

# Lilydale Primary School's Pathway to Learning

Is your child starting Prep next year?  
Help your child gain school experience by attending the  
Lilydale Primary School's Pathway to Learning Sessions.

## What is Pathway to Learning?

The Lilydale Primary School Pathway to Learning Program has been developed to support young kinder students in the development of their English and Mathematics skills and support their readiness for school. We are very proud of the program we offer and we believe that it provides a good balance of fun and learning in a school setting.



## Session Structure:

Each of our sessions will run on a **Wednesday** afternoon in the Prep classrooms, and will follow a set structure.

- 2:30pm:** Sign in, welcome and story.
- 2:40pm:** Structured Literacy or Numeracy Learning.
- 3:00pm:** School experience (e.g. Art, Science)
- 3:30pm:** Pick up from the Prep classrooms, and sign out.



## The Aims of Pathway to Learning:

The Pathway to Learning program is offered to give all students in our community the chance to improve their Literacy and Numeracy skills before they start school. This program is open to all children who are commencing Prep in 2027.

We aim to;

- Equip your child with the necessary Literacy and Numeracy skills in order for them to achieve at school
- Build your child's confidence in a school setting
- Establish student /teacher relationships
- Develop friendships
- Develop independence in a school environment
- Have fun whilst learning
- Cater for their individual learning needs

## Areas of Focus:

- Fine motor skills
- Correct pencil grip
- Building relationships
- Establishing routines
- Cooperative skills
- Creative thinking
- Recognising name
- Setting expectations
- Fostering independence
- Social skills
- Counting skills
- Scissor skills
- Writing name

**PLEASE NOTE; CHILDREN DO NOT NEED TO BE ENROLLED AT LILYDALE PS TO ATTEND THE SESSIONS**

## About Us

Lilydale Primary School is a small school located in the heart of Lilydale. Being a small school we know our students well and aim to ensure that they have the opportunity to fully participate in a broad range of learning experiences. We have a range of programs and activities including:

- Performing Arts
- Chess
- Japanese
- Buddies
- School production
- Interschool sports
- Sport
- Digital Technologies
- Gardening
- Pathway to Learning
- Disco
- Premiers Reading Challenge
- Choir
- Robotics
- Visual Arts
- Junior School Council
- Swimming
- Lunch time clubs
- Judo
- Literacy Intervention
- Camps
- SWPBS (Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support)

If you are considering enrolling please find below a list of things to complete

Book in a tour	
Attend Pathway to Learning Program	
Pick up an enrolment package from the office	
Fill in enrolment forms online	
Check immunisation schedule	



### Our Values:

**P**erserverance

**R**esilience

**I**nclusion

**D**etermination

**E**ncouragement

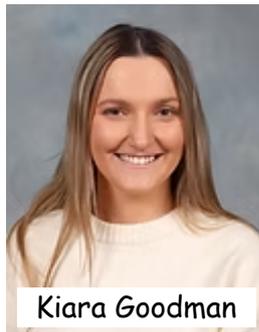
## Meet the Team!



Joh Butler



Maria Orlando



Kiara Goodman

Joh, Maria and Kiara will be working with your child over the course of the year in order to prepare them for school. Joh is our leading teacher who leads Literacy at our school, and is also on the leadership team.

Maria has lots of experience teaching Prep, and she works with Joh in the Prep area.

Kiara teaches Prep G and has experience in running the Pathway to Learning sessions.

Together they have lots of experience and thoroughly understand the concerns and worries you may have for your child starting school. They are there to support you and your child through this year and into 2027.

## Starting School

To start primary school your child will need to turn 5 years of age by April 30<sup>th</sup> in the year that they start school. Your child must be at school in the year that they turn 6.

This is the compulsory school starting age.



# Pathway to Learning Session Structure

Sessions will consist of structured learning time followed by a school experience.

## Structured Learning

During this component of the session we will focus on various curriculum areas and specific skills to prepare your child for school. Our experienced Prep Teachers, Mrs Butler, Miss Goodman and Mrs Orlando will be running these exciting sessions.

### Literature:

Learn the different ways to read a book and the things that you can practise at home to prepare for school. The children will experience a Literature session that is similar to how they run at school.

### Literacy:

Development of fine motor skills is a fundamental aspect of school. During our Literacy sessions we will aim to develop fine motor skills through various activities. We will also help your child to recognise and write their own name, expose them to basic concepts of writing and most of all begin the process of embedding a love of writing.

### Phonics:

During phonics sessions the children will learn some of the letters of the alphabet with the sounds that they make. The children will listen to songs and learn actions to help them to learn the letters.

### Mathematics:

During Mathematics sessions we will use lots of hands on materials to build on counting skills and number recognition. We will teach them some of the games we use with the Prep children to make it fun and exciting.



## School Experience

The second half of the session consists of your child participating in a school experience with various teachers from our school.

### Science:

Join Mr Ellis as he introduces you to the Science Room, and all of the fun experiments that you can complete.

### Social Play / Wellbeing:

Get to know other students during a guided play session.

### Performing Arts:

Brighten up your afternoon with some exciting Music Sessions. Sing some songs and play some instruments with Mrs Orlando.

### Perceptual Motor Program (PMP):

Participate in some fun activities to improve coordination, balance and spatial awareness.

### Sport:

Get ready, get active! Lets go outside and build on our gross motor skills and cooperation through some sporting activities.

### Art:

Enjoy a wonderful session in the Art room with Ms Blyth. Create a masterpiece to take home and show your family.

### Library:

Relax as you enjoy some stories in our beautiful library.

### BeeBots:

Bring your thinking caps as you practise coding with some of our robots.

### Judo:

Mrs Matthews is somewhat a Judo expert, having taught this at Lilydale for many years and having represented Australia. She offers lunchtime clubs to the students. Join her for a session to find out what it's all about.

### Buddies:

Meet your Grade 5 buddy for 2027!



# Upcoming Pathway to Learning Dates

Date	Structured Learning	Learning Experience
<b>Term 2</b>		
May 6th	Reading	Science
May 13th	Writing	Art
May 20th	Mathematics	Performing Arts
May 27th	Phonics	Social play experience
June 3rd	Reading	Judo
June 10th	Mathematics	BeeBots
<b>Term 3</b>		
Aug 5th	Reading	PMP
Aug 12th	Writing	Art
Aug 19th	Mathematics	Performing Arts
Aug 26th	Phonics	BeeBots
Sept 2nd	Writing	Library
Sept 9th	Mathematics	Science
<b>Term 4</b>		
Oct 14th	Reading	Art
Oct 21st	Phonics	Music
Oct 28th	Mathematics	Sport
Nov 4th	Phonics	Buddies
Nov 18th	Mathematics	Buddies

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December  
7:00pm - 8:00pm

#### Prep Information Evening:

Come along to find out the Prep Teachers and your child's class along with other useful information about the Prep 2027 Program.

Tuesday 8th December  
9:30am-11:00am

#### Orientation Day:

Come and meet your teacher and class for 2027.  
(This is a transition session rather than Pathway to Learning)

**SCAN THIS QR CODE TO RSVP  
TO PATHWAY SESSIONS**

Please contact us to book a tour,  
or if you have any questions:

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