



Plattsburg
Public School

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INFORMATION
SESSION***

Kindergarten 2025

Acknowledgement of Country



Meet The Team



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Important Dates

2024 - Student Orientation:

- Thursday 31st October - Kindergarten Picnic at Plattsburg Public School - 9:30am - 10:15am
- Wednesday 6th November - 1 hour student session - 9:30am - 10:30am
- Wednesday 20th November - 1 hour student session - 9:30am - 10:30am
- Wednesday 4th December - 1 hour student session - 9:30am - 10:30am

2025 - Best Start Kindergarten Assessments:

- Wednesday 5th February - Thursday 6th February

2025 - Kindergarten Start Date

- Friday 7th February - 9:00am - 3:00pm

About Us

- Our school is located in the suburb of Wallsend and has a proud history of having provided more than 150 years of public education to the community. We proudly acknowledge that we teach and learn on Awabakal land. Plattsburg has an average population of 210 with 26% identifying as Aboriginal and 19% as having a non-English speaking background. Aboriginal and EALD representation is steady across the last 3 consecutive years.
- The school has a strong focus on providing individualised learning opportunities for students to achieve. This includes significant access to technology, cultural experiences and alternative play opportunities.



Best Start Assessment



The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is a state-wide assessment that helps show teachers the Literacy and Numeracy skills of each student at the beginning of Kindergarten.

It provides teachers with useful information to help support your child's learning at school and provides parents and caregivers with feedback on what their child can do, and how they can best support their child's learning.

Best Start begins with the teacher interviewing each child at the beginning of the Kindergarten year. The assessment does not require the student to prepare or study.

The assessment takes about 20 minutes each for the Literacy and Numeracy parts.

The assessment is conducted one-on-one by either your child's Kindergarten teacher or a Plattsburg PS staff member in a supportive environment within the school.



Best Start Assessment

Children complete the tasks individually while the teacher observes and records the child's responses.

Literacy - identifies a range of skills such as word, sound and letter recognition, early writing abilities and ability to retell story lines from books that are read to them.

Numeracy - the tasks are related to early number concepts and identify a range of skills such as number recognition, counting, early addition and subtraction skills and ability to recognise repeating patterns.



Academic Goals - Reading - Mid Year

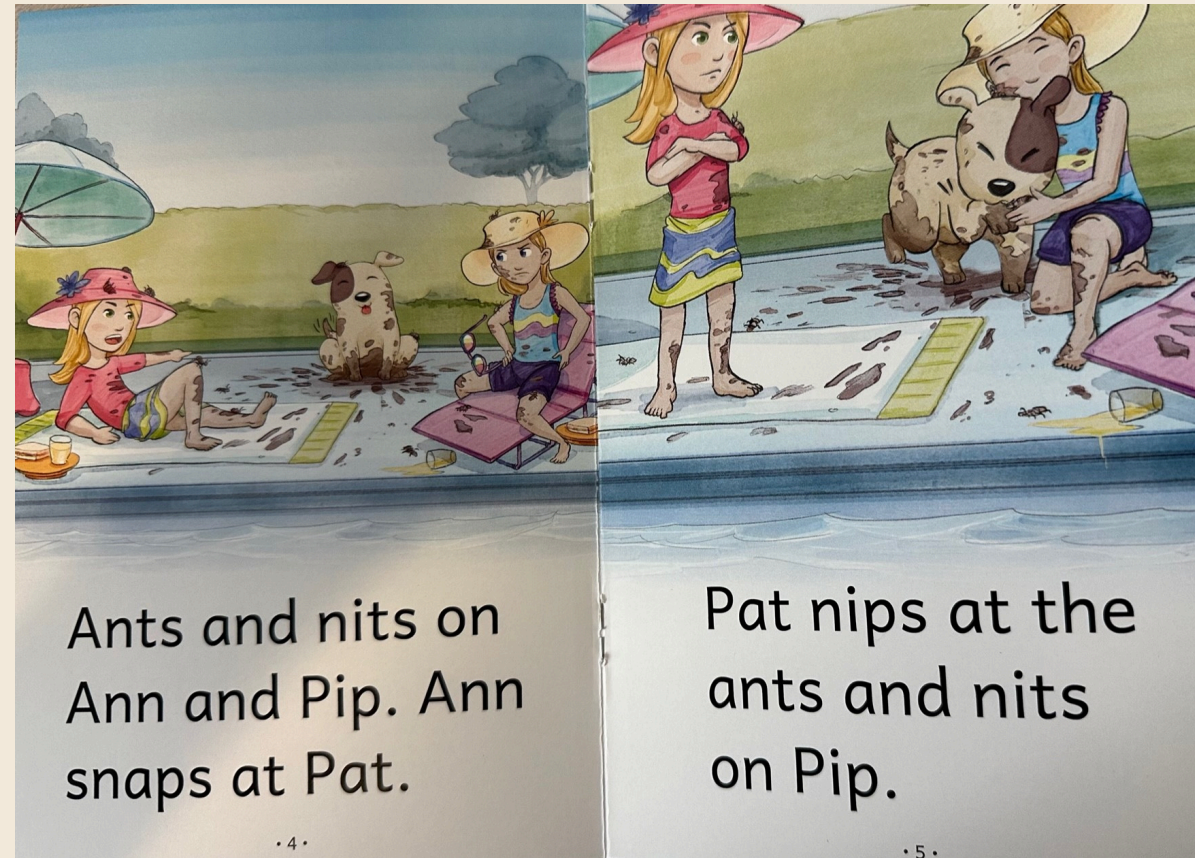
Level 1

Introduces:
s, a, t, p, i, n

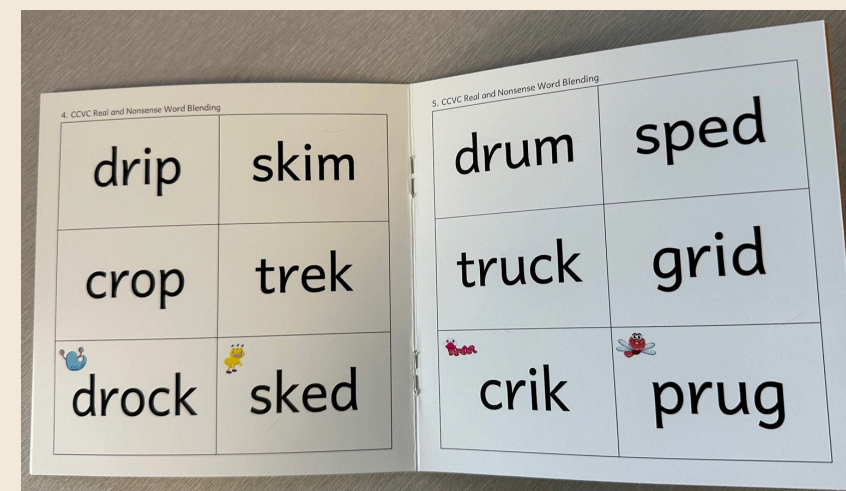
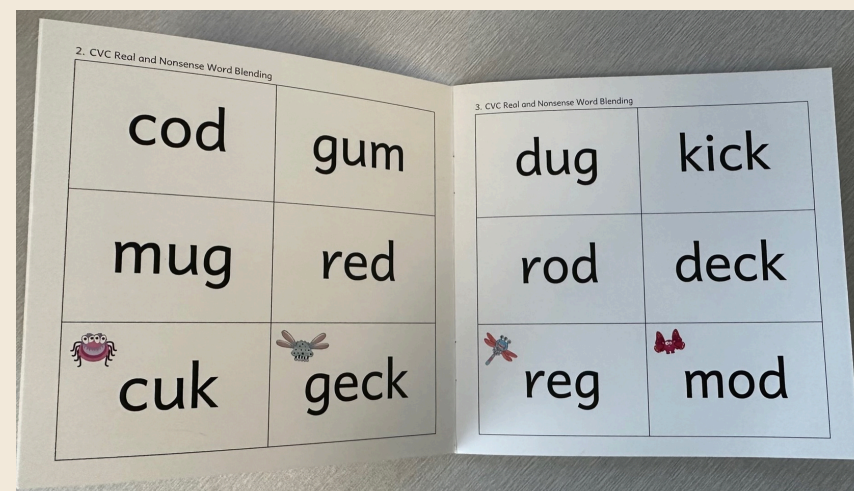
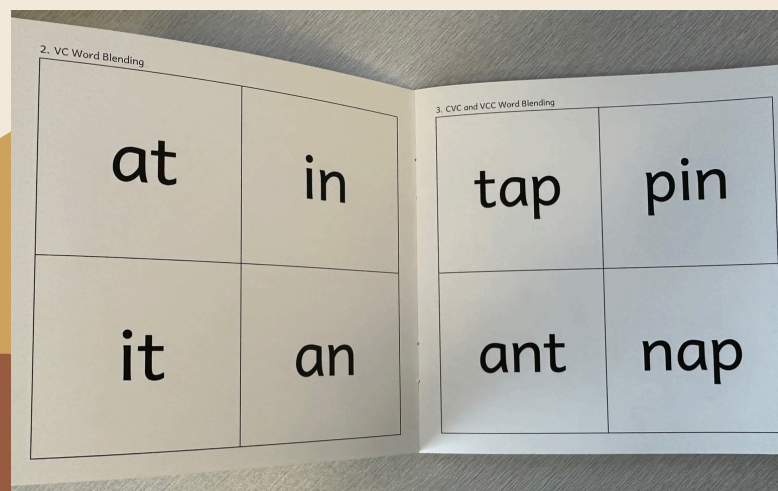
Level 2

Includes:
s, a, t, p, i, n

Introduces:
m, d, g, o, c, k,
ck, e, u, r



Each screener from Levels 1-4 requires students to decode both real and nonsense (pseudo) words. Nonsense words are phonically decodable words that are not actual words with an associated meaning. The inclusion of these words in the screener allows for a true test of decoding to be undertaken.



Academic Goals - Reading - End Year

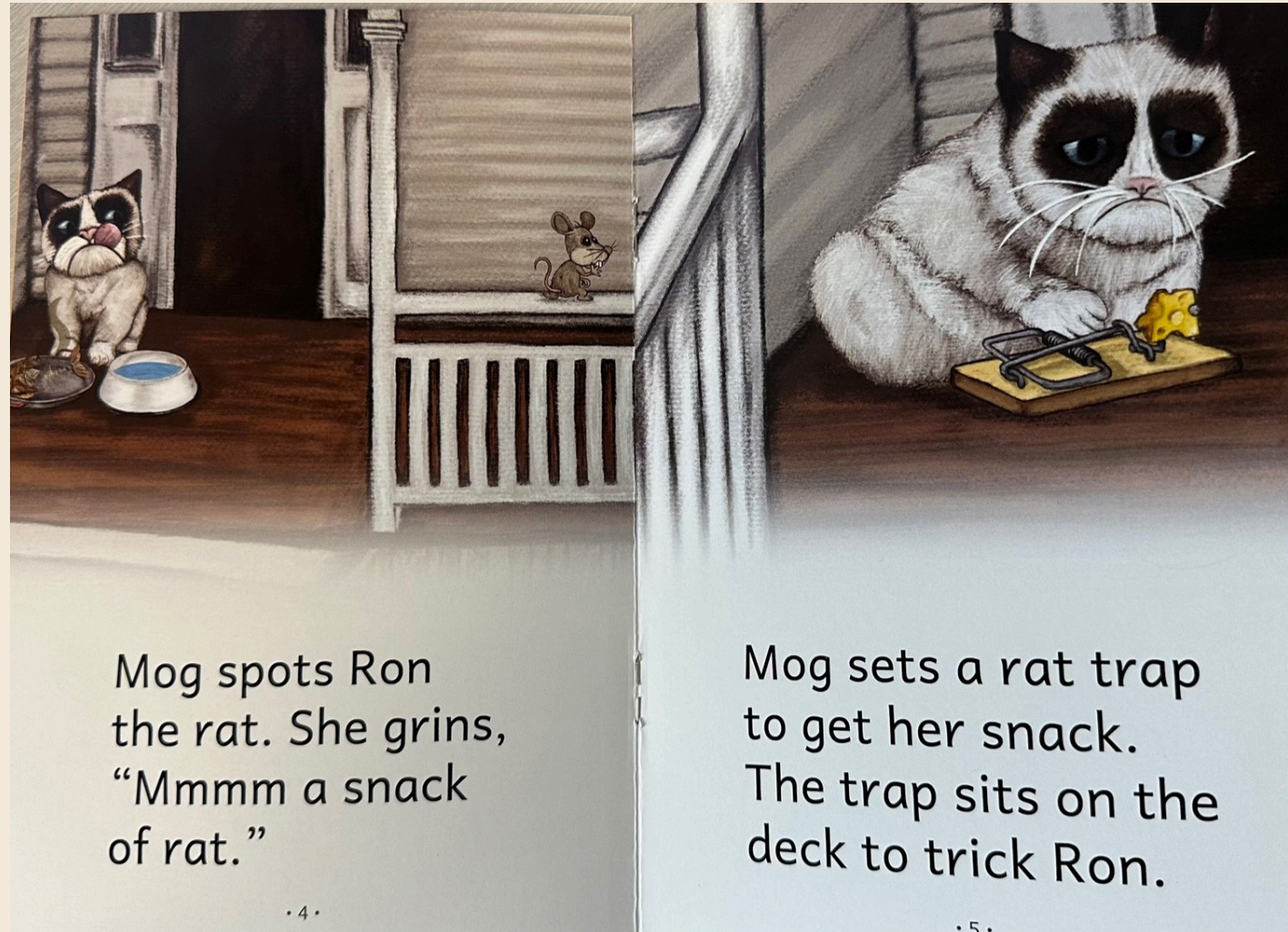
Level 3

Includes:

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c, k, ck, e, u, r

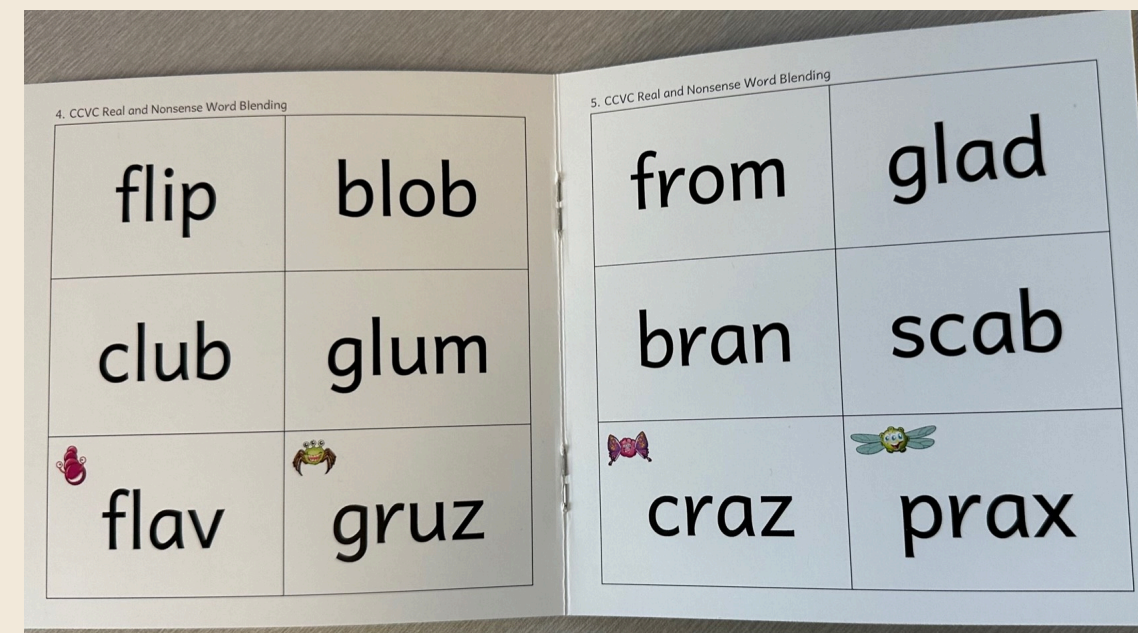
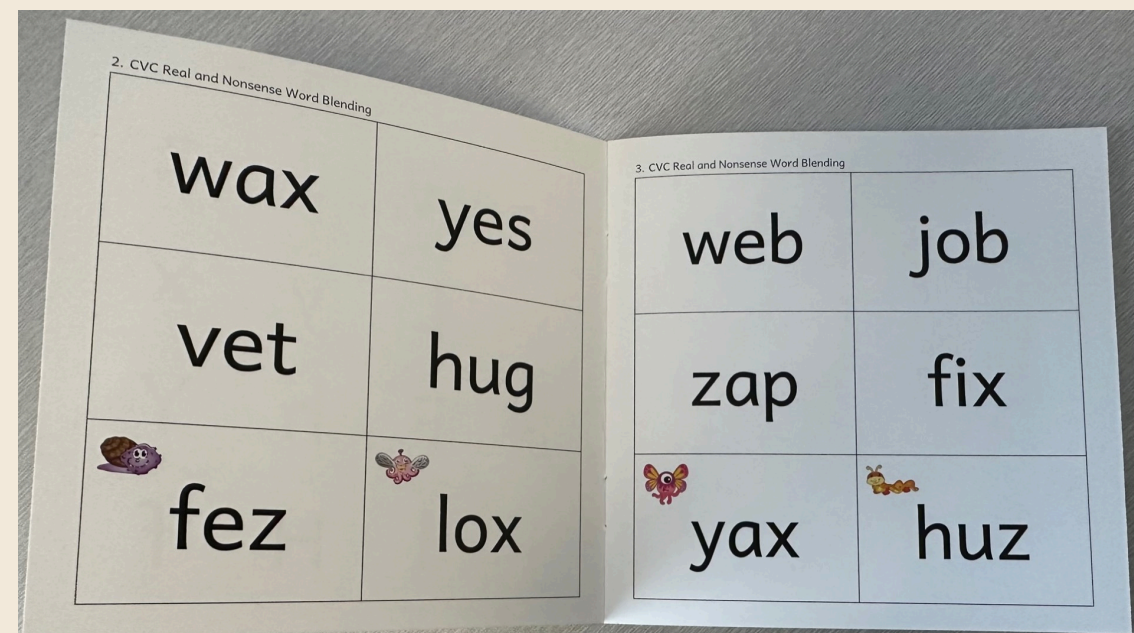
Introduces:

b, h, f, l, j, v, w, x, y, z



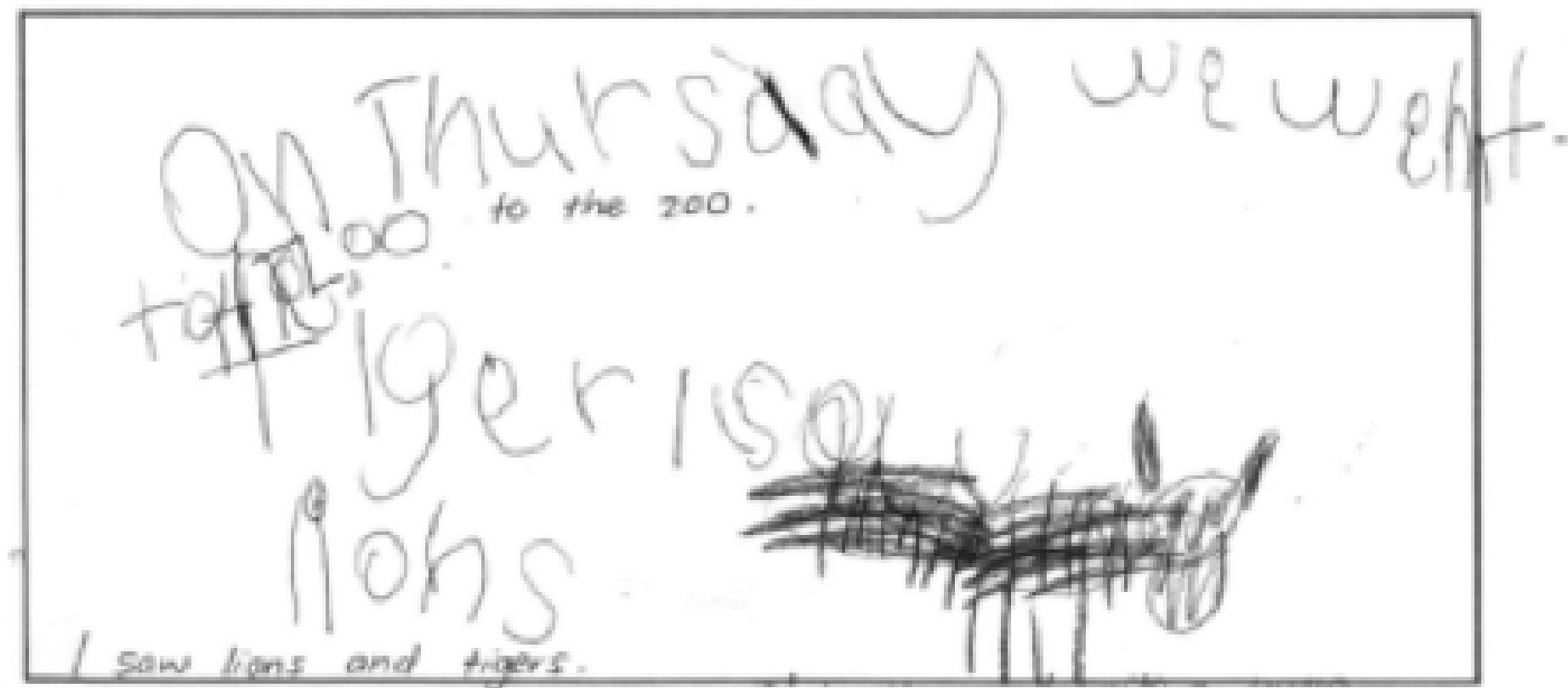
Mog spots Ron
the rat. She grins,
“Mmmm a snack
of rat.”

Mog sets a rat trap
to get her snack.
The trap sits on the
deck to trick Ron.



Academic Goals - Writing

By mid year Kindergarten students are expected to be attempting to write a sentence with some words spelt correctly. Students should be attempting to write words using the sounds they can hear.



Writing mid-year

Academic Goals - Writing

By the end of kindergarten students are expected to be writing most words in a sentence correctly and forming letters in the correct way.

Today was ^{presentation} present fashion day
and we got ^{some} surf awards and I got a
trophy.

Writing end-year



Academic Goals - Numeracy

Mid Year Goals

- Recognise and identify numbers 0-10
- Identify the numbers that come just before and just after a given number in the range 0-10 (without dropping back to count from 1).

End Year Goals

- Recognises and identifies all numbers in the range 0-30 as well as 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 and 100.
- Counts to at least 30.
- Produces the number words just after or just before a given number in the range 1 - 30 (without dropping back to count from 1)







Learning and Support

The Plattsburg LST provides support, communication, partnership and school wide expectations for our staff, students, families and school community. Our school teaching staff communicate closely with our LST and support, differentiation, classroom and playground wellbeing are developed for our students.

The LST filters all communication to staff and promotes a whole school approach to strategies and responding to student behaviours using interventions that support students to learn and practice expected behaviours in a positive environment.



Attendance

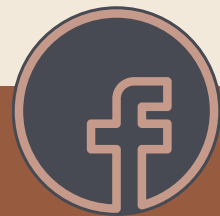


Plattsburg Public School Every day counts

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	That equals...	Which is...	And therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years of learning
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years of school
1 day each week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year	Over 2½ years of school
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning

Communication



Facebook

Our Facebook Page is run by four admins. We try and answer any questions asap and if we don't know the answer we will find out for you.



Audiri

We use the Audiri app and it can be downloaded for free from iTunes or Google Play. It's one of our main forms of communication. If you don't have a smart phone you can view the alerts via the website.



School Newsletter

The school's newsletter is published each fortnight on even weeks. The newsletter is an integral part of our communication to share important, detailed, and regular updates with our school community.

Canteen and Uniforms

Canteen

Canteen is open every day. The canteen is managed by the Canteen Supervisor and we depend on volunteers to help. It's a great way to keep in touch with what's happening at school and to make friends. Lunch and Recess is ordered online at quickcliq.com.au



Uniforms

You can also order online at quickcliq.com.au. Any online sales from the uniform shop will be delivered to the students in their classroom to bring home. We will open the uniform shop during our last Kindergarten Orientation session (Wednesday 4th December) and during Best Start at the beginning of next year.



Breakfast Club

As the name suggests, breakfast clubs are before-school clubs for children. Breakfast Club is run on school premises and is usually run by parent volunteers.

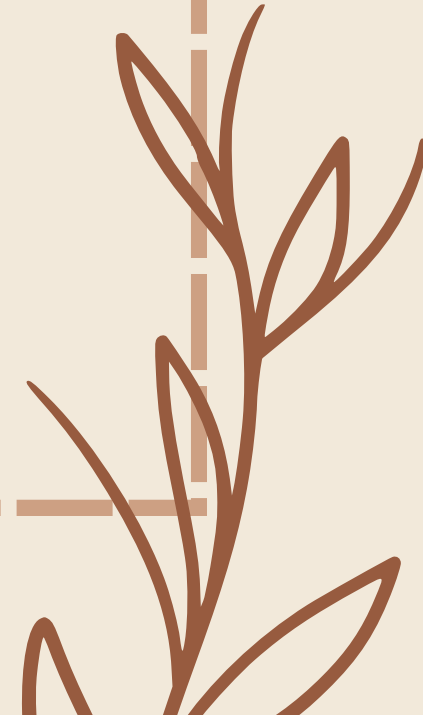

The main purpose of a breakfast club is to provide a safe, secure environment before school, where children can have a decent breakfast.









P&C

Plattsburg Public School has an active P&C who meet each month during school terms. Meetings are announced in advanced via our school's Facebook page. All school fundraising initiatives are coordinated in conjunction with the staff and the P&C. The P&C organises different activities throughout the year such as Pie Drives, Raffles, Colour Runs, Christmas In the Gully, Father/Mother's Day stalls and breakfasts. All funds raised support the school when purchasing new equipment and resources. These events depend on volunteers for their success. Your help would be greatly appreciated at any of these events.



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