HELPING YOUR CHILD PREPARE FOR SCHOOL

To support your child’s literacy and numeracy development, you can:

- Share lots of books and develop favourites that are read again and again - include classic fairy tales
- Sing songs and nursery rhymes, drawing attention to the rhyming words
- Hold extended conversations using big words in context so their meaning is clear
- Draw your child’s attention to signs, symbols and words in the world around them
- Always model correct verb tenses in conversation - repeat the word in the correct tense, for example, ‘bought’ if your child has said ‘buayed’
- Give ‘waiting time’ for your child to respond to a question
- Provide paper, pencils and crayons so children can create ‘letters’ as they start to write
- Help your child to remember their address, phone number and birthday
- Help your child recognise their name
- Make sure your child holds a pencil correctly

There are many other things you can do at home to prepare your child for primary school.

- Discuss what will happen at school in a positive manner
- Attend transition sessions where your child will meet school staff and other enrolled Prep children
- Play on the school playground and take your child for a tour of the school grounds
- Prepare your child for time without parents
- Have your child pack their kinder bag in preparation for their school bag
- Have your child open and close their lunch box
- Discuss the difference between ‘snack’ and ‘lunch’
- Help your child become responsible for packing away their belongings
- Make sure your child can use a toilet independently and boys should be confident using a urinal
- Play games where your child gets use to taking turns
- Put your child to bed at consistent times