Our Early Bird Program offers a smooth transition into school for both you and your child

The six week program will begin on Friday 11th October, 2013 at 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

1:35 pm – 2:00 pm  Parent and Student Classroom Sessions
Parents and students will learn together in the classroom

2:00 pm — 2:30 pm  Parent Information Session
Parents will attend an information session in our Library

Independent Student Classroom Session
Students will have a school experience in the classroom

2:30 pm — 2:50 pm  Parent and Student Classroom Session
Parents and students will enjoy an afternoon tea and talk with the classroom teachers
Parent and Student Classroom Sessions

Week 1 - 11th October
‘I can count and I know my colours’

Week 2 - 18th October
‘I like to read and talk about books’

Week 3 - 25th October
‘I like to write and I can write my name’

Week 4 – 1st November
‘I like to cut and glue’

Week 5 - 8th November
‘I like to talk to my friends and take turns’

Week 6 – 15th November
Early Birds Concert

Independent Student Classroom Sessions

These sessions are a time for Early Birds to develop positive relationships with their kindergarten teachers, learn about school and become familiar with their new learning environment.

Teachers will engage Early Birds in a range of activities that reflect the types of activities that they will enjoy when they begin school. These activities will include:

- Story Time
- Songs and finger plays
- Drawing
- Interactive Whiteboard games
- Building with blocks
- Magnetic Letters
- Magazine cutting and pasting
- Pattern boards
- iPad familiarisation centre
- Listening post
- Puzzles
- Playdough
- Writing
- Threading
- Chalkboards
- Group games
- Art and Craft
- Painting
- Collage

Parent Information Session Program

Week 1 - 11th October
Welcome and Orientation to Tweed Heads Public School. Guest speakers are Mrs McAllum, Principal and the School Captains.

Week 2 - 18th October
Kindergarten and the Better Buddies Program
Guest Speakers are Kindergarten and Year 6 Better Buddies representatives.

Programs to support students learning
How and when is support accessed? Guest speakers are the Learning Support Team Co-ordinator, Learning and Support Teacher and the School Counsellor.

Week 3 - 25th October
Home and school partnerships
Guest Speakers are the P&C President, Anne Bowden, DEC Partnerships Officer and our local school nurse Judy Murray. Aimee Johnston from Eat it to Beat it who will also be talking about healthy lunchboxes.

Week 4 – 1st November
Best Start Learning Continuum, What is it? and what can it tell us about our child's learning?
Guest Speaker will be Sue Rowe our Regional Best Start Leader.

Week 5 — 8th November
Literacy and Numeracy in the Junior Primary Classroom. Guest speakers are Mrs Sibly, Assistant Principal and Jenny Wetherall, Classroom Teacher.

Week 6 – 15th November
Early Bird Concert in the school hall.
IMPORTANT DATES
FOR OUR NEW
KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS – 2014

Tuesday,  28th January 2014 - Staff resume for Term 1 2014
Wednesday,  29th January 2014 - Students return (Years 1 - 6 only)
  - Including new Years 1 - 6 enrolments

COMMENCEMENT DAY for 2014 Kindergarten Students
Monday, 3rd February 2014

BEST START TESTING DAYS for 2014 Kindergarten Students
Wednesday,  29th January 2014  )  Times to be allocated and advised in
Thursday,  30th January 2014  )  writing. Please advise the office if there
Friday,  31st January 2014  )  is a preferred date.

UNIFORM SHOP – BACK TO SCHOOL OPENING DAYS
Tuesday,  28th January 2014  8:30-10:00am
Wednesday,  29th January 2014  8:30-10:00am
Thursday,  30th January 2014  8:30-10:00am
Friday,  31st January 2014  8:30-10:00am
Monday,  3rd February 2014  8:30 - 10:00am
Tuesday,  4th February 2014  8:30 - 10:00am

The Uniform Shop is location in the School Canteen
The Uniform shop (after the ‘Back to School’ times) is open
  each Friday 8:30am – 9:30am.

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