

# **Best Start Kindergarten Assessment**

## **Information for parents and carers**

Dear parents and carers,

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment will take place at our school in Term 1.

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is a state-wide assessment that helps show teachers the literacy and numeracy skills of each student at the beginning of Kindergarten. This helps teachers to plan lessons to best support the learning needs of every child.

Children come to school with a range of experiences, skills and abilities. Some are familiar with books, can recognise letters of the alphabet or even write their name or count to ten, while others have not yet learned these skills.

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment provides teachers with the opportunity to sit with a child one on one, focusing on what that child can do.

The assessment is not a test but provides teachers with useful information to help support your child's learning at school. If you wish to withdraw your child from participating in the assessment, please contact the school.

The attached information sheet provides further information on the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment.

Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment.

## **Telephone Interpreter Service**

If you need an interpreter to assist you to contact the school, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The interpreter will call the school and will stay on the line to assist with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Principal

