

# MARAYONG SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

### Welcome to Kindergarten at MSPS!

## We hope the following reminders will help you settle in.

Your child starts school at 9.00am on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020. There will be a morning assembly. You can wait with your child as we finish this, before bringing them to the Kindergarten teachers who will meet you near the classrooms. Teachers will bring your child out to this same assembly area in the afternoon at 2:45pm, so that you can meet them before the 'afternoon rush!' (3) From the second week, they will be dismissed at 3pm. Please wait under the blue sails in the assembly area, or on the front office steps. Please do not wait on the verandahs.

### Please pack in your child's bag...

- 1. A spare pair of underpants, socks and a spare uniform for spills and accidents.
- 2. A raincoat, jumper and a hat each day.
- 3. Recess, lunch, crunch and sip (fruit and water) and a drink bottle full of water.

## A few helpful reminders and hints...

Please label all items in your child's bag, including the bag itself.

Please do not send your child with money, or any special items, at least for the first term of Kindergarten. Order lunch or recess for them if you would like them to use the canteen.

Please remember that all absences must be covered by a written note, or can be logged on the Skoolbag App. The Home School Liaison Officer regularly checks unexplained absences.

Details must be updated if you change your address and any phone numbers that you have given to us to contact you. We need this information in case your child gets sick or injured. Details can be changed on the Skoolbag App, or by phoning the office.

It is a good idea for children to wear new school shoes over the weekend, to make sure their shoes are worn in and comfortable for their first school day.

Keep practising some basic skills needed at school such as tying shoelaces, opening lunchboxes or drink bottles and taking jumpers on and off. Playing board games is a good way to help your child practise waiting for their turn, accepting losing and winning graciously and helping to pack away when an activity is over.

If your child is finding it difficult to separate, please reassure him/her with a "I'll be back at 3pm," a quick hug and then leave. Our teachers will help him/her settle. If your child remains distressed, please be reassured that we will contact you. However, most of the time, children settle quickly once their parent leaves. Teachers are very good at distracting them with the fun activities happening in class!

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to Kindergarten and supporting them through their first year with us. If you have any questions, please just ask. We are always happy to help!

Kind Regards, Mrs Petrina Walker (Relieving Principal)