

PLATTSBURG

PUBLIC SCHOOL

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STARTING SCHOOL SUCCESSFULLY

Children who have a positive start to school are likely to engage and experience ongoing academic and social success.



Starting school is an important step in a child's life. At Plattsburg Public School we believe in the importance of strong home/school partnerships from the very first day of your child's schooling. We understand beginning school is a major change for families and that it can be challenging to part that first day.

For this reason we organise preschool visits, information sessions and a successful Kindergarten transition

program which provides opportunities for children starting Kindergarten to settle into a school routine, meet their teachers, mix with groups of other children and engage in both structured and unstructured play activities.

Children are eligible to be enrolled in Kindergarten providing their fifth birthday occurs on or before July 31st of the year they enrol.

EQUIPPED FOR LIFE



Plattsburg, a good choice

Plattsburg Public School is a proud member of Callaghan Education Pathways (CEP)*, which provides a continuum of learning, 21st Century learning experiences and specialised learning environments.



Our vision

Equipped for life

We maintain an inclusive environment which acknowledges and respects children from diverse family and cultural backgrounds. Outstanding outcomes in an inclusive environment – equipped for life.



*CEP consists of 18 primary schools and 3 high schools across the Callaghan working in close partnership.



What does your child need to bring to school each day?

Plattsburg PS provides book packs to each grade. We encourage you to provide crayons and coloured pencils but these will be supplied. It is advisable to have your child's name on all personal items. Other items your child may need include a library bag plus an art smock (an old t-shirt will do).

Canteen/ Online Canteen

Plattsburg Public School Canteen provides a wide range of nutritious lunches at a reasonable price. Lunch and recess food must be ordered by all students before school. Our canteen is open every day.

We have an online canteen option which allows parents to transfer money via credit card, direct deposit or PayPal to their online account and order lunch via a website or their smartphone. Register NOW to order online

<https://www.quickcliq.com.au>



Reports and Assessment

School reports provide important feedback on the progress of your child and provide students and parents with feedback on how much students have achieved throughout the year.

Reports are sent home at the end of Term 2 and Term 4. We encourage parents to discuss their child's report with their child, focussing on the positive aspects.

SUPERVISION

Children are not supervised before 8.30 a.m. and after 3.00 p.m. For the safe protection of all students no parent or carer is permitted to take another child home without written permission from the custodial parent to the principal. The class teacher must be notified of any change in your pick-up routine. On those occasions when you need to take your child early from class you must obtain a Release Slip from the office first.

School Hours	
SUPERVISION ONLY FROM 8:30 a.m.	
9:00 a.m.	Lessons Commence
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Morning Session
11:00 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.	RECESS
11:25 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Middle Session
1:15 p.m. – 1:25 p.m.	Eating with your class
1:25 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Lunch 1
1:45 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.	Lunch 2
2:05 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Afternoon Session
3:00 p.m.	End of school day
NO SUPERVISION AFTER 3:00 p.m.	





OUR DIGITAL PLATFORMS



Sentral for Parents

For parents and carers. Download the Sentral for Parents app to access your student's school reports, explain absences, make payments, access event calendar, newsletters and book interviews. www.plattsburgps.sentral.com.au

Audiri: School Communication

Audiri (formally named Skoolbag) provides an easy way for our school to notify parents of events in the school. School newsletters, school notes, alerts and more can be sent directly to your smart phone. This is especially useful for cancellations due to weather events etc. www.audiri.com.au



Quickcliq

QuickClik is our school's preferred way of ordering canteen meals and uniforms. The program takes care of not only our orders, it automatically does our banking, stocktaking, provides detailed reports on profit and loss and saves our canteen staff time and money. We appreciate our community using this platform for canteen orders. www.quickcliq.com.au

Facebook Page

Our school's Facebook page is a way for us to share important information, celebrate successes, and keep parents informed about school events and news. It's a convenient way for us to stay connected with the school community. www.facebook.com/plattsburgpublicschool



School Website

Our school website is designed to provide parents with easy access to all the information they need about the school, such as contact details, staff information, academic programs, upcoming events, and resources for parents and students. www.plattsburg-p.schools.nsw.gov.au

ATTENDANCE

School attendance is very important and all student attendance is monitored closely as a legal requirement.

Rolls are marked at 9 a.m. so please ensure your child is at school on time. All absences require an explanation. These can be given via a written letter, text reply to school generated absence text or via the school app.

Attendance is critical to a successful education and the development of friendships and social skills. Having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life. Regular school attendance patterns encourage the development of other responsible patterns of behaviour.

Often parents and carers think that a day off here and there will not matter or that arriving late or leaving early is okay. In the early years of school parents and carers make the mistake of believing that their child can 'catch up' if they miss a day. Too many days off and too many late arrivals is a lot of catching up when everyone else is marching on and not waiting.

WHAT START WILL YOU GIVE YOUR CHILD?



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

Boys

- Maroon polo shirt with yellow panels, grey shorts, white socks, black shoes/sneakers.
- Maroon track suit, maroon polo shirt with yellow panels, white socks, black shoes/sneakers.
- A Maroon zipper jacket may be worn with any of the above.



Girls

- Maroon skorts, maroon polo shirt with yellow panels, white socks, black shoes/sneakers.
- Maroon shorts, maroon polo shirt with yellow panels, white socks, black shoes/sneakers.
- Maroon track suit, maroon polo shirt with yellow panels, white socks, black shoes/sneakers.
- A Maroon zipper jacket may be worn with any of the above.



Costs

- Polo Shirts (sizes 4 to adult) **\$28 + \$5 Adult Sizes**
- Long sleeved shirts \$28
- Shorts/Skorts (maroon) \$20
- Track Pants (maroon) \$25
- Maroon Zip Jacket with Logo \$30
- Baseball Jacket (maroon/gold) \$35
- Hats (caps/slouch/surf) \$15

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Register at www.quickcliq.com.au and order online, we will send your order home with your child. Email plattsburg-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

School Hats

As part of our Sun Smart policy children are required to wear a hat. Hats must have a brim. Caps can be worn. Hats must be worn at all times when children are outside. Children without hats must remain in the shade. School hats and caps are available for sale from the canteen.

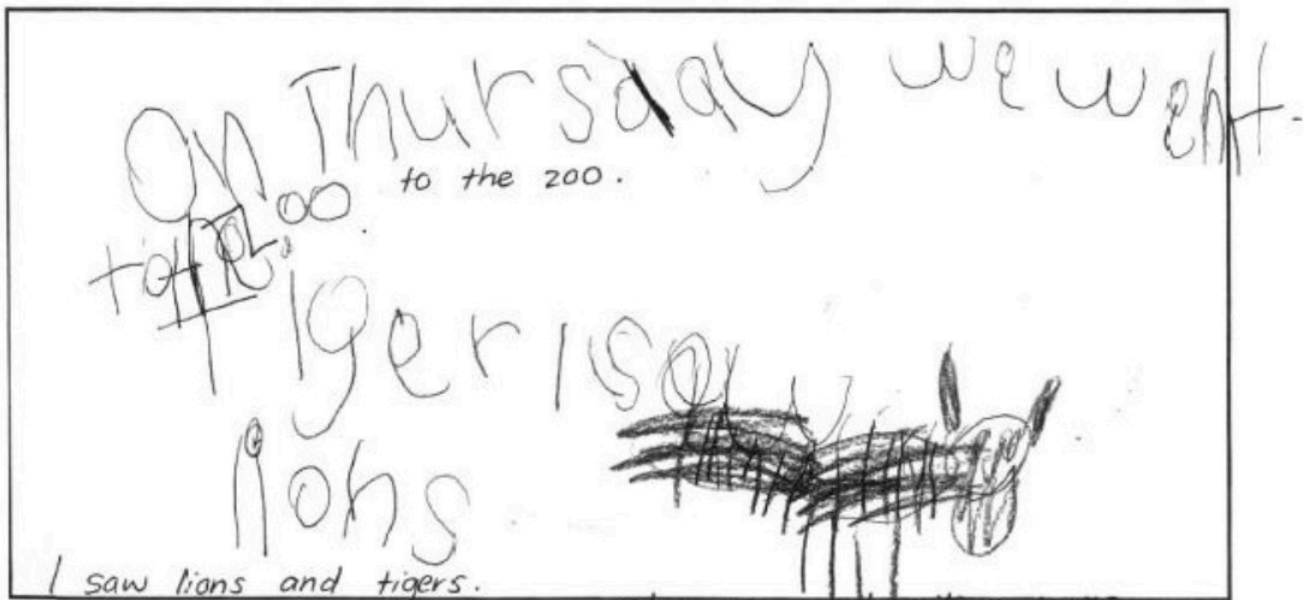
Clothing Pool

The school has a good clothing pool. Items of clothing sell for \$2.00. Please consider giving any clean clothes, which are still in reasonable condition, to the clothing pool.

WHAT WILL YOUR CHILD LEARN IN KINDERGARTEN?

Your child will develop an early understanding of letters, sounds and rhyming words; as well as how pictures can tell stories, how written words can be read, and how spoken sounds can be written down. Learning about maths and numeracy is also a key part of Kindergarten.

Kindergarten Mid Year Expected Writing Standard (recount)



Grade Commentary

Jody has demonstrated a sound understanding of the structure and features of a recount. Details about when, where, who and what have been included but a personal opinion has not been provided. Attempts at using full stops and capital letters have been made. An illustration has been provided to support the text, and a range of spelling strategies has been used. To progress further, Jody could use conjunctions and adjectives to create compound and complex sentences.

Jody's response demonstrates characteristics of work typically produced by a student performing at the expected standard.



Managing Medication

Plattsburg is happy to work with families to administer medication.

Confirmation from your Doctor regarding medications/dosage/times and a signed authority from the parent/carer will be required. Please contact the Administration Office for further details regarding this process.

All medications are required in blister pack form or in plastic containers clearly labelled with your child's name and class. All daily dosages must be measured out and separated.

No medication (with the exception of Ventolin puffers) is to be left in the child's school bag for obvious safety reasons.

The school is not permitted to give paracetamol, aspirin or disprin unless specifically prescribed by a doctor. Similarly, staff cannot administer ear drops and eye drops.

Health Care Plans

If your child has a health condition that requires careful monitoring (e.g. asthma, allergies, diabetes, epilepsy, anaphylaxis) it is important to arrange for an appointment with the Principal to draw up an individual health care plan for your child before they commence attending.

School Counsellor

Plattsburg Public School has access to the services of a school counsellor once a week during school terms. The school counsellor is part of the school's student welfare organisation and is able to contribute information, advice and understanding on the learning and behaviour of students, especially those with additional needs. The counsellor may assist teachers and parents in dealing with these needs. If you wish to speak to the counsellor about your child, you may do so by arranging a referral through the Learning and Support Teacher.

Breakfast Club

Plattsburg operates a Breakfast Club each morning at 8:30 a.m. This is a social time for students to gather and share a breakfast of toast and cereal. Whilst there is no cost we do ask that you consider giving your child a silver coin to donate. Breakfast Club is popular with all students and is a great convenience for those rushed mornings.



Illness

Health advice is that students who are sick should always stay home to rest and recover and avoid putting other students and staff at risk of getting sick. If your child is unwell before school we do ask that you care for children at home. Where a child is unwell we will contact parents/carers or emergency contacts to collect sick children



P&C

Plattsburg Public School has a small but very active P&C who meet on the second MONDAY of the month and warmly welcome new members at any time of the year. All school fundraising initiatives are coordinated in conjunction with the principal and the P&C. The P&C organises different activities to raise additional funds for school programs and equipment. In recent years, a walk-a-thon, special event raffles, i-Pad raffles and various other activities have been organised by the P&C. Parents are encouraged to support the P&C fundraising events as all money raised benefits the students.

We are a proud member of our local AECG

Plattsburg Public School has an Aboriginal Education Officer who provides cultural programs and advice. We have an amazing Yidaki group and a wonderful cultural dance group. Community involvement is welcome and we seek the assistance of our Aboriginal families to facilitate our SistaSpeak and BroSpeak programs



Technology

All classrooms have interactive white boards and sets of class i-Pads are available for students to use. Plattsburg teaching staff have expertise in the use of technology, and a wireless internet available throughout the school.



Playground



Sandpit Play



Climb and slide



Netball / Basketball



Spider Frame

Our grounds are generous and we have use of Federal Park each day. During lunch times the school offers opportunities for students to join the Chess Club, Dance Club, Lego Club, Minecraft Club, Cultural Dance, Sporting Group, handball challenges and much more. We strive for a differentiated set of play options to meet the diverse and changing needs of our students.



Important Dates

For Plattsburg Public School Kindergarten 2025

DATE	INFORMATION
30th October 2024	<u>Parent/Carer Information Session - 4:00pm - 5:00pm at Plattsburg Public School</u>
31st October 2024	<u>Kindergarten Picnic - 9:30am - 10:15am at Plattsburg Public School</u>
6th November 2024	<u>Student Orientation - 9:30am - 10:30am at Plattsburg Public School</u>
20th November 2024	<u>Student Orientation - 9:30am - 10:30am at Plattsburg Public School</u>
4th December 2024	<u>Student Orientation - 9:30am - 10:30am at Plattsburg Public School</u>
4th February 2025 - 6th February 2025	<u>Best Start Kindergarten Assessment</u> Students will complete their Best Start Assessment with either Mrs Cole, Miss Jasmine or Miss Emily. Families will be contacted during October to book a date and time.
7th February 2025	First Day of School for Kindergarten 2025

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