

PEACHESTER STATE SCHOOL PREP INFORMATION BOOKLET 2024



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Peachester State School

An excellent foundation for future success

Vision:

Every Peachester Learner is literate, safe, happy and learning everyday

www.peachesterss.eq.edu.au

PBL Values:

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner

School Contact Information:

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Office Hours:

8:00am to 4:00pm

Students on Site:

Students may not be on site before 8:30am or after 3:15pm without Principal approval.

To assist families, we are excited to partner with Helping Hands, offering Before and After School Care, as well as Vacation Care. Visit

<https://www.helpinghandsnetwork.com.au/qld/peachester-state-school/> for more info.





**Peachester State School
Home of Kracker!**



GET SET FOR SCHOOL AT PEACHESTER

Very soon, your child will be commencing school at Peachester State School. To ensure that both you and your child have a stress-free start, here is some information that you might find useful.

KEY STAFF

			
Mrs Margie Jennings Prep Teacher Mon, Tues, (alt.) Wed	Mrs Jane Robertson Prep Teacher (alt.) Wed, Thurs, Fri	Mrs Wendy Carter Prep Teacher Aide	Mrs Kim Fillery Principal

		
Mrs Leisha Burgaty Inclusion Teacher	Ms Jenny Martyr Business Manager	Mrs Julie Barbeler Administration Officer

2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Term 1	Monday 22 Jan – Thursday 28 March	10 weeks
Term 2	Monday 15 Apr – Friday 21 June	10 weeks
Term 3	Monday 8 July – Friday 13 Sept	10 weeks
Term 4	Monday 30 Sept – Friday 13 Dec	11 weeks

WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL NEED FOR SCHOOL

School Uniform

Available from Uniform Shop at Peachester State School

If your child is unable to do shoe laces as yet, please consider Velcro shoes. It is very stressful for little people who want to go and play and haven't developed this skill yet.

- Yellow Uniform Shirt
- Sports Shirt (Coochin or Stanley)
- Black shorts/skort
- School hat
- (Option: Peachester branded socks available)
- Plain black socks
- Black shoes (sneakers)

It is an expectation of our School Community that ALL children will wear our school uniform. This includes the correct shirt, black shorts/skirts, black socks and black shoes. Wearing the school uniform fosters a sense of school pride and also serves safety and identification purposes.



Our uniform is comfortable and cool, long-lasting, stylish and easy to care for. Uniforms are sold by the P&C at cost, and are available for sale by contacting the P&C.

Please note that the uniform includes both a wide-brimmed black hat or a bucket hat for all students.



Lunch Box

☺ Labelled lunch box

Please spend time with your child over the holidays, making sure they know how to open and close their lunch box and water bottle. You might like to pack their lunch in it some days, so they get used to 'rationing' all of their food for the 3 breaks.

- Brain Break – a piece of fruit or vegetable or a yoghurt;
- 1st Break – this is the main lunch, where students are encouraged to eat their sandwich/wrap or other main lunch component;
- 2nd Break – this can be a more snack-like option for afternoon tea;
- In summer months, it is a good idea to include a small ice brick to keep lunches fresh.
- ** Students who catch the bus should bring a snack to eat after school while they are waiting.

☺ Labelled water bottle

TIPS:

- Please consider carefully the foods you include in your child's lunchbox. We encourage children to make healthy choices; to eat first and leave the 'treats' for later.

- Containers need to be easy to open, food should not need reheating or cutting up and spoons need to be included so that your child can independently manage their food.

School bag

- ☺ School bags should be big enough to hold a lunch box, water bottle, library bag, spare clothes (see below!) and a jumper.
- ☺ The Uniform Shop does have School bags for sale. The Harlequin School Bags are extremely durable and come with an amazing warranty. Investing in a quality bag could see your child through their Primary Schooling.



Spare clothes

- ☺ A spare set of clothes/underwear (in a named plastic bag, kept in school bag). Sometimes our young learners get so engrossed in playing with their friends that they forget about going to the toilet. Accidents happen and it is best to be prepared.

Library Bag

- ☺ Library bags should be named and large enough to hold children's books that your child will borrow each week.

NAMES AND LABELS

As children sometimes do not recognise their own belongings, we cannot emphasise enough the need to label absolutely everything – bags, shoes, lunchboxes, hats, library bags and clothing.

This includes socks and shoes.

Imagine 24 pairs of socks around our sandpit and trying to find the 5-year-old that owns each one!



SCHOOL TIMES

Parents/Carers are requested not to send students to school prior to 8:30am. Please see contact details for **Helping Hands** for before and after school care.

8:30am	Before School – Students may arrive
8:45am	FIRST BELL – assemble to commence lessons
8:50am	SECOND BELL – commence lessons
10:50am	BELL – lunch
11:25am	FIRST BELL – assemble in undercover area
11:30pm	SECOND BELL – commence lessons
1:30pm	BELL – afternoon tea
2:05pm	FIRST BELL- assemble in undercover area
2:10pm	SECOND BELL – commence lessons
3.00 pm	BELL - end of school day



After school, children should leave the school grounds as soon as practical. Staff supervision is provided for students catching buses. All other children require Parents/Carers supervision. Students are not permitted to play on playground equipment after school.

ARRIVAL PROCEDURE

Prep parents/carers are welcome to take their children directly to the classroom. When children come into the classroom, they are expected to be responsible for their own belongings.

This routine may include:

- ☺ On arrival, the student will put their bag on the bag rack or on a hanging hook outside the classroom.
- ☺ The students put their water bottle in the baskets provided.
- ☺ Later on in the year, your child will also place their home reading folder in the box.



The students are then able to choose from the many activities that are set up around the room. You are welcome to play with them if they need some reassurance from you. (If you need to leave and your child is going to have difficulty with separating, just motion towards a staff member, we are happy to come and assist in this process).



When the bell rings at 8:45am, it is a chance for our students to go to the bathroom and get ready for the morning activities.

COLLECTION TIME



Parents and Carers are welcome to wait in the Undercover Area until the 3pm bell sounds.

As you make your way to our classroom door, we will send your child directly to you.

Prep students can be collected by a parent, caregiver or older sibling, but Prep students are not able to leave until we spot the person collecting the child.

PUNCTUALITY

Classes commence promptly at 8:50am so please ensure that your child is at school on time. This way, your child does not miss out on any valuable group learning experiences.

At the end of the school day, please make sure that whoever is collecting your child is here on time. A child can quickly become distressed when it is time to go and no-one is here to collect him/her.

In addition, teachers may have meetings to attend, appointments, etc. and cannot always be there to supervise late into the afternoon.

PREP OPEN MORNINGS

Throughout Terms 3 and 4, the Prep Open Mornings provide an opportunity for parents/carers and future prep students to come and experience our school and participate in class sessions.

During the interview session at the Prep Open morning, parents will be able to discuss any specific issues concerning their child.

The Principal is more than happy to meet with prospective parents and students by arrangement.



SHARING INFORMATION

Events in family life, such as a major illness; visits by grandparents or other relatives; an accident or death of relatives, friends or pets can impact greatly upon children and may markedly affect their behaviour.

It is important for home and the school to share information which may affect your child. We would be most grateful if parents/carers would inform the teacher of any unusual happenings. Send a message to the school mobile, have a quick chat to Admin, make a time to see the teachers or pop a note into their homework folder.

TREASURES FROM HOME

Toys and trinkets from home very often become lost or broken at school, so it saves a lot of time and heartache if these are left at home.

Any toys that find their way to school will be cared for in the office or classroom until the end of the day. Staff cannot assume responsibility for any loss or breakage. Parents will be notified of “show and tell” days.



BIRTHDAYS AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays and other special celebrations are wonderful ways to build relationships with one another. From past experience, we have found that patty cakes are more practical to share than large birthday cakes. However, whichever you choose, please ensure there is enough for everyone in your child’s classroom.

There are some students with diet requirements. Please check with staff to make sure that everyone will be safe.



A very popular alternative is a ‘Birthday Bucket’, which can be organised through our Tuckshop. Simply place your order a week ahead of time and a bucket of ice-blocks will be delivered to your child’s classroom.

FIRST DAY

On Monday 22 January 2024, there will be a myriad of feeling and emotions for you and your new Prep student.

What do we do?

- ☺ Arrive at school at approximately 8:30am.
- ☺ Prep students will need some extra help on their first day. Assist your child to find his/her name on the table and assist your child to put on his/her name tag.
- ☺ You may sit and play with your child until the teacher indicates it is time to start.
- ☺ Say your goodbyes and reassure your child that you will be coming back to get him/her in the afternoon.
- ☺ It is best to cheerfully say goodbye and quickly leave rather than dragging out the parting process.
- ☺ As soon as the parents have left, the students will be settled with a story or a song.
- ☺ The teacher or teacher aide will support your child and let you know if he/she does not settle.

- ☺ Now, swing by the Tea and Tissues station and have a cuppa. Your little one is in safe hands and will have an amazing day!

- ☺ This is a great opportunity to meet some other parents too – it's not just the Prep parents that get emotional – trust us! 😊



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OUR SCHOOL

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At Peachester State School our aim is to maintain a happy, safe and secure environment that nurtures learning. We work with our students, parents/carers and community members to have a great school.

Here are some things our students and parents/carers have said about our school:

Quote from Students

Welcome to Peachester State School, the best school in Queensland! It is part of a wonderful community and has such great people. Everybody here is so helpful and friendly. At play time all the Preps to grade three's play in the junior playground, fairy garden and on the oval. We all show the new preps around the school and help if something's wrong. Grade three and up do cooking lessons with one of the best cooks around. That's why you should choose Peachester State School!!!

Year 4 Student

Peachester State School is so awesome because it has lovely ovals to play on and lots of trees, with no dangerous hanging branches. We have nice teachers and the big kids will help you get settled in. We also have a lovely kitchen and garden. If you're in grade four and over there are cooking sessions every week. So, if you're in prep to grade six and live nearby please come to Peachester State School NOW!

Year 4 Student

Peachester State School is awesome! We care about the environment and have lots of trees. Often Black Cockatoos are either in our trees or flying over us. This may be a small school, but the students are very nice. We have a kitchen, awesome teachers and lots more. The students and teachers are really funny and when classes are working it is really quiet. At lunch time the older students set up games for the younger students. We all help and care for each other. We have lots of fun days like to Halloween Disco, Book Week and wet days. One time we had a cricket day. Another time we had a family day. I suggest that you come to the best school ever – that is Peachester State School.

Year 3 Student

Quotes from Parents

"Love the feel of a small country school!"

"We love our small community school as it is so friendly."

"This school plays an important part in this community and prides itself on the family values."

"We love Peachester State School it is such a nurturing environment; the teachers are so dedicated and really care about our children's development."

"There's genuine pleasure being part of this small country school environment, where kids develop new skills confidently. Each child is known individually, and encouraged to achieve to the best of their personal ability by passionate teachers and a caring group of family members and friends. The African proverb, *'it takes a village to raise a child'* is very true of Peachester State Primary School."

"Peachester State School has given my son confidence, friendships and guidance whilst getting the best education possible."



"We like that being part of this school's life because it is like having a huge family and sharing all the fun, laughter, learning and experiences together."

Key Service information
Peachester HHN

Join us at
Helping Hands
Network for your
next Adventure!

Building friendships is what we are great at.



Created for children

Choose your Adventure!

Our Adventures are created for children and the best part is that children get to choose which Adventure they'd like to bring to life everyday.

RISE then SHINE

Our morning programs are now called 'Rise then Shine'
'Creating the best start to the school day'
Fueling children's curious minds and growing bodies to set children up for their best day ahead - they'll be ready to learn and ready to shine.

STAY and PLAY

Our afternoon programs are now called 'Stay and Play'
'Where friendships are made'
Creating meaningful connections and friendships by providing children with a place to stay and have fun after school.

Flavour Fest

Enabling children to be ready to learn, and with a focus on developing a better understanding of healthy eating habits, this nutritional Adventure will support children to build connections through the fun of healthy eating and play.
Children might be mixing and serving the yummy breakfast delights, reading the recipe for others to follow or learning good hygiene practice. They might crack an egg or flip a pancake.
And all the while making some great food and hanging out with their friends.

Snack Squad

Providing children with a great place to stay and play after school, this Adventure adds the fun to developing a love for delicious and nutritious food.
Our Snack Squad Adventure provides children an opportunity to unwind at the end of the school day and connect over a table of yummy food.
And all the while creating lifelong habits of the joy food can bring to friendships.

Breakfast Club

Providing children the opportunity to develop a love for being active with friends, these Adventures will offer children the opportunity to participate in mindfulness activities, setting up team games, keeping score, and playing and supporting team mates.
And all the while creating meaningful ways to connect with friends.

Get Active

Providing children the opportunity to develop a love for being active with friends, these Adventures will offer children the opportunity to participate in mindfulness activities, setting up team games, keeping score, and playing and supporting team mates.
And all the while creating meaningful ways to connect with friends.

Some examples of our Adventures

Book your Adventure here



Enrolments

Enrolling with Helping Hands Network is easy and completely free, just head to our website helpinghandsnetwork.com.au and click Join Helping Hands. Your child's enrolment must be confirmed before attending their first session with us.

Bookings & cancellations

Once enrolled, you can manage your bookings and cancellations with ease online or via the Kidsoft app.

PROGRAM	TIMES	FULL FEES	FEE AFTER 85% CCS*
Before School Care - Rise then Shine	06:30 AM - Bell Time	\$22.50	\$2.25
After School Care - Stay and Play	Bell Time - 06:00 PM	\$31.50	\$3.15

⇒ Educators who care ⇒ Fabulous Food
 ⇒ Compelling Programs ⇒ Future Ready
 ⇒ Unified Partnership ⇒ Peace of Mind

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