

Key transition dates and events for Preps of 2021

What we usually do:	What we will have instead:	When:	Where:
A Prep 2021 Picnic to welcome our new families	Phone calls from the Prep team were made to welcome each of our enrolled families.	Conducted from October 5th	Via telephone
Two practise sessions in a Prep class with a Prep teacher	Videos that feature the Prep and specialist teachers introducing their classrooms and running a short activity that your child can do at home.	Multiple videos released in: Week beginning November 2nd Week beginning November 9th Week beginning November 16th Week beginning November 23rd Week beginning November 30th	Videos will be posted on the school website. Go to Transition Programs->Prep 2021 Transition">https://www.fwps.vic.edu.au/Enrolment->Transition Programs->Prep 2021 Transition
Parent session regarding information about the beginning of Prep, which would usually happen at the same time students are having a practise in the Prep classrooms.	Video with the information posted to the school website A live question and answer session. <i>*please ensure you have watched the presentation posted prior to this session</i>	Week beginning November 9th Week beginning November 16th (more details to follow)	Videos and information booklet will be posted to the school website using the link and pathway above Via WebEx (parents will be emailed a link closer to the date)
Information booklet and resource pack for families, given out during parent information sessions.	We will still provide you with these packs. Information provided includes dates, class structures, communications, parent involvement, uniforms and many other aspects of school life.	Week beginning November 9th	If your child attends Dobsons, Brenbeal, The Learning Sanctuary Footscray, Church St. or Bulldogs Children's Centre, the packs will be given out at kindergarten. If your child attends another centre they will be mailed by post or given to an older sibling at the school.
A letter which includes: -child's class name and teacher -map of where their classroom is, -Prep assessment interview time -staff photos -online meeting time	This letter and information will continue to be sent out this year.	Week beginning November 30th	Mailed to your postal address
Meet our new class on the first day of Prep.	A small group meeting THIS YEAR with your prep teacher for 2021 and some of your new classmates! Each class will meet in two or three small groups.	Week beginning December 14th	This meeting information will be included in the letter sent out to inform students of their grade.

TERM DATES FOR 2021

<u>Term 1</u>	Friday, 29th January (Preps to start Monday, 1st February) to Thursday, 1st April
<u>Term 2</u>	Monday, 19th April to Friday, 25th June
<u>Term 3</u>	Monday, 12th July to Friday, 17th September
<u>Term 4</u>	Monday, 4th October to Friday, 17th December

FIRST DAY FOR PREPS: MONDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2021

Friday 29th January – Grade 1-6 start and Prep Assessment day #1

Monday 1st February—Prep first day of school 9:00-12:30

On Wednesdays in February, each child will be given an appointment time of approximately 1 hour's duration to meet with their class teacher and participate in an initial Prep assessment. Parents will be notified of their allocated meeting time when grade placement information is provided. No other Prep classes will be held on these days, so parents will need to make alternative arrangements for all Wednesdays in February.