To make the transition to school as smooth as possible for your child we recommend the following:

- Clearly label all belongings.

- Talk about the difference between lunch and recess with your child.

- Encourage your child to independently do the following tasks:
  - do up their own shoes
  - manage their own toileting
  - recognise and write their own name
  - dress themselves.

- If your child wants to write at home we encourage you to help them use lower case letters, not upper case.

We welcome visits to our Reception classroom.

Come along and see what we have to offer you and your child. Make an appointment to chat with the Principal and then visit us in action. We hope to see you soon!
Reception

At Bellevue Heights Primary School we encourage and foster a love of learning. We aim to make school a fun place where children love to learn and where they can learn vital social and independence skills as well as academic skills.

In Reception we use a literacy programme called Jolly Phonics with great success. This programme uses a multi-sensory approach that appeals to and caters for all learning styles.

We encourage all children to drink water whenever they are thirsty. All classes have a mid morning fruit break. In Reception we combine this with daily fitness sessions.

All Reception children participate in a Coordination Program aimed to improve their gross motor skills.

We welcome parental involvement in our Reception classes. Parents are encouraged to help in a wide variety of ways. We love to use parental talents and currently have parents listening to reading, supervising and playing literacy and numeracy games, teaching art and craft skills, cooking with small groups and assisting on excursions.

What to do if your 4 year old is about to start school

- Ask for enrolment information to be emailed to you.
- Make an appointment with our principal who will take you on a tour of the school. You will be able to view classes in action.
- Attend a school open day.
- Attend the school playgroup sessions.
- Complete an enrolment form (available from the school office). Once you have enrolled you will be placed on our newsletter emailing list.
- Our reception teacher will visit the local kindergarten prior to transition visits to the school.
- There are four transition visits in the term prior to starting school. During these visits children will meet their next term teacher and to meet their classmates for the next term. Transition visits are on Friday mornings in the latter half of the term.
- Visits are from 9:00 until 10:55am.
- Early in the term a letter will be sent to your home confirming days and times.