One of the most commonly asked questions about beginning school is: “How can I help my child?” The first and most vital assistance is to help your children with the transition into “big school”. That is, moving from one setting (home, pre-school, childcare) to school.

At Sacred Heart Central School Cootamundra, we have developed a four week Orientation Program which is designed to provide children and parents with the opportunity to come to school and join in activities specially designed to assist with the transition process. These activities allow your child to become familiar with life at school and ensure their start is a positive one.

The orientation program consists of the following steps:

**Step 1  Step Inside ~ Classroom Activities (Thursday 23rd October 2014)**
- Students become familiar with the Kindergarten (Early Stage One) classroom.
- They meet some of the teachers, the other students and start to make friends.

**Step Up ~ Parent Meet and Greet**
- Meet our friendly office staff, the Welcoming Committee, representatives from the Parents and Friends and other parents of students in Early Stage 1.
- Brief welcome from the Principal.
- Time for questions.
- Uniform display.

**Step around the school ~ Parent School Tour**
- An opportunity to see our excellent facilities.
- Enjoy our warm, welcome atmosphere.
- Appreciate our hospitality with an informal morning tea and a chance to chat.

**Step 2  Step by step ~ Student Orientation (Thursday 30th October 2014)**
- Students visit the school during normal Early Stage One sessions and participate in activities.

**Step 3  Step Through ~ Teach the Teacher (Wednesday 5th November 2014)**
- An opportunity for parents to share all they know about their child with the teacher.
- Individual times to be allocated.

**Step by step ~ Student Orientation (Thursday 6th November 2014)**
- Students visit the school during normal Early Stage One sessions and participate in activities.

**Step 4  Step around the school ~ Classroom visit (Thursday 13th November 2014)**
- Early Stage One students meet their Year 6 buddy.
- They explore the Sacred Heart school with their buddy.

**Step 5  Step together ~ Invitation to Christmas Advent Liturgy (Monday 15th December 2013)**
- Parents and students are invited to our Christmas Advent Liturgy.
- A wonderful time to share and start preparing for the joys of Christmas.

I look forward to seeing you and your child during these upcoming events. Please do not hesitate to contact our friendly office ladies or me if you have any questions.

Mrs Janet Cartwright
Principal
Sacred Heart Central School
Cootamundra

First Steps to a Head Start
~ The Kinder Way ~

Term 4 2014
Thursday 23rd October 2014  Step Inside
Classroom Activities  12 noon – 3.15 pm

Step Up
Parent meet & greet  12 noon – 1.00pm
Tour of our school
Refreshments
Uniform display

Thursday 30th October 2014  Step by step
Student orientation  12 noon – 3.15pm

Wednesday 5th November 2014  Step through
Teach the teacher  Times to be allocated

Thursday 6th November 2014  Step by step
Student orientation  12 noon – 3.15pm

Thursday 13th November 2014  Step around the school
Classroom activities  12 noon – 3.15 pm

Monday 15th December 2014  Step together
Invitation to Christmas Advent Liturgy  12 noon

Term 1 2015
Tuesday 10th February 2015  Class Information Session
  • Day to day events
  • Timetable and calendar
  • Parent helper opportunities
  • Home learning strategies

Tuesday 17th February 2015  Welcome BBQ
  • Parents, students & staff

Wednesday 11th March 2015  Curriculum Workshop & Parent Interviews
  • What your child is learning
  • How your child is progressing

*Times to be advised.