





# 2024 Kindergarten Information

St Francis Xavier's School, Narrabri

# 2024 Important Information

- School commences for students Year 1 to Year 6 on Thursday 8 February 2024 (staff will return on Monday 5 February)
  - The first official day for Kindergarten is Monday 12 February
  - On Thursday 8 February and Friday 9 February, the 2024 Kindergarten teachers will carry out the Best Start Assessments. These are completed by students across NSW when starting school. Your child will be booked in for a 30 minute assessment on either one of those days. There is nothing you need to do in preparation.
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# 2024 Important Information

- There will be 2 Kindergarten classes in 2024. The class teachers are yet to be determined, but we are looking to finalise all staffing within the next two weeks and notify the school community in the coming weeks.
  - All 2024 Kindergarten children are invited back to school on Tuesday 12 December 2023 from 9.00am to 11.00am to meet their class teacher and their classmates. This will be a school-wide transition day for all classes.
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# Armidale Diocesan Investment Group

- Mr George Nulley



# School Uniform

All uniform items can be purchased from Barrakets, with the exception of the school hat and tie.

There is also a second hand uniform pool available onsite between the hours of 9.30am and 2.30pm.

- Summer Uniform
  - Winter Uniform
  - Sports Uniform
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# First Day of Big School

- School bag packed with;
  - Lunchbox with fruit, recess and lunch
  - Water Bottle
  - School Hat
- Normal school uniform (sports uniform on Fridays)
- No books or pencil cases necessary in Kindergarten
- Good idea for a small packet of tissues and hand sanitizer
- No toys or sports equipment needed unless for News Day



# Preparing for Kindergarten

## Routines and Habits

- Ensure your child recognises their own name (writing their name is also great before school starts but not essential)
  - Practice school readiness habits such as packing and zipping up school bags, packing up lunch boxes and washing hands thoroughly with soap and water
  - Practice tying shoelaces - or invest in shoes that do not need to be tied!
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# Preparing for Kindergarten

## Routines and Habits

- Provide opportunities for manageable independence. This might include;
  - Getting their own drink of water
  - Make a simple snack for themselves
  - Open and close lunch boxes and containers
  - Picking up after themselves (toys etc)
  - Walking to and from places when safe
  - Follow two step instructions
  - Carry their own bag
  - Opening food packets





# Preparing for Kindergarten


## Fine Motor Skills

- Use a peg to strengthen pencil grip (Birdy Beak)
- Squishy or bouncy balls squeezed in the hands to strengthen grip
- Practice tracing their name
- Bead threading
- Pick up small objects with tweezers




# Preparing for Kindergarten

## Gross Motor Skills

- Jump with two feet together
  - Hop
  - Walk forwards and backwards
  - Frog jumps
  - Crab walks
  - Wall push ups
  - Planks
  - Throw and catch a ball
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# Preparing for Kindergarten

## Medical Professionals

- Vision assessment (will be bulk billed)
  - Hearing assessment (will be bulk billed)
  - Speech Therapy assessment (if notified by the school or doctor)
  - Occupational Therapy assessment (if notified by the school or doctor)
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# Important things to remember!

- School life is a marathon, not a sprint.
- Transition to Kindergarten can be very challenging - physically and mentally for both your child and for yourself.
- Never compare your child to another child - even their siblings!
- We are only ever a phone call or email away if you are worried about anything.



# Contacting us

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Most importantly, we are here for one reason only...

The holistic education of your child.

# Important Dates

2024 Kindergarten

In the coming weeks - 2024  
class teachers announced

Tuesday 12 December - Class  
Transition 9am to 11am

Monday 12 February - school  
commences for Kinder 2024

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