

**Fairhall School Student
Vision and Values**

*“Fairhall PRIDE
Pathway to Excellence”*

P = PERSONAL BEST

R = RESPECT

I = INTEGRITY

D = DETERMINATION

E = ENJOYMENT



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**WELCOME TO
FAIRHALL SCHOOL**

*5 Year Olds
And
Getting Ready
For School*

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Special Information

Pre School Visits for New Entrants

Before New Entrant students begin school we recommend pre school visits to provide your son/daughter with the opportunity to get to know their teacher, some of their classmates and get a feel for what school is all about. The New Entrant teacher will make the initial contact with you a month before the first visit. This will then be followed up by a letter and information pack from the school.

We recommend that students have two visits prior to commencing school full time. These usually take place on a Thursday morning, first visit 8.30am to 11.00am and the second visit from 8.30am to 12.15pm. Your child will require morning tea and a water bottle.

At the time of the first visit you will be given a stationery list and will also have the opportunity to ask any questions you might have arising from the content of the information pack.

5 Years old and getting ready for School

As your child's first teacher you have taught them many things. Formal school builds on the basis you have set in place. There are a number of skills that are helpful when your child starts school so that Literacy and Numeracy begin well.

Writing

Being able to verbalise an idea in a complete sentence and then reread it with the teacher.

Being able to hold a pencil correctly and with ease and draw a simple picture to convey meaning.

Reading

Being able to sit and listen to a story.

Being able to retell the main idea in the story.

Interpreting a picture from the story.

Identifying some letters and their own name.

Possible recognizing some rhyming sounds/words.



Mrs Ferguson, the new entrants teacher with her class.

Maths:

Being able to sort similar objects by colour, shape or size, recognition of shapes along with counting and matching objects up to 10 can be helpful. Children may also identify some numerals.

Social Skills

It is advantageous for children to have some understanding of the concept of sharing and taking turns. Being able to be independent from parents can help in terms of settling in. Being able to listen and follow instructions for a short period of time and realize these are expectations and rules to be complied with. We focus on making the right choices while having fun learning at school.

PMP—Perceptual Motor Programme

Students learn specific movement skills and how to develop perceptions of time and space, pattern and order. The programme focuses on developing students as people rather than on skills. For further information visit our school website and go on to the facilities page and click on the link PMP.



Some of our students enjoying PMP



We look forward to meeting you and your child and having your family as part of our Fairhall School Community.