Joey’s Jumpstart Program

**Transition program from Kindergarten to School**

Children who will be commencing Reception are invited to participate in a TRANSITION to SCHOOL PROGRAM in the term before commencing school.

**Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century**

Teaching and learning in the 21st Century requires recognition that successful education needs to provide a set of fundamental skills that are transferable and adaptable to whatever the future holds. In order to learn how to learn, children need to be provided with a solid foundation of skill acquisition and to develop a range of thinking and research abilities. As educators, we aim to provide learning environments that offer lots of practise in how to make decisions, initiate ideas, persist, find out, try again, take risks, explore and research in a range of ways that relate to children’s own interests.

You may be wondering…..

**How can I keep up to date with what is happening at school?**

If you have specific questions about your child’s progress you are encouraged to make contact with your child’s teacher. You can keep up to date with what is happening in our school by reading our Newsletter, and ‘liking’ us on Facebook. Our Facebook page is regularly updated with useful information, photos, videos, etc. To ‘like’ us on Facebook simply search Mary MacKillop Memorial School. This is also applicable for Instagram. Once part of our school community you and your child will be set up on Seesaw, which is a main form of communication between school and families.

**When does my child come for 'transition'?**

A detailed outline of the Joey’s Jumpstart Program will be communicated to families and the Kindy to ensure a smooth transition from Kindy to School. We endeavour to work with your child’s Kindy to be able to know your child in their Kindy environment, their likes, interests and specific wellbeing requirements.

**Does my child have to wear the school uniform for transition?**

No. Most parents may not have bought them yet, but if you have and your child would like to wear them that is fine.

**Do I have to worry about what my child can and cannot do - eg. Read or write their name, etc.?**

No. The children are visiting to become familiar with some of the people and the surroundings - the toilets, the playground, their classroom and classmates, etc. They will do some simple activities, and the teacher will be able to glean a little about where your child is 'at', but these sessions will be fun and interactive to ensure that it is a positive experience for your child.

**Do I have to go, or can I, stay?**

No, you don't have to. Your child will be going into a very welcoming room. If your child is upset, you might like to remain, but it is best if you can try and 'get away'. Sometimes little ones can be a bit upset, or even reasonably distressed at the 'point of separation' but they usually settle down shortly after parents leave. The classroom teacher is only a phone call away! We do just ask you to be back on time, to collect your child.