

First Day of Prep at MPPS

Thursday 1st February 2024



On the first day of school, Prep students will have a staggered start between 8:45am - 9:15am. They will commence school at ten-minute intervals in small groups to assist students to settle into the school day.

Your child will need the following on the first day:

- MPPS school bag, named. It also helps to have a familiar tag on the outside of the bag. This assists your child to identify her/his bag
- Labelled lunch box (students will only require a snack and additional fresh fruit or vegetables to eat during 'brain food' time on this day)
- Labelled water bottle
- Labelled spare clothes (spare set of underwear, socks, pants/shorts and t-shirt to be left in school bag for an emergency such as a toilet accident, slips or spills)
- Labelled MPPS hat
- Labelled MPPS blue reading bag
- Comfortable all black shoes

Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled. It is often difficult for young children to recognise their own clothing, particularly as the items look the same. Please show your child where the name label is located on each garment.

Before school:

The school grounds will be supervised from 8:30am. Children need to arrive at school approximately 10 minutes before their staggered start time. This ensures an organised and happy start to the day.

Please enter the school through the main gate at the front of MPPS. The school gates located on Goulburn Street and The Parkway will be closed after the music begins to sound for the start of the school day at 8:45am. The main gate will remain open on this day to accommodate the staggered start times.

Help your child to attach their name badge to the front of her/his school uniform. Name badges will be located outside of Plenty Learning Community. Please wait in the Central Plaza for a teacher before students enter the Learning Community.

Book Packs: Once paid, it is recommended that student book packs be left at MPPS for staff to label and prepare for the first day of school. Should families choose to take them home, the full book pack must be brought to school on the first day of Term 1, 2024. Please **do not** label the materials with your child's name etc. as staff will do this at school. Hand over your child's book pack at the designated drop off point located in the Central Plaza. Your child's name will be checked off by a MPPS staff member.

School start time:

Students will be welcomed by teachers outside of Plenty Learning Community. You are welcome to proceed into the Learning Community to help your child find her/his name labelled on a locker tub. Students will then leave her/his school bag inside this bag box. Please leave your child at an activity with a teacher in a relaxed and confident manner. Once your child is engaged in an activity say a cheerful farewell after reassuring that she/he will be picked up again at 1:00pm.

After school:

Families, please enter the school through the main gate at the front of MPPS and wait in the Central Plaza for Prep students to be dismissed.

Students will be dismissed from Plenty Learning Community at 1:00pm when a familiar adult has been sited. Ensure your child is aware about after-school arrangements including who will be picking she/he up and where you will be meeting.

Getting Ready for School

Student Checklist



I can pack my school bag



Lunch box and water bottle



School hat



Jacket or raincoat



Blue Reading Bag



Spare clothes

Toys and sports equipment must stay at home

