



# Mount Pleasant Primary School Mount Pleasant and District Kindergarten Transition Program



## Rationale

We believe that the education of a child is everybody's business, from Kindy through Primary School to High School.

It is important for us to work in strong partnership with the Kindy to ensure continuity of learning and a smooth transition from Kindy to Primary School.

## Program

The transition program is divided into four elements; Kindy Visits, School Visits, Excursions/Special Days and the Formal Transition days.

Below are descriptions of each of the elements in more detail.

### **1. Kindy visits**

Beginning in term 1 our junior primary class will visit Mount Pleasant Kindy every second week and spend some time with the kindy children in the kindy grounds. This class will be the one into which the kindy students will be transitioning. The aim is to build the relationships between the school students/teacher and the kindy students.

### **2. School visits**

During term 3 students and teachers of Mt Pleasant & District Kindergarten will visit Mt Pleasant Primary School every second week.

During these visits the kindy students will participate in some activities with the Junior Primary class. They may also include:

- Borrow from the library.
- Have play time on the playground.
- Participate in PE activities on the oval or in the gym.

This will give the kindy students-

- Exposure to and experience of the school environment.
- Interaction with school children and staff.
- Experience of school rules and expectations.
- Familiarity with the school.
- A less stressful start to their primary school years.

### **3. Excursions / Special Days**

The school and the kindy will often plan excursions and/or special days for their students. Where it is possible, and applicable, we will invite each other to be part of these so that:

- Kindy students will become familiar and friendly with the old students.
- Kindy students may become more at ease with 'Big Kids'.
- The school students will get to know the kindy students transitioning into the school and will be mindful of them when they start school.
- Stronger bonds will be made between the school and the kindy.

### **4. Formal Transition Visits**

Kindergarten students will start regular transition visits about half way through term 4. These are designed to ease Kindy students into the routines of school.

These visits will be, where possible, in the class they will be joining the following year. This will allow the Kindy students to become familiar with their classroom, their classmates, their teacher and the routines and expectations of being at school.

Parents of Kindergarten students will be given a copy of the transition program with dates and times at some time during term 3. They will also receive school newsletters if their child will be starting school at Mount Pleasant Primary School.

There will be four transition visits.

*Visit 1:* 8:50 -10:40 (beginning of recess time)

Children will stay until the beginning of recess.

On the first visit parents will be asked to stay and have a meeting with the Principal. At this meeting the parents will get a quick tour of the school (if needed), a chance to fill in all relevant paper work and a chance to ask any question they may have about school.

*Visit 2:* 8:50 -11:00 (end of recess time)

Children will stay until the end of recess. This means they have the experience of playing out in the yard with all of the other students.

*Visit 3:* 8:50 -12:50 (beginning of lunch)

Children will stay until the start of lunch play. They will stay and eat their lunch in the classroom with the other students.

*Visit 4:* 8:50 -1:30 (end of lunch time)

Children will stay until the end of lunch. This means they will eat their lunch at school and have the experience of extended playtime (40min) in the yard with all of the other students.