Welcome to Prep at Aramac State School

At Aramac we actively engage in learning to create unique life-long learners – it’s not what we say, it’s what we do!

An early years curriculum has been developed specifically for use in schools with prep classes. The Prep Year builds on your child's learning at home and in other places like kindergarten and child care.

What will my child learn in the Prep Year?

The learning experiences in the Prep Year will help your child to:

- take on responsibilities
- become more independent
- respect other people
- cooperate with others
- make sensible choices about their health and safety
- develop their physical skills
- develop their oral language
- develop their understanding of literacy and numeracy
- learn how to be thinkers and problem solvers
- use their imagination and creativity
- learn about their environment.

Absences

A written note explaining all absences is required. Absences include: illness, holiday and late arrival. If your child arrives later than 9.00am, you will need to sign them in at the office and this will be noted in the roll. We advise you to keep your child at home if she/he is not well. Remember that a sick child is better at home with their parents rather than at school feeling unhappy and spreading germs to other children.

Medication

All medications must be labelled with your child’s name and class and delivered to Administration. Teachers cannot give your child medication. Please inform Administration of dosage and time.

Money

Please do not allow your child to bring money to school. If senior classes within the school are fundraising you will be notified in the newsletter. On Free Dress Days, students will be asked for a gold coin donation which is collected by the teacher.

School Contact Details

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School Office Hours

8.30am – 3.30pm
What will I see my child doing?

Your child will be:

- investigating interests
- making choices
- talking with teachers and other children
- planning with their teacher about the things they might do, and carrying out their plans
- designing and making things
- singing, dancing and painting
- listening and reading stories
- playing games indoors and outdoors
- climbing, balancing, jumping
- planning and sharing in make-believe play
- using computers to draw pictures, make signs, play games and find out about the world
- taking part in everyday experiences like gardening, cooking and tidying up
- learning about letters and sounds
- learning about size, shape, weight and measurement as they construct things indoors and outdoors.
- Participating in visiting projects or programs (eg. visiting artists, swimming coaches)

How can I help my child?

- Read together and talk about everyday items such as signs, notices, letters, catalogues, magazines, TV guides, food packaging and bills.
- Read and talk frequently about storybooks, factual books and rhymes.
- Share information about your child with the teacher.
- Chat with your child about what they’re doing at school.
- Visit the classroom for a brief chat or to take part in daily activities or special events.
- Encourage your child to experiment with various materials and equipment.
- Encourage your child to explore different ways to organise areas, e.g. their bedroom, play area, cubby.
- Make available a variety of materials and containers for measuring such things as water, grain and sand.
- Involve your child in family activities that investigate mathematical ideas, e.g. cooking, setting the table, matching socks, sharing a meal.
- Provide “junk” materials for drawing, making patterns, and building things.

School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Aramac State School is a School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) school. This involves a whole school approach to behaviour with a focus on teaching the appropriate skills and behaviours and rewarding them when they are displayed. Our school rules are based around the three statements – BE SAFE, BE RESPONSIBLE and BE RESPECTFUL. For more information on the positive rewards and consequences at Aramac State School, please refer to the Responsible Behaviour Plan in the school prospectus.

Travel To and From the Classroom

- Children must be dropped off by their guardian – if brothers or sisters are dropping them off could you please let us know
- Children must be collected from the Prep classroom at 3.00 pm. Children will not be allowed to leave the classroom unless someone is there to collect them.

Tuckshop

The school tuckshop operates every Friday. Orders are to be written on a paper bag with name, class, order. Orders are to be placed in the Tuckshop box on arrival at school on Thursday mornings and will be available for students from the staffroom at 1st break on Friday.

Open Door Policy

Staff will be in the classroom from 8.30am, students are welcome to arrive at this time and may play upstairs until the bell goes. When children come into the classroom, they are expected to be responsible for their own belongings. Please encourage your child to follow the routine outlined by the teacher.