



Sylvania Heights Public School

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION
2017

Mandy Young, Margot Jacobs

STAFF

- Principal Mrs Margot Jacobs
- Deputy Principal Mrs Bonita Hawkes
- Assistant Principals Mrs Mandy Young (ES1)
Miss Jessica Venables (ST.1)
Mrs Jennifer Davis (ST.2)
Mrs Michelle Read (ST.3)
- 2018 ES1 (Kindergarten) Teachers
Mrs Judd
Mrs Hansen/Mrs Howard
Mrs Obst
Mrs Young
- Office Staff Mrs Grace Giardullo, Mrs Miriam Vella, Mrs Carmen Anderson
- Counsellor Mr Andy Sexton
- School Chaplain Mrs Rosie Archer
- Support Teachers Mrs Tracey Lewis (EALD)
Mrs Dale Kneller (EALD)
Mrs Nicole Lloyd (LaST)
Mrs Amanda Banks (Reading Recovery)



WHY SYLVANIA HEIGHTS?

We are Caring

- *staff love the kids- kids love learning*

We have 'quality teachers'

- *experience and passion.*



We have a positive reputation within the community

- *parent involvement- children do better when parents are involved.*

We have a vast and lush environment.

- *Multi purpose court, 3 grassed areas, 6 playgrounds, shade, artificial grassed area, Naturescape*



We pride ourselves on positive student behaviour

- *Positive Behaviour for Learning*

We achieve high academic
success

- *results*
- *L3*
- *NAPLAN*



We support students like nowhere else

- *Therapy and Learning Centre*



KINDERGARTEN ACTIVITIES

- Literacy and numeracy activities
- K-6 assembly - Monday morning
- K - 2 - Thursday - even weeks
- Singing
- Dancing, Aerobics
- Fitness and sport
- Scripture
- Public Speaking
- Presentation Day
- Excursions
- Library
- Technology



ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

- English as an additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D)
- Learning Support Team
- School Counsellor
- LAST - Learning Assistance Support Teacher
- Speech Therapists
- School Chaplain
- Community Health - OT, screening (eyes/ears)



STARTING AT 2018

- Best Start Assessment -
Week 1, Term 1 2018 - Tuesday to Friday
- Kindergarten Start Date -
Monday 5th February, 2018
- Meet in the school hall at 9.45am
- Dress your child in their full 'Summer Uniform'
- Their school back pack and it's contents should be clearly labelled and packed with a piece of fruit/vegetable, lunch, afternoon tea, a water bottle and a school hat.
- Be waiting to pick your child up from outside their classroom at 3:25pm.



BEST START



- What is Best Start?
- Best Start Assessment will be carried out in Week 1, 2018.
- You will receive a letter in the mail later in the year to confirm your child's Best Start Interview date and time.



HOW TO PREPARE....

PHYSICALLY

- ▶ Fine motor skills
 - ▶ Cutting
 - ▶ Sticking
 - ▶ Drawing
 - ▶ Painting
- ▶ Put on and take off clothing.
- ▶ Establish routines - meal time, story time, bed time.
- ▶ Practise going to the toilet independently and washing hands.
- ▶ Practise packing bag and keeping track of personal belongings.



SOCIALLY

- Attend as many transition sessions as possible.
- Provide opportunities for your child to play with others.
- Practise
 - ▶ Separating from you
 - ▶ Talking to other adults
 - ▶ Following simple directions
 - ▶ Sharing and taking turns



EMOTIONALLY

- Build self esteem
 - Encourage
 - Be positive
 - Focus on their strengths
 - Give them responsibilities
- Provide a sense of security
 - Read 'A Special Place'
 - Have simple and consistent rules
 - Talk about what will happen at school



INTELLECTUALLY

- Share and enjoy books together
- Sing rhymes
- Play word games (I spy, Simon Says)
- Puzzles
- Alphabet
- Talk about shapes, colours, positions, events, numbers, letters, pictures, signs (environmental print)
- Practise recognising and writing name



WHAT DOES YOUR CHILD NEED TO BRING TO SCHOOL?

- School back pack
- Hat
- Library bag
- Lunch box
- Drink bottle - water
- Home Reading folder (school to distribute)
- Art smock
- Rain Coat



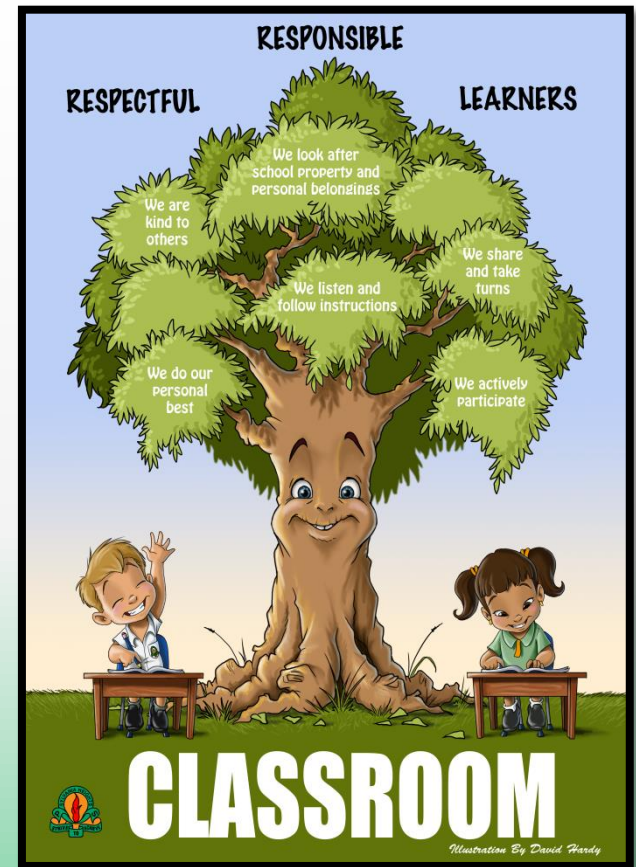
WHAT FOOD DOES YOUR CHILD NEED TO BRING TO SCHOOL?

- Fresh fruit/vegetables (fruit break program)
- Lunch 11:25am (Main meal - Sandwich, wrap etc)
- Recess 1:50pm (snack fruit, cheese & biscuits etc)
- Water
- Canteen Orders
- Allergies



WELLBEING

- Positive Behaviour for Learning
- Positive reinforcement
- Merit awards
- Classroom and playground behaviour
- Student Wellbeing



ATTENDANCE

- Arrive at school before 9.25am.
- The remainder of the year pick up children at 3:25pm.
- Late arrivals and early leavers.
- Change in pick up arrangements - please advise the teacher.
- Change in address, phone number or custody - advise office in writing.
- Sick children - keep at home & send an explanation note the next day.
- Holidays during school term.



UNIFORMS

- You are able to purchase / order uniforms on Wednesday mornings from the uniform shop between 8:30am-9.30am
- Where - In the building next to the blue house.
- Method - Cash or cheque only.
- All proceeds from the uniform shop are used to support educational programs across the school.
- Uniforms can also be ordered by filling in an order form and placing it in the silver box in the foyer of the office.



PARENT INVOLVEMENT

- Communicating with teachers
- Check your child's school bag daily for any notes.
- Newsletter / Website / skoolbag - subscribe now
- Literacy and numeracy at home
- Visit the classroom
- Assist in classrooms / share skills - WWCC
- Parent Teacher Interviews
- Join the P & C
- Canteen
- Special events (Education Day, Presentation Day etc.)



TRANSITION PROGRAM - KINDY START

- Tuesday 17th
- Wednesday 25th October
- Thursday 2nd November
- 10 -11am

Sylvania Heights Public School
Come and join us in Kindergarten

Check Out Our School
A time for your child to spend time in the Kindergarten classrooms with you.
Tours of the school will be available.
Thursday 19th May @ 9:45 - 11am

Kindergarten Orientation
Wednesday 7th September @ 9:45 - 11am

'Best Start' Program
A recommended opportunity for your child to become more familiar with and transition into SHPS; as well as an chance for you to become more familiar with the school, its programs and the curriculum.

Tuesday 18th October @ 10 - 11am
Wednesday 26th October @ 10 - 11am
Thursday 3rd November @ 10 - 11am

For all enquiries please
phone: 9522 0111
or
email: sylvanht-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE BLUE CARE

- Morning operating hours: 7 - 8:55am
- Afternoon operating hours: 3:25 - 6pm
- Kindergarten students are picked up from classrooms.
- Phone- 9522-7599



USEFUL SITES AND TOOLS

- Department of education and training
 - Board of Studies - parent / arc
- Great app by the DEC: School A to Z



- Thank you for attending.
- Please see Mrs Jacobs, Mrs Hawkes or Mrs Young if you have any questions or concerns.

