

## Readiness for School

Parents can help their children be better prepared for school by strengthening the many life skills that build social and emotional competence before they start school through encouraging play in all its forms in as many different contexts as possible.

Children who start school with known friends are at an advantage too as friendships smooth many of the early fears of starting in a new environment.

Early years educators can also help with decision-making. These are the guidelines they use in determining readiness:

\* **Physical Health and Wellbeing** – especially fine motor skills – good health, well fed, well rested, sitting, listening skills, able to grip a pencil, turn pages in a book, build with blocks, able to toilet themselves, feed themselves, dress themselves, some degree of focus to task, blow nose, wipe bottom, wash hands

\* **Social Competence** – primary need is to be able to get along with other children, cope with stress of new situation and new learning tasks, have healthy assertiveness, ability to play solo and with other children, have pro-social behaviour

\* **Emotional Maturity** – some ability to self-manage their emotions, be able to cope with minimal adult contact in large groups, develop friendships, able to separate from parents

\* **Language and Cognitive Skills** – basic counting, follow basic instructions, basic thinking skills

\* **Communication Skills and General Knowledge** – basic conversation skills, manners, ability to communicate needs, understanding of wider world

\* **Independence** – For children with special needs – can they have additional support?

Starting school is a very big step in a young child's life. This is why it is so important to carefully consider whether your child is really ready for school. If you are unsure whether to send your child or have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to talk to the educators in your child's room. We will do our best to help you out or we will direct you to someone who can.

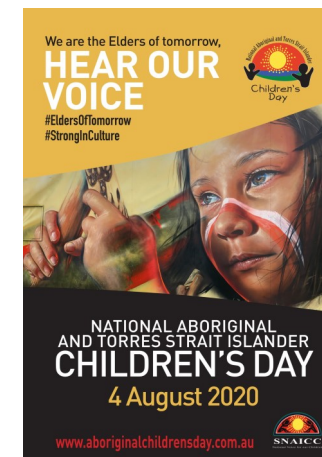


## Early Learning Matters Week 3rd to 7th August 2020

This week is to raise awareness and understanding of the importance of early learning. As educators of early learning we understand the importance of high quality education and care for our children's development to learn and thrive.

## Re-enrolment 2021

**2021 Rainbow Preschool Application for Enrolment** forms have been handed out by your child's classroom educators. Please complete these and return them to the Office asap. Please indicate your choices in preferential order, numbering them 1, 2 & 3. While every effort will be made to give first preference—it may not always be possible. We thank you in advance for your understanding.



## National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

On Tuesday the 4th of August Rainbow Preschool will be celebrating National Children's Day with activities held in the classrooms throughout the week.

**Happy Birthday** to the following children who celebrated a birthday during weeks 3 & 4.

☆	Ryder C	11th August
☆	Qasim M	12th August
☆	Jason B	13th August
☆	Carter B	14th August
☆	Felicity F	17th August



## School Enrolment 2021

If your child is starting Kindergarten in 2021, please see your zoned school for all enrolment information and forms.

## Fees

Term 3 fees for 2020 are free. If families would like to make payments for term 4, the payment methods are still the same e.g. cash, eftpos or bank transfer. Please ring the Office if you have any questions.

Direct credit details: **BSB: 012 551 Account: 2098 69276 Ref: Child's Name**