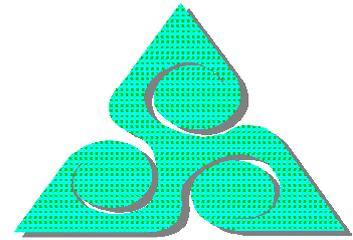


Welcome to Aberdeen School

School Vision: To Strive for Excellence



We welcome you and your child to Aberdeen School. We hope you enjoy the journey that you and your child are beginning.

Transition to school can be made easier in the following ways:

- ⇒ Enrol your child well before his/her 5th birthday by phoning the school office (07 847 7312) to make an appointment with the Principal. There are enrolment packs available for you to find out some of the important information about the day to day organisation of our school. This will be given to you when you meet with the Principal for enrolment. As your child nears their birthday you will be invited to visit their classroom to spend time getting to know the teacher and the room they will be in.
- ⇒ Take your child, after school hours, to visit the school and familiarise them with their new surroundings (especially the playground area).
- ⇒ Teachers have found that children need a large school bag to carry book bags, books, spare clothes and lunch boxes.
- ⇒ We are endeavouring to reduce litter in our school. Please think about how you send food to school. Reusable containers, rather than lots of glad wrap, would be appreciated.
- ⇒ Please label/name all clothing and belongings and expect your child to recognise and take responsibility for his/her own things.



Some Ideas about Literacy and Numeracy

Children do not learn at the same pace. However, there are some things that would be an advantage for them to know:

- ⇒ Recognise and write their name (remembering that they only have a capital letter at the beginning of their name).
- ⇒ Recognise some of the alphabet letters or sounds.
- ⇒ Be able to sit and listen to a story.
- ⇒ Be able to hold a pencil, crayons, use scissors.



- ⇒ Understand some concepts relating to: patterns, shapes and measurement; e.g. big, small, over, under, before, after, today, tomorrow.

It is not essential that all children are competent in all these areas when they begin school. We understand that children are individuals and learn at their own pace.

Preparing for Class/School Life

It would be very helpful for your child to be able to:

- ⇒ Take responsibility for their belongings.
- ⇒ Follow instructions.
- ⇒ Be independent.
- ⇒ Relate to others, children and adults.
- ⇒ Participate, take turns, share.
- ⇒ Be able to dress/undress for swimming.
- ⇒ Carry their bag, pack and unpack it.
- ⇒ Ask for help.
- ⇒ Blow their nose and recognise the need to do so.
- ⇒ Go to the toilet and wash their hands independently.



Life at school is busy and full of routines. Expect your child to be very tired at the end of the day. Give them lots of sleep and encouragement to cope with this new exciting episode of their life.

Because of the huge adjustment they are making, some children may take longer to settle into school life. Do not be disheartened, just be encouraging and reassuring about this big step.

Open door policy—remember that the class teacher is happy to talk and explain what a child's day at school is like and workshops are held each term for new parents to learn how they can help their child's progress at school. Appointments can be made with the teacher or Senior Management if there are any serious issues that may arise, or your child has any special needs. As the child's parent, please let the Principal know, on enrolment, of any health issues or special needs your child may have that require specific resources.

Aberdeen School has a compulsory uniform and this can be purchased from the Uniform Shop, 244 Tristram Street, Hamilton (phone 07 839 4550). Stationery can be purchased from Office Max, Victoria Street, Hamilton and a list will be given to you at enrolment.

School canteen—the Haggis Hut is available for the purchase of lunches Tuesday to Friday. Lunches should be ordered before school starts for the day.