Welcome to Kallangur School

- Confident learners
- Caring Community
- Respectful society

Established 1930

STARTING SCHOOL
Helping your child get ready
ATTENDANCE
- It is vital that your child develop good attendance habits. Attendance is part of being organised and responsible. Irregular attendance negatively affects learning, participation and development of social skills.

HEALTH CHECK
- Immunisation
- Vision
- Hearing
- Special Conditions?

SAFETY CHECK
Your child needs to know:
- their first and last name
- parents name(s) eg. Meg Smith; Des Smith
- home phone number, mobile and address

ROAD SAFETY
- Does your child have road sense, eg. walk on footpath, use crossing and traffic lights, care near driveways, get out of car on footpath side etc.?
- Stranger Danger Awareness

HELPFUL HABITS
- Use your words to communicate with others
- Put things away after use
- Learn to listen carefully
- Look at person speaking
- Remember to do simple chores
- Get along with others
- Follow a routine eg. get up, use bathroom, get dressed, have breakfast, clean teeth, etc.
- Dress oneself
- Use toilet – press button wash hands
CREATE A DESIRE TO LEARN

Encourage your child to

**TALK** – Oral language, vocabulary and thinking skills are developed through talking
- Oral language and vocabulary knowledge are crucial to literacy development and success

**Expand Knowledge**
- Talk with your child about lots of different things
- Remembering sequences of events
- Discuss events and consequences
- Remembering details and expand vocabulary and sentence structures
- Talk and describe things you can see

**Read** lots of books together – there is no substitute for reading a story to your child. Your child learns about language patterns and sounds.

It is not enough for children to watch a story read on Playschool. Children need to hold and look at the book and discuss it too.

**Organise**
- eg. put groceries in cupboard, arrange cutlery, sort socks

**Measure** pour and mix
- eg. help to bake some biscuits, pikelets etc.

**Observe nature** – grow some plants, look after a pet, watch for stars, notice shape of moon etc.

**Associate and Sort**
- Play word games
  - eg. what goes with sock (ie. shoe); knife (ie. fork)
- Tidy away toys – it can be difficult for young children to sort toys into groups and return to storage place.

**Match**
- Number games
  - eg. are there enough chairs for us all to sit down? (one for mum, for me…)
- This red chair is the same as that red chair.

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ALSO

- Ensure your child can recognise belongings (everything must be clearly named)
- Ensure your child can open lunch containers, unwrap plastic wrap, open drinks and other packaging, eg. muesli bar wrappers.
- Teach your child to change into swimming togs and back into school uniform.
- Teach your child to tie shoelaces / do up shoes.
- Talk in a positive way about school.
- Expect your child to enjoy school.
- Take an interest in what your child does at school.
- Get to know their friends.
- Communicate with teachers and administrators.

School is fun

Learning is fun

Parents and teachers are partners in the learning process

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