



# St Joseph's Catholic School

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## Transition to School Information Booklet

*Kia Ora, Malo Ni, Kia Orana, Talofa Lava, Malo e Lelei, Fakaalofa Lahi Atu,  
Bula Vinaka, Namaste, Ni Hao and a very warm welcome to  
St Joseph's Catholic School Dargaville.*

We are a multicultural school providing a quality Catholic Education for children from Year 0 (5 years of age) to Year 8 (13 years of age).

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## TRANSITION TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you for taking the time to read this booklet. As a school we believe in the importance of trying to help out wherever possible to make the transition from pre-school to school a smooth one. As a staff, we believe that St Joseph's Catholic School is an ideal environment for children to start their schooling because we are a school with a caring and inclusive atmosphere. Our new entrant Learning programmes provide an environment for your child that is similar to their pre-school, which helps your child settle quickly into school. If you are interested in enrolling your child at St Joseph's Catholic School, please do not hesitate to make a time to meet with myself or Marsha (acting assistant principal).

Nga mlhi  
Hira Hutchinson  
Principal



### SCHOOL VISITS

Children transitioning into St Joseph's Catholic School usually benefit from 2-3 visits prior to their start date. Marsha Bellamy (Assistant Principal) will send a letter to your child approximately six weeks before they are due to start, inviting the child and an adult to come and spend time in Room 1.

School visits are usually on a Tuesday or Thursday morning 9-11.30 am. A caregiver must stay with your child during school visits. During school visits, your child will participate in the daily class programme: they will play alongside their new classmates, participate in mat time, and spend some time getting to know their new teacher.

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THE SCHOOL  
OFFICE FOR AN  
ENROLMENT PACK**

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# HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD BE SCHOOL READY?

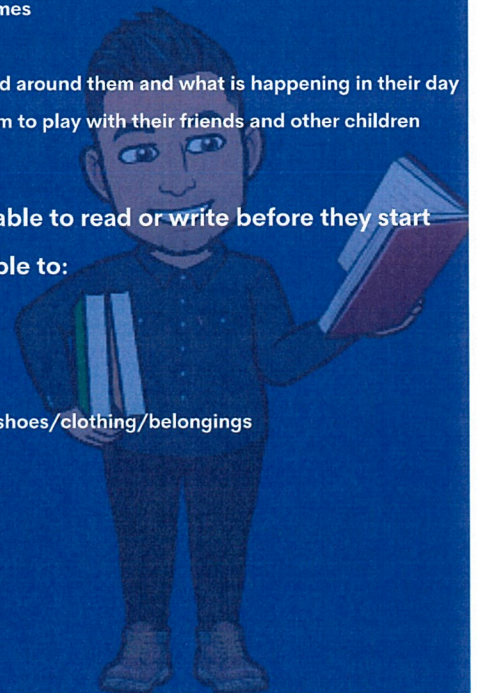
There are many activities that parents undertake with young children that have a positive effect on their development and promote school readiness.

These include:

- reading with your child
- teaching them songs and nursery rhymes
- playing with letters and numbers
- talking with your child about the world around them and what is happening in their day
- creating regular opportunities for them to play with their friends and other children

Your child does not need to be able to read or write before they start school. It is helpful if they are able to:

- Pack their own school bag
- Dress and undress themselves
- Take responsibility for their own hat/shoes/clothing/belongings
- Enjoy listening to stories
- Know some nursery rhymes by heart
- Recognise their own name



# Our Outside Learning Areas



Spider web



Loose parts



Playground



Prayer Garden