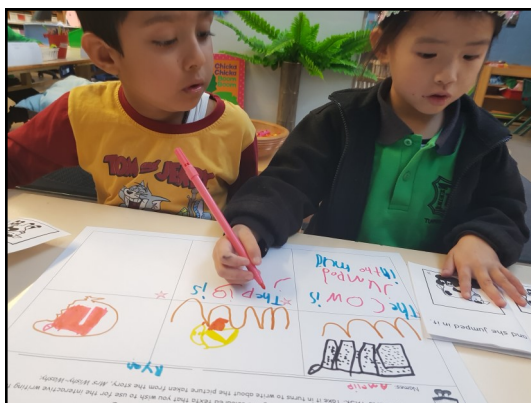




We appreciate and support families enhancing your child's learning outside of school hours with other activities.

Please be aware that term 1 of kindergarten is a big learning and change time for your child and we recommend you adjust their out of school commitments to suit their individual needs.



Dates for 2023

Term 1	Mon 30 January – Thu 6 April
Term 2	Mon 24 April – Fri 30 June
Term 3	Mon 17 July – Fri 22 September
Term 4	Mon 9 October – Fri 15 December



OFFICE HOURS:
8:30am - 3:30pm

SCHOOL HOURS:
Lessons Commence: 9:00am
Lunch: 10:50am - 11:40am
Recess: 1:30pm - 2:00pm
School Ends: 3:00pm

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE:
YWCA - Ph: 6185 2040 or 0420 532 471

Turner School

Starting Kindergarten

Valuing differences
Celebrating learning
Achieving together



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Dear Parents and carers,

Starting Kinder is an exciting step for children. For all children there will be the discovery of new experiences, new friends, new feelings and new independence. At Turner School we believe that when parents and teachers work in partnership, the changes that starting 'big' school bring can be productive, positive and fun. You are the first and most important educators of your children and we build on the foundations you and the preschool team have provided.

Our preschool families will know that Turner is a unique school offering education programs to mainstream children and children with disabilities working side by side. Classes are organised according to all children's needs.

We aim to develop happy, confident, competent, creative thinkers who value excellence. Emphasis is placed on acquiring sound literacy skills and mathematical concepts in rich learning contexts, exploring creativity, the arts and sciences and building social and emotional well-being.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We want your child to have a wonderful transition to kindergarten. If you have information that will help us understand your child better, please let us know. You are always welcome to come and discuss your child's progress with me or any of the staff.

Best wishes,



Principal



The first day of Kindergarten

On the morning of the first day of school, you are invited to arrive from 8:45am. Please take your child directly to the kindergarten rooms to meet their teacher.

Turner School staff will assist you and there will be signs and maps directing you to the right classroom. After meeting the teacher and settling your child there will be a welcome morning tea held for parents in the school hall from 9:15am.



Parents need to indicate to the teacher on the first day the arrangements for collecting children at 3:00pm, particularly for week 1.

Kindergarten children attend school for the same hours as other classes—9:00am-3:00pm. For the first few weeks we always adopt a flexible approach, which allows parents to take tired children home early. Please discuss your child's needs with their teacher.

Stationery Pack Delivery



Preordered stationery packs will be delivered to school at the start of the year. They will be delivered straight to classes.

Order forms will be distributed prior to the end of the year.

Preparing for Kindergarten

To ensure a smooth and happy transition to Kindergarten, it is helpful if children can already manage most of the following:

- Put on shoes and socks
- Manage the fastenings on any clothes
- Unscrew tops on drink bottles and open food containers
- Use the toilet and be aware of the need for personal hygiene and can wash hands independently
- Recognise own belongings (having all things named is important)
- Recognise own name
- Pack away materials after use.

