



Tuesday 13th October 2020

Kindergarten 2021 Transition Update

A positive start to school is important and depends on everyone working together to make it happen – family, community, early childhood service and the school team. An orientation program helps children and families become familiar with the school.

The Department of Education has developed new guidelines to support schools in planning orientation programs for students entering Kindergarten in 2021. Schools may now commence planning for orientation **programs to be held from 1 November (Term 4, Week 3)**, subject to health advice and consistent with the advice that follows.

Due to the above changes from the Department of Education our Kindy Club and parent/carer sessions have been modified and the new dates and times are listed below. Staggered arrival and pick up times will occur to minimize the number of people on site and to prevent queuing. Please see next page for these details. **Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our meet and greet BBQ.**

To abide by the Department of Education's guidelines we have set up a google website to assist parents/carers with important information and frequently asked questions. This website will be released before our first Kindy Club.



Session 1: Wednesday 4th November

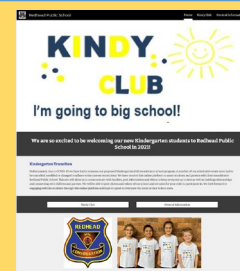
Meet my buddy, school tour and creative play

Session 2: Wednesday 11th November

Meet my buddy, Outdoor play and fine motor rotations

Session 3: Wednesday 18th November

Meet my buddy, Christmas craft, story fun time



Each week new short videos will be released for parent/carers to view:

Session 1: Wednesday 4th November

Introduction to our online platform and where to find things

Frequently ask questions

Session 2: Wednesday 11th November

Supporting your child with learning to read.

Session 3: Wednesday 18th November

Supporting your child with numeracy.



Kindy Club -

Drop off and pick up procedures



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For orientation visits to take place within our school, the following requirements must be in place:

- Your child must have a completed enrolment form, which has been reviewed by the school.
- Your child can only attend if they are well and not showing any flu-like symptoms. Your child's temperature will be checked on arrival before entry to Kindy Club.
- One parent/carer only is to enter the school site and report to the school library via the **Hutchinson Street Gate**. We would appreciate no other siblings enter the school site. We can meet parent/carers at the gate if required to support with change over.
- Parents/carers should not remain on site for longer than 10 minutes.
- Staggered arrival and pick up times will occur to minimize the number of people on site and to prevent queueing.
- Each parent/carer must complete and sign the [external visitors form](#). This will be available near the sign in table.

The school will promote good hand hygiene practices. Our bathrooms are well stocked with hand soap and paper towels and hand sanitiser is available at key points around the school such as entry and exit points.

Drop off and pick up staggered times will be via surnames.

