



Congewai Public School

“Ready, Set, Go!”

Program

Welcome to a very exciting time. Your child is entering “Big School” for what will be one of the most memorable time of their lives. Your child has been given a “Buddy” who will be their guide, their friend and their helper for the entire of the 2015 school year. Your “Buddy” will be waiting at the front of the school for you every Transition Day morning.



What does your child need to bring to Big School for our Transition Days?

- A sun safe hat for all outdoor play and activities (a school hat is provided next year compliments of Congewai Public School’s P&C)
- Suitable closed footwear (we will be participating in sport and PE)
- Fruit for fruit break in a plastic container (please chop apples and oranges into easily eaten pieces)
- A drink bottle
- Recess – we focus on eating healthy food at Congewai PS and we encourage parents to minimise sugary or salty snack food
- Lunch (days 3 to 6), a healthy sandwich or lunch item, some fruit, drink and healthy snack
- A bag which will fit all belongings

When we first arrive at School

Our students follow some simple routines upon arriving to school. Bags are placed on back shelf in the bag area and fruit break containers and drink bottles, are placed in the basket in the Infants classroom. Children then move outside to the playground for morning play.



Transition Day 1: Monday 13th October 2014 9am – 11:10am

Children and parents are invited to meet at 9.00 in the assembly area in front of the classroom. They will be met at the entry to the school by their “Buddy” who will be both a guide and a friend. Here children will line up in their class lines, listen to the Assembly news of the day and then move to the playground, ready for morning fitness. After morning fitness, all children will have fruit break.

After fitness lessons children will move to their classrooms. Infants and “Almost Kindergartens” will move to the Infants classroom and get ready for morning activities.

Today our “Almost Kinders” will learn many things. In literacy they will explore a big book, learn the important parts of a book, investigate prediction, find out about sequencing, and practice colouring, cutting and gluing. They will learn about locating different essential areas of the school, learn how to use the play equipment safely and make new friends.

Transition Day 2: Monday 20th October 2014 9am – 11:10 am

During our second Orientation Day your child will learn other things about being at “Big School”. Again you and your child will be met at the gate at 9am by your “Buddy” who will again take you to the assembly area. After lining up in class lines and listening to Assembly news, children again will participate in morning fitness. Again after morning fitness, all children will have fruit break.

Today your child will experience all the fun of big school! After morning fitness, our “Almost Kinders” will join us in the Infants Classroom, ready for morning literacy. Today, students will listen to sounds and songs, to introduce initial sounds and reinforce listening skills. Again, students will listen to a guided story and explore plots and characters. They will then do hands on activities based on the book we’ve listened to. Students will then do group work, with other children in the classroom.

Today our students will also do some maths activities. These will be designed to look at simple number concepts, shape and colour.

Transition Day 3: Monday 27th October 2014 9 am - 3 pm

Again, you will be met at the gate by your “Buddy” and after following the same morning routine as our previous two days, our “Almost Kinders” will be adding more mathematical activities to their morning after some guided writing. Concepts such as one to one correspondence, classifying and putting items into categories will be explored.

The children will be working on early mathematical concepts after the recess break at 11 – 11:30am. After maths, children will participate in Creative Arts. Children will also add some musical activities into the session, looking at beats and rhythms.

After the lunch break at 1pm, children will join their peers in lunchtime play, finishing at 1:45pm, where they will join the school K-6, in Sport, until home time at 3pm.

Transition Day 4: Monday 3rd November 2014 9am - 3pm

We have another great day planned for your child. Following the same morning routine, students will participate in morning fitness on the oval to look at coordination and fine and gross motor skills. This 20 minute session will be followed by fruit break.

Back in the classroom, our “Almost Kinders” will begin the learning day through being involved in guided reading sessions, looking at letter and alphabet skills, and investigate multi-media both iPads and Computers. They will be able to explore many learning apps, reading and literacy programs on-line. This is to observe their existing technology skills.



After the recess break, they will again be immersed in mathematics, looking at time, number and spatial awareness.

They will then join the rest of the Infants class in creative arts, focusing on manipulation, where they will use clay to make pinch pots which they will paint when air dry.

As per last week, the lunch break will be followed by Sport until home time at 3pm.

Transition Day 5: Monday 10th November 2014 9am - 3pm

Following the same morning routine as previous days, students will participate in morning fitness on the oval to look at coordination and fine and gross motor skills. This 20 minute session will be followed by fruit break.

Back in the classroom, children will join the School in morning talking and listening activities, discussing a specific topic. This is to observe their listening and observational skills, and responding to others.

Following this, they will investigate sounds based on our Jolly Phonics program and we will observe their sound skills. After this, all students will be immersed in reading and responding to texts.

After the recess break, they will again be immersed in mathematics, looking at shapes, and manipulatives.

They will then join the rest of the Infants class in completing their creative arts projects from the previous week, focusing on manipulation.

As per last week, the lunch break will be followed by Sport until home time at 3pm.

Transition Day 6: Monday 17th November 2014 9am - 3pm

Today we will be participating in an excursion to Sculpture in the Vines, travelling by bus and parental transport. We will be looking at sculptures and discussing how these are made and what story they tell. We will then be participating in hands on activities with teaching artists. All students will receive a permission note and excursion information letter regarding this prior to the excursion.

This will conclude our Kindergarten Transition. Should we feel your child will benefit from more days at school to familiarize them with routines and learning activities, we will contact you and discuss the possibility of arranging further sessions.

We know you and your child will enjoy the next few weeks, please let us know if there's anything we can help you with.

Mrs Stackman, Mr Cagney and Miss Naysmith

Our 2014 school community welcomes you!

Respect, Responsibility and Ready to Learn!