Australian Curriculum sets expectations for what students should know and do by the end of each school year.

We deliver this content through the five contexts for learning:

- ✎ Play
- ✎ Real life situations
- ✎ Investigations
- ✎ Routines and transitions
- ✎ Focussed teaching and learning

As students are the focus for planning of teaching and learning experiences, our Prep teachers consider:

- ✎ What do the students already know?
- ✎ What do they need to learn?
- ✎ How do we teach it?
- ✎ How will the students demonstrate their learning?
- ✎ How will we determine learning progress?
- ✎ How does this inform future teaching and learning?



English

In Prep, children will be:

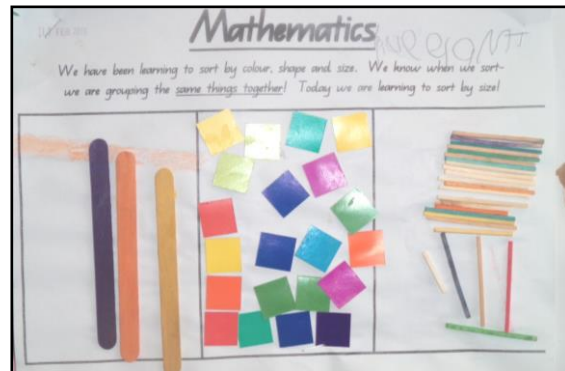
- ✎ Developing oral language skills
- ✎ Learning letters and sounds from the alphabet
- ✎ Finding letters and words in meaningful contexts
- ✎ Learning book use behaviours
- ✎ Retelling and sequencing events from stories
- ✎ Listening and responding to fiction and non fiction books
- ✎ Writing sentences using known words
- ✎ Writing a variety of texts (letters, postcards, birthday cards, signs)
- ✎ Developing metalinguistic skills (rhyming, syllables, sounding out words)



Mathematics

In Prep, children will be:

- ✎ Developing counting skills
- ✎ Developing number awareness
- ✎ Developing patterning skills
- ✎ Developing measurement
- ✎ Developing shape awareness



Science

Students will observe and describe the behaviours and properties of everyday objects, materials and living things. They will explore change in the world around them, including changes that impact them, such as the weather.



History and Social Sciences

Children will learn about their own history and that of their family. They will also focus upon developing students' understanding of place and explore the place they live in and belong to, and learn to observe and describe its features.

Motor Skills

In Prep, children will practise:

Fine Motor Skills

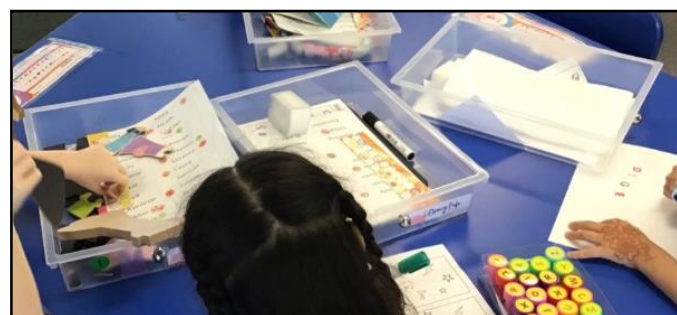
- ✎ Strengthening their fingers, ready for writing
- ✎ Holding the pencil correctly
- ✎ Learning to use scissors and cutting on different types of lines (straight, curved and zig zag)

Other fine motor activities will include:

- ✎ Weaving, threading and using play dough.

Gross Motor Skills

- ✎ Obstacle Course
 - Kicking, jumping, hopping, skipping, climbing, balancing, throwing and catching



How can you help?

Starting school can be an exciting but stressful time for you and your child. For some children it may be the first time they are going into a school environment with unfamiliar people and things around them.

Here are some tips for supporting your child-

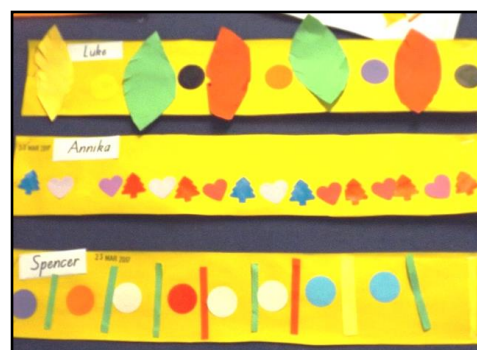
English

- 👉 Talk with your child (sounds so simplistic but so important!)
- 👉 Read to your child everyday
- 👉 Model correct reading behaviours
- 👉 Ask questions about what you see in the pictures of books
- 👉 Model appropriate speaking and listening skills
- 👉 Encourage your child to identify and write their name
- 👉 Identify some letters of the alphabet, e.g. , from their name



Mathematics

- 👉 Talk with your child about counting, position and groups
- 👉 Count with your child everyday
- 👉 Number recognition in signs and labels
- 👉 Shape recognition in the environment
- 👉 Practise sorting objects by colour, shape and size



How to get involved

As a parent/caregiver, you play a vital role in your child's education. By getting involved in the school you can help your child make a smooth and happy start to their education.

You can do this by:

- ✎ Introducing yourself to your child's teacher
- ✎ Sharing information with your child's teacher
- ✎ Meeting other families in your child's class
- ✎ Keeping the teacher informed of any changes that may affect your child
- ✎ Asking your child what they have learned today
- ✎ Attending parent/caregiver information sessions
- ✎ Reading the school newsletter
- ✎ Attending P & C meetings
- ✎ Volunteering to attend school excursions or participate in classroom activities
- ✎ Participating in school working bees.

