

# St Marys District School

## Pre-Kinder 'Stepping Stones' Outline, 2025

**16<sup>th</sup> October – 27<sup>th</sup> November**  
**9:00am – 10:00am**

**What to bring:**

- a healthy snack for morning tea
- a hat
- closed toe shoes or gumboots
- small backpack or reusable bag

***Please apply sunscreen prior to arrival.***  
***Do not attend if you or your child are unwell.***

Date and Class Teacher	Parent Information Session
16 <sup>th</sup> October and  Mrs Kate Lee	<a href="#"><u>Group 1 Attends</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Parents/carers to attend Stepping Stones with their child for these first two sessions</u></a>
23 <sup>rd</sup> October  Mrs Kate Lee	<a href="#"><u>Group 2 Attends</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Parents/carers to attend Stepping Stones with their child for these first two sessions</u></a>
30 <sup>th</sup> October  Mrs Kate Lee	<a href="#"><u>Everyone Attends- Getting to Know St Marys District School – Leadership Team</u></a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Policies etc</li> <li>• Parent Help</li> <li>• Appropriate ways to communicate with the school, especially concerns/grievances</li> </ul>
6 <sup>th</sup> November  Mrs Kate Lee	<a href="#"><u>Everyone Attends- Use of Technology/Apps including WWVP Registration - Office Staff</u></a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What forms of technology are used at SMDS?</li> <li>• Enrolment Forms</li> <li>• Explore On-line School Uniform Orders</li> <li>• Learn about the on-line canteen ordering system</li> <li>• Explore our school apps – used for communication, receiving newsletters, notifying of absences etc.</li> <li>• Working with Vulnerable People registration</li> </ul>
13 <sup>th</sup> November  Mrs Kate Lee	<a href="#"><u>Everyone Attends- Health and Wellbeing with Building Blocks</u></a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting and nurturing early social and emotional wellbeing</li> <li>• Exploring health, illness and impact on school</li> </ul>

<p>20<sup>th</sup> November</p> <p>Mrs Kate Lee</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Everyone Attends- Healthy Lunchbox Cooking Session (What to pack and how much?) with Building Blocks</a></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploring lunchbox options/ideas</li> <li>• What is safe to pack for children with allergies</li> <li>• Helpful handouts with lunchbox ideas/recipes</li> </ul>
<p>27<sup>th</sup> November</p> <p>TBA</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Everyone attends- Kindergarten Orientation with Kate Lee</a></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition to Kindergarten/school – exploring the emotions that come with this for children and families</li> <li>• School readiness - what does it mean? How can I help prepare my child? What do teachers really expect children to be able to do when they arrive at Kindergarten?</li> <li>• Supporting your child and their behaviour in the first year of school</li> <li>• Run through of the Kindergarten Handbook</li> <li>• Routines in the Kindergarten classroom</li> <li>• Helping your child to become independent</li> <li>• The Early Years Learning Framework – brief introduction - What does the Kindergarten curriculum look like?</li> <li>• The Kindergarten Development Check (KDC)</li> <li>• The importance of Play Based and Inquiry Learning and what it looks like in Kindergarten</li> <li>• Phonemic Awareness and phonics in Kindergarten</li> <li>• What services are available to support my child at school, e.g. speech pathologist, occupational therapist, guidance officer, psychologist, school nurse</li> <li>• What will my child need? What should we pack for school each day?</li> <li>• Open question/discussion time</li> </ul>