



Welcome to Kindergarten at Blaxland East Public School



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Welcome to Blaxland East Public School

It is our aim that your child will settle happily into our school in this important first year. This booklet has been compiled to help make these first few weeks a little easier.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a proactive whole-school approach for creating a positive, safe and supportive school climate where the whole school community works together.



At Blaxland East Public School we are dedicated to teaching and modelling our PBL Core Values and expectations. These are:

- *Be Respectful* – take care of others, self and property
- *Excellence Always* – demonstrate your best, in work, behaviour and treatment of others
- *Participate Courageously* – have a go; in the classroom, on the playground, at sporting events, on excursions
- *Serve Others* – help others out, be safe, be kind, be inclusive, show that you care.

First Day

You will be given a starting time for your child. We like to stagger the entrance times to enable us to welcome and settle each child into the classroom. Please take your child to the Kindergarten room at the allocated start time.

One of our Blaxland East Public School staff will greet you at the door and give your child a name sticker. A new sticker will be provided each day for the first few weeks to enable staff in the classroom and on the playground to get to know your child.

Most children cope best with parting from parents if they are farewelled cheerfully with a kiss and cuddle and a definite statement about when you will be returning.

At 3.00pm, the end of the school day, please meet your child at the classroom.

Absences

The school is required to keep a daily record of attendance.

If your child is away you will need to enter the absence on the Sentral for Parents App to explain the absence. Otherwise you can also send a note in with your child explaining the reason for the absence.

If your child is late to school please visit the office to pick up a late note before going to the classroom.

If there is a need to pick up your child early from school, please visit the office for an early leaver's pass before collecting your child.

Best Start Kindergarten Assessment

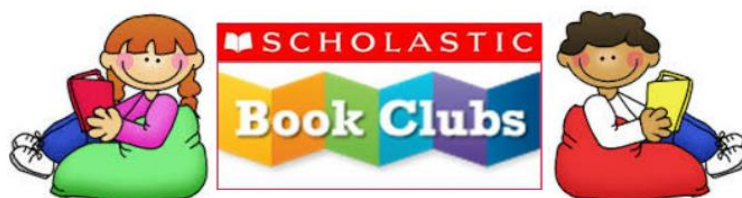
Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is an assessment held in all public schools in the first few days of Kindergarten. The Kindergarten teachers will be meeting individual students to work through a series of tasks to determine their current literacy and numeracy skills and knowledge. The results help the teacher to understand what each student knows already and to plan teaching accordingly.

Bell Times

8.30am	Playground supervision commences
9.00am	Class begins
11.00am – 11.20am	Recess
1.05pm - 1.15pm	Lunch eating time
1.15pm – 2.00pm	Lunch play
3.00pm	Home bell

Book Club

The school participates in the Scholastic Book Club. Twice a term the students receive a leaflet about the books available for purchase. There is no obligation to participate. This is offered to the students to encourage reading for enjoyment and as a source of reasonably priced books designed to appeal to children of different ages.



Canteen



Your child will be able to purchase healthy snacks and lunch from the 'Lori Eats' Canteen run by the Blaxland East P&C. The Canteen is open Tuesday to Friday inclusive.

It is possible to place your canteen order online via the [Quick Clig](#). Please note that the ordering cut-off is 9.00am.

Kindergarten students are not permitted to buy food during recess in Term 1.

Volunteers are always welcome and if you are able to assist please see Sarah Richards, the Canteen Manager or call the school on 4739 1579.

Change of Clothes

Please place a change of clothes, including underwear in your child's school bag. Children starting school are more prone to "accidents" as they can be forgetful when engrossed in new activities.



The Fridge Flyer

The Fridge Flyer is produced weekly and sent out on Sentral listing all notes sent home during the preceding week, an upcoming events calendar and any permission notes/payments with closing dates.

Hat

Your child will need to bring their school sun-safe hat every day. The school has a sun-safe policy and all students without hats are asked to stay in the shaded areas when outside.



Label your child's belongings

Please clearly label your child's clothes (jumpers, hats), food containers, drink bottles, school and library bags.

Library Bag

A cloth library bag is needed to carry and protect borrowed books. The class teacher will advise when it is necessary to bring the library bag in.



Lost Property

Lost clothing, drink bottles and lunch boxes are placed at the front of the Library each day.

Lunch Box and Drink Bottle

Names should be written clearly on these items. Give your child experience in opening these items and in working out which is the crunch and sip, the 'little lunch' for recess and the 'big lunch' for lunchtime.

Children also need to practise opening plastic lunch wrap and putting straws into poppers, if you use these items. Where possible, please try to limit the amount of packaging as it can be challenging for little fingers and encourage children to put their own rubbish in the bin.

It helps to keep things small and light so children can pack bags independently.



Money Collection

During the year, notes will come home requesting permission and payment to attend excursions, shows, and in-school activities.

A secure online payment system is available via the school website. This is the preferred method of payment. Please note that if you pay after 6.00pm, payment will not appear on school reports for 48 business hours. Please note you must still return the permission note to the office.

If you are paying by cash, please place the **correct money** in a carefully sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and what the money is for on the front. The money should then be placed in the money slot in the office accompanied with a separate permission note for each student.

School Bag

Your child needs to be able to identify their bag easily as there may be other bags that look exactly the same. A special tag or a colourful ribbon may help.

The bag also needs the child's name on the outside and the name, address or phone number on the inside. Please help your child to practise independently packing, opening and closing their bag.



Scripture

Kindergarten students have the opportunity to participate in Special Religious Education of either Catholic or Protestant as well as Special Education in Ethics.

A non-scripture option is also offered.

Sick Bay

A child who is ill or has an accident at school may be sent to the sick bay.

In the event of this happening to your child the office staff may wish to contact you quickly.

Please ensure that all contact telephone numbers, including emergency contact numbers, are current and that the school is informed of any changes.



Travel by Public Transport

Applications for school Opal Cards can be made online at <https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions/child-student-concessions/primary-secondary-school>
All Kindergarten children are entitled to a free school Opal Card if they require this service.



Volunteering at School

The school is always looking for support from parent volunteers and it is possible to help with school/classroom activities such as Literacy/Maths groups, afternoon development groups, Canteen or a specific activity eg craft or sports.

If you would like to volunteer to help out at school it is mandatory that you call in at the school office and complete the form: *Working with Children Check 'Declaration for Volunteers and Non Child-Related Contractors'* and provide photo identification.

COVID-19 restrictions are currently limiting regular volunteer activities however we will update you when parents/caregivers are permitted onsite again.

Uniforms

School uniforms can be purchased anytime online via [Quick Cliq](#). Your order will be processed and delivered directly to your child's classroom.

The Uniform Shop opens twice each Term and parents will be notified via Sentral of the opening dates and times. On these designated days, both EFTPOS and cash payments are accepted.

The school office is unable to receive payments for school uniforms at any time.



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