

The **Flying Start for Prep** program operates within our Junior school framework and is supported through an integrated whole school approach.

**Flying Start for Prep** operates all year during normal school hours 8.50- 3.15 pm school term days



Class size is limited to approx 15 children to ensure maximum support and individual attention.

If interested please fill in the form and return to Hastings P.S.  
10 -2 0 Hodgins Rd Hastings  
3915.  
**AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**  
Numbers are limited.

### Some fantastic “extras” we offer

- small class size
- great play spaces, indoors and out
- school pets/animals
- computers and interactive white boards in the classroom
- wide screen multi media viewing
- internet access
- swimming program
- gymnastic P.M.P. program
- specialist programs in ART, PE & Good Living
- You Can Do It social skills program
- “Kids Matter” program
- a variety of incursions/excursions
- active after school sports program

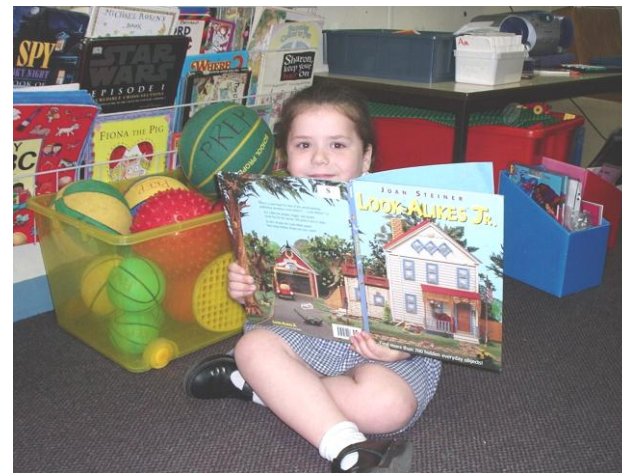


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# *“Flying Start” for Preps program*



*at Hastings  
Primary School*

**Kids Matter**  
AUSTRALIAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS  
MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE



## Does your child need some extra support starting prep?



As teachers we often see children who have trouble settling into school life and struggle to develop their daily learning patterns. Some children are not quite ready for the structure of a formal school day.

To best support children who are beginning to develop social and emotional maturity, we are offering the “**Flying Start for Prep**” program.

**This program is designed for children who are of school age** (5 years old by 30<sup>th</sup> April the year they start school) but are not yet socially or emotionally ready for the formalities and demands of school life, especially when an extra year of Pre-school or child care is not an option.

## What is the Flying Start for Prep program about?

The **Flying Start for Prep** is a transitional kinder-school program, structured using developmentally appropriate activities for children, involving lots of talking and play opportunities both inside and outside.

The **Flying Start** class gradually builds confidence with reading, writing and number through directed play based developmental and language experience activities.

Playing, chanting, rhymes, stories, singing, art and physical movement form the basis for class activities and interaction.

Social and emotional skill development is greatly enhanced along the way through daily opportunities to chat, play and interact with others.



## What benefits are there for my child?



Research shows that children who are ‘school ready’ make the best progress throughout their school careers.

Through the **Flying Start for Prep** program your child will be given the time to develop school readiness skills in a positive and caring, unhurried environment.

Your child will feel safe, confident and happy in a small class with a dedicated and enthusiastic team of teaching professionals guiding them along the way.

**We would love to see your child get a *flying start* !**