



How to prepare your child for formal schooling;

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* A great way to learn about your children's school and it's expectations for your child is to attend the orientation evening for parents and orientation mornings for the children. Imaginations will be visiting Mudgee Public School in term four.

* Be consistent. Encourage your child to grow in self discipline and social skills which require turn taking, following instructions and routines.

*Make positive comments about school. This is when they will make a lasting impression that school is a happy place to be.

*Make sure your child can use a public toilet confidently; in particular boys need to be familiar with using a urinal and all children need to be familiar with closing the door and locking and unlocking it.

* Teach your child to blow their nose. Include a pack of tissues or hanky in their pocket.

* Teach your child to put on their shoes. Some parents may find pull-on boots or Velcro's to assist with this.

* Be sure to have everything labelled. This will help your child to find things

and avoid confusion that can be distressing. There are many companies that provide stick-on or iron-on labels for all your child's clothing and belongings.

* Eat out of a lunch box and drink from drink containers prior to school. Teach your child the difference between the foods eaten at recess and lunch. Also teach them how to open gladwrap and straws on poppers. We will do this at Imaginations in Term four.

* Let them use crayons, pencils, scissors and glue to develop their pincer grip.



Congratulations Natisse

On your pride of workmanship nomination. We nominated Natisse in recognition of her dedication, hard work and love that she puts into Imaginations.

Natisse epitomises the Rotary Pride of Workmanship philosophy -

DO IT ONCE,
DO IT WELL,
FOR AUSTRALIA.

Important Dates for the Diary– This year is rushing by so quickly: Here are some important dates for the diary:

Monday the 23rd and Tuesday the 24th of November– Starfish room Parent/Teacher interviews with Natisse.

Wednesday the 25th of November– Pelican room Parent/Teacher interviews with Jeni.

Monday the 30th and Tuesday the 1st of December– Octopus room Parent/Teacher interviews with Harni.

Wednesday the 2nd and Thursday the 3rd– Octopus room Parent/ Teacher interviews with Emma.

Monday the 30th of November– Octopus room excursion to Pioneer House and Mudgee Public School.

Friday the 4th of December– Imaginations Christmas Party 6:00pm till 8:00 pm

Tuesday the 8th of December– Starfish room orientation– for children moving into the Octopus room in 2010.

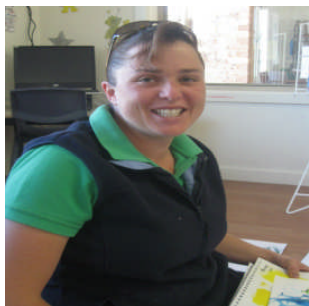
Wednesday the 9th of December– Octopus room Orientation– for children moving into the starfish room in 2010.

Thursday the 17th of December– Graduation Day in the Octopus Room 2:00 pm– for those children going to Big School in 2010.

Wednesday the 23rd of December– Centre closes for Christmas break.

Thursday the 7th of January– Centre re-opens.

Relay for Life:



Sally will be going on maternity leave on Thursday the 5th of November. We wish her all the best for her and Shane's new arrival.

We will be holding a morning tea for her on Thursday the 5th at 10:00am, we would love parents to attend if they can.

Thanks so much for everyone's support in the relay for life. With your kind donations we raised over \$2000. We had a fun time walking the track while raising money for this important cause.



Dress-Up Donations — Can you help the replenishing of our dress ups – if you have any scarves, dresses, old school uniforms, business shirts, hats, shoes we would greatly appreciate them for our dress-up box.



This Months Quote

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes.

You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own, and you know what you know.

And you are the one who'll decide where you'll go.

Oh the places you'll go.

Dr Seuss

Staff Training

We recently had a training evening focusing on manual handling; All the staff learnt about the structure of the spine, how to identify and work with workplace hazards, correct lifting techniques– going through the 6 steps to lifting and the importance of exercise.

On Thursday the 19th of November we will be holding a training day for Asthma Management in Child Care Centres. Our aim is to become an Asthma Friendly Centre.