



# KINDERGARTEN

# 2022

Q AND A



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# OUR LEARNING INTENTIONS

1. GET A PICTURE OF MVPS
2. SCHOOL READINESS
3. DIRECTIONS FOR MVPS
4. TRANSITION PLANS
5. BEST START
6. ANSWER YOUR Q AND A





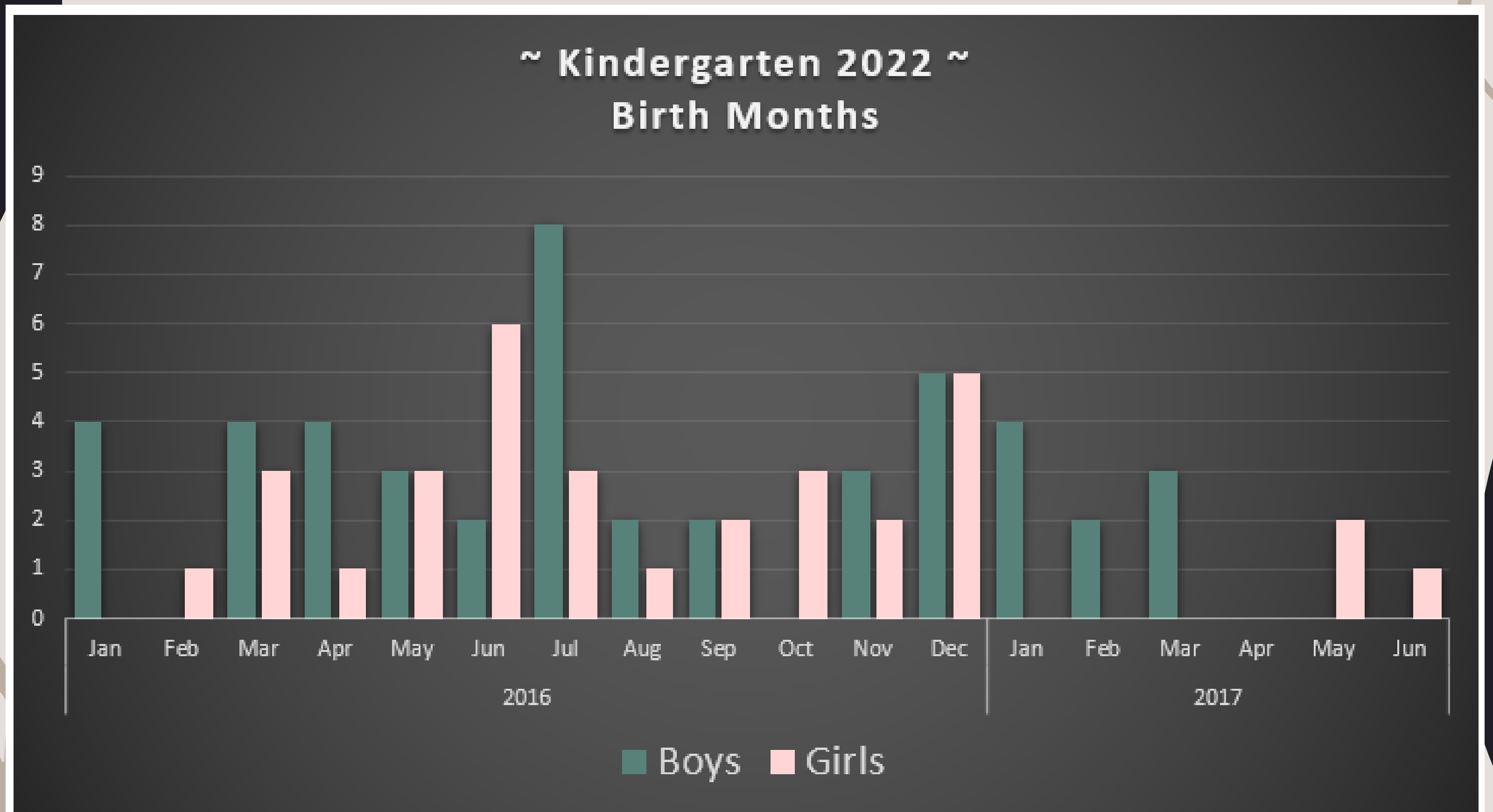
# ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

# SCHOOL READINESS

<b>Social Skills</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Being able to get along with other children,</li><li>➤ Demonstrate basic manners, assert themselves</li><li>➤ Being able to play independently as well as with other children.</li></ul>	<b>Emotional maturity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Being able to manage their emotions (self-regulation)</li><li>➤ Cope with minimal adult contact in large groups,</li><li>➤ Focus on tasks, follow directions and instructions from teachers,</li><li>➤ Cope with the stress of the new school environment, and understand the rules.</li></ul>
<b>Language skills</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Being able to talk and listen to adults and other children,</li><li>➤ Speak clearly, communicate needs, understand stories,</li><li>➤ Begin to identify some letters and sounds.</li></ul>	<b>Cognitive Skills</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Basic number sense,</li><li>➤ Basic thinking skills,</li><li>➤ Being able to wait and take turns.</li></ul>
<b>Independence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Basic skills to manage their needs without adult supervision, such as going to the toilet, dressing, unwrapping their lunch and managing their belongings.</li></ul>	<b>Physical Health and coordination</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Basic health, fine motor skills (such as being able to grip a pencil and turn pages in a book)</li><li>➤ Physical coordination (being able to run, jump, climb, and play ball).</li></ul>

"Don't compare your child to others. There's no comparison between the sun and the moon. They shine when it's their time'. Every child is different and all have their own strengths when it comes to their developmental learning

# AGE GRAPH SO FAR





# TRANSITION PLAN

## Virtual School Tour



## A Day in the life of Kindergarten



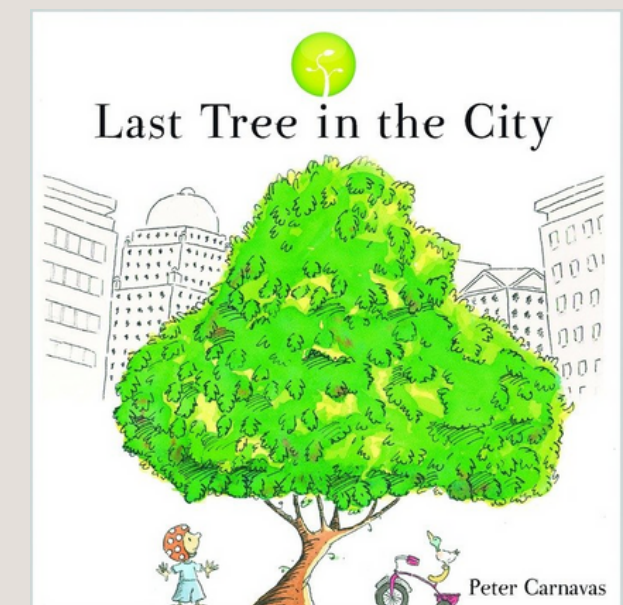
1. MVPS Book

2. School Backpack

3. Science Experiment

4. Numbers 0 to 10

5. The Last Tree in the City





# BEST START

All children start school with different abilities in literacy and numeracy. At the beginning of Kindergarten, it is important that teachers can get to know their students and find out about their abilities and knowledge.

Click on the images below to view further information.

NSW Department of Education


## Best Start Kindergarten Assessment

### Parent and Carer Information

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment helps teachers identify the literacy and numeracy skills of each student when they start Kindergarten.

**Assessment**  
Your child will answer questions to assess their literacy and numeracy at the beginning of Kindergarten. There is no preparation required for the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment.


**Feedback**  
You will be provided with feedback about how you can support your child during the first year of school.



**Your child**  
We know that every child starts school with their own set of experiences, skills and abilities.

**Understand and plan**  
The information gathered will help teachers to develop effective learning programs that build upon what each child knows and can do when they start Kindergarten.

**Best possible start**  
The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment will ensure your child receives the best possible start to formal school education.



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## Best Start Kindergarten Assessment

### A parent and carer's guide to the assessment

Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is a state-wide assessment that helps teachers identify the literacy and numeracy skills of each student at the beginning of Kindergarten.



Children start school with a range of early literacy and numeracy knowledge, skills and understandings. Many students are already engaging with the world around them to express their ideas. Many students start school knowing a range of things about numbers, patterns and basic mathematical ideas.

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is a state-wide assessment that helps teachers identify the literacy and numeracy skills of each student at the beginning of Kindergarten. The assessment provides teachers with information on how to best support each student's needs at school. It consists of both a literacy and numeracy component.

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment supports teachers to develop teaching and learning programs that build upon what students know and can do. Teachers sit with the child one on one focussing on what they can do. The assessment does not require any preparation.

Teachers will provide parents and carers with information about the skills their child demonstrated during the assessment. All children learn at different rates and parents do not need to be concerned if their child can't answer all of the questions. Parents and carers will receive information about Best Start when enrolling in their local public school.

#### Literacy assessment

The literacy tasks are designed to identify whether students can recognise familiar words, recall details about a picture book that has been read to them, write their name, understand how books work and recognise sounds and letters.

During the literacy assessment the teacher will ask questions like:

- 'listen to these words: map, tap. Can you think of another word that rhymes?'
- read a story book to the child and ask: 'Can you tell me about the story that I just read to you?'

These questions will assist the teachers in determining if a student can recognise familiar print and recall information from a picture book. These are important literacy skills that children will develop over their first year at school.

#### Numeracy assessment

The numeracy tasks are related to early number concepts and are designed to identify how well a student can count; which numbers they can recognise; whether they can count a number of objects, add or subtract small numbers; and recognise repeating patterns.


During the numeracy assessment the teacher will ask questions like:

- 'start counting from one and I'll tell you when to stop'
- 'can you tell me what number this is?' 5

These questions will assist the teachers in determining if the student can recognise numbers and count from one onwards. Throughout Kindergarten students will learn to recognise numbers 1-100 and count to 30.

For more information about the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment contact your child's school.

Best Start Kindergarten Assessment – A parent and carer's guide to the assessment 2018



## WHAT IS THE BEST START KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT?





**Q AND A**



## Kindergarten 2022 Q and A

### Responses to Questions from Parents

FAQs	Responses
What does the start of school for 2022 look like?	With regard to the formalities of dates and what starting school will look like for next year we are still awaiting advice from the Department of Education so if we are unable to have onsite visits this <u>year</u> we may for our first few days at school will organise the children into coloured groups. The kindergarten teachers will observe your children and get to know them before we form classes to ensure each class is balanced academically, socially and has an even range of age and gender. We are <u>really fortunate</u> with our learning spaces at Manly Vale, our kindergarten classes work collaboratively every day. We have big sliding doors between classes which are opened <u>regularly</u> and we spend time with the whole grade for sport and music. We cannot guarantee your child will be in the same class as <u>someone in particular, however</u> we can guarantee they will still spend lots of time together learning and playing. These details will be communicated to you via email once we know the guidelines closer to the date. A lot of planning and information goes into making our <u>classes</u> so we don't want to rush this process. The current kindy team will also contact all our local feeder <u>pre schools</u> to connect and find out about each student in their care. This also helps us <u>form</u> our kindergarten classes.
When will the <b>kindy</b> 's start compare to other classes?	This will be dependent on the guidelines. Kindergarten have Best Start assessment which usually happens in the first 3 days after our <u>SDDs</u> so they usually start after that.
Can you <b>advise</b> <b>around</b> school uniform?	In your goodie bag there is a flyer all about our school uniform, what is required <u>an dhow</u> to order it.
Can you <b>advise</b> on start <b>and</b> finish times?	Our current start time is 9am with supervision commencing from 8.40am and school finishing at 2pm. For

# FAQS

We have compiled all your questions into a PDF and will share with you for later reference.





## HOW TO ORDER YOUR UNIFORMS

OUR ONLINE SHOP IS LOCATED AT  
[WWW.MANLYVALEPC.ORG.AU](http://WWW.MANLYVALEPC.ORG.AU)

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDERS BY SUNDAY 21ST  
 NOVEMBER. THIS WILL ALLOW US TIME TO PACK AND  
 HAVE THE ORDERS READY FOR PICK UP FROM THE  
 SCHOOL OFFICE BY 6TH DECEMBER.

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER THERE WILL BE A CLOTHING  
 RACK IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE WITH SIZE 4 & 6 SAMPLES TO HELP  
 ANYONE HAVING TROUBLE CHOOSING THE CORRECT SIZE.

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## THE BASICS

Standard Uniform: White Polo and red shorts/skort or summer dress with white socks and black enclosed shoes.

Sports Uniform: White Polo and red shorts/skort, white socks and enclosed running shoes.

Red Hat: All students are required to wear a hat during recess and lunchtime. The school policy is - No hat, No play.

Red Jacket: All students wear the school jacket as part of the summer and winter uniform when needed.

School Bag: All students must bring a school bag

Library: All students must bring a library bag

Painting Smock: All Kindy students must bring a paint smock to leave in their classroom, to protect their clothing.

# SCHOOL UNIFORM