

Welcome to  
EAST TAMAR PRIMARY SCHOOL

# 2021 KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION BOOKLET



# WELCOME TO EAST TAMAR PRIMARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN

**Principal:** Mrs Karen Hay  
**Teachers:** Mrs Kathie Cooper  
Mrs Yvonne Fullbrook

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE DATES

Term 1 Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
<i>Easter Break Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</i>	<i>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April</i>
Term 2 Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July
Term 3 Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 4 Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December

## MINIMUM ADMISSION AGES

The Department of Education regulations specifically stipulate ages for children entering classes. These are as follows:

Kindergarten: 4 years of age on or before 1<sup>st</sup> January that year

## KINDERGARTEN TIMES

Kinder Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8.55am - 2.45pm

**Children should not arrive at Kindergarten before 8:30am.**

## VALIDATION FORMS, UNIFORM SALES & LEVY PAYMENT DAYS

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 9:00am - 1:00pm

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 9:00am - 1:00pm

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 9:00am - 1:00pm

**Parents are requested to come in on one of these days to complete Validation Forms prior to the commencement of the school year.**

## KINDERGARTEN LEVIES

A levy of \$130.00 is payable to the office during Uniform Sales or on the day your child commences school.

Levies may be paid in installments. Please discuss with the School Business Manager.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

To help parents in need of financial assistance for books and school levies, Student Assistance Scheme forms are available from the school office or can be completed online at: <https://stasonlinesubmission.education.tas.gov.au/> .

## ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

When you bring your child to Kindergarten, come inside and say hello. This gives us the opportunity to discuss your child's time at Kindergarten.

**If there is to be a different person from normal collecting your child from Kindergarten, it is vital that you let us know.**

## FOOD AND DRINK

East Tamar Primary School is making a genuine attempt to be a **Nut Aware and Egg Aware** school in response to the serious allergic reactions some of our students may experience when they come into contact with either of these products. We ask for your support in not sending food to school that contain nuts/nut products or egg/egg products.

Morning Tea – Children are encouraged to have a piece of fruit, e.g. watermelon, strawberries, blueberries, banana, apple. As fruit will not be shared, please cut for them if necessary.

Lunch – Please provide a sandwich, bread roll, wrap or rice cakes. Please also provide one or two snacks from the items below.

- Yoghurt
- Cheese and crackers
- Fruit
- Celery sticks
- Dried fruits
- Carrot sticks



Water is the drink of choice for our school.

As lollies and chocolate contain many allergens please keep these for 'AT HOME' treats.

## HEALTH AND ABSENCE

If your child is sick he/she should stay home until fully recovered. Children cannot enjoy their time at Kindergarten if not 100% well, on medication or unable to go outside to play. If the cause of the sickness is an infectious disease, call and see us at school and we will tell you how long the regulations state your child must be away.

**Please tell us if your child will be away for any reason as absences have to be recorded daily and are monitored by the Education Department. We have a free school app where you can notify us of any absences.**

## REQUIREMENTS

**PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S POSSESSIONS ARE CLEARLY NAMED.**

Each child will need:

- A broad brimmed hat (available from the office)
- A school bag
- A library bag (one library bag is supplied to each Kinder student)
- A change of clothes, to be kept in their school bag if your child tends to have 'accidents'.

## USEFUL THINGS FOR YOUR CHILD TO KNOW

Knowing how to do the following things independently will help your child to cope more successfully in a new situation, and feel more confident about school:

- How to use toilet and wash hands
- Put on and take off jumper
- Put on and take off shoes
- Use a handkerchief or tissue to blow own nose
- Unwrap food (from plastic wrap)
- Undo and do up drink bottle, lunch box
- Recognise own name
- Able to rub on sunscreen
- Zip up bag



## CLOTHING

We strongly encourage and promote the wearing of school uniforms. We will do our best to protect your child's clothes. When they paint they will wear a smock. However, it is not possible for children to stay clean at all times. New school uniforms are available at the office throughout the year and on Uniform Sales Days.

Children must wear a broad brimmed or legionnaire hat (not a cap) when they are playing outside, and appropriate footwear. The wearing of hats is compulsory in Term 1 and Term 4.

## LIBRARY

Your child will be encouraged to borrow a book from the library on a regular basis during their library lesson time. We will let you know which day early in Term 1. If a book is lost or damaged an account will be sent to the parents/guardians for the replacement cost of the book.



All Kinder children are given a Library Bag at the beginning of the year. Children will need to bring their library book bag in order to be able to borrow a book.

## CANTEEN

Children are able to order lunch from the School Canteen. This can be done via the School Canteen App Qkr before school. Children are not able to visit the canteen during break times.

Please note: icy poles are not available to Kinder students.



## NEWSLETTER

The school newsletter is distributed to the eldest child in the family every second Wednesday. The newsletter includes details of school activities and notices of a general nature.

## NO SMOKING

The whole school is a "Smoke Free Zone", i.e. no smoking at all within the buildings or grounds, or within 100 metres of the entrances.



## **SCHOOL APP**

The school has a free app where you may advise us of absences or any changes to student details. A calendar of events, school notices and the newsletter are also available. Download it now to your smartphone by going to either the Apple App Store or Android Google Play Market and search for East Tamar Primary School.



## **SUPPORTING STUDENTS**

ETPS has a number of staff who can help student and families with particular needs. Our professional support staff include: A Speech and Language Pathologist, Social Worker, Psychologist, Occupational Therapist, School Nurse and a Chaplain. Should you feel that your child is requiring some additional support, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

## **EAST TAMAR PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

The E.T.P.S.A meetings will be advertised in the school newsletter. All parents are welcome.

## UNIFORM PRICE LIST

*(All Prices Include GST and are subject to change)*

### **Track Pants - Navy**

All sizes \$25.00

### **Polo Shirts - Royal with white flash and school logo**

All Sizes \$23.00

### **Hoodie - Royal with white flash and school logo**

All Sizes \$30.00

### **Windcheater - Royal with school logo**

All sizes \$25.00

### **Polar Fleece Jacket - Royal with school logo**

All sizes \$25.00

### **Summer Dress**

All sizes \$45.00

### **Winter Dress**

All sizes \$45.00

### **Girls Shorts**

All Sizes \$20.00

### **Boys Shorts**

All Sizes \$20.00

### **Hats - Navy**

Broad brimmed hat \$8.00

Beanie \$9.00

### **Library Bag**

\$12.00

