

**School District No. 46
(Sunshine Coast)**

A COMMUNITY ENGAGED IN THE PURSUIT OF LIFELONG
LEARNING AND EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear Parents of Children Entering Kindergarten:

Welcome to school on the Sunshine Coast!

Your child is about to start a wonderful journey. We believe education is a partnership between home and school and invite you to join us in this exciting adventure.

As parents, you have firsthand knowledge of how your child learns. You have observed your child's constant, active attempts to make sense of the world. You have witnessed the intense concentration of his/her body and brain trying to figure out people and experiences.

You also have experience as your child's first teacher. Throughout your child's infant and pre-school years, you have worked to assist your child to learn in many ways.

Among other things, your child has probably learned to:

- walk, run, climb, hop, skip, dance and jump;
- like himself/herself;
- play and work in various ways with different materials;
- listen, speak, sing and shout;
- care about and get along with others;
- look after many of his/her basic daily needs.

He/She has also learned to:

- explore and discover;
- ask questions; and
- wonder about the world and the people in it;
- think.

Your child is unique in many ways. No other child in the world said the same first word at the same moment as yours. No other child learned to walk in exactly the same way or at exactly the same time. No other child has had identical experiences, thoughts, interests or ideas. You know your child's strengths and needs better than anyone.

We are confident that your child's schooling experience will continue the learning process started at birth and supported by you for the past few years. We look forward to assisting each child to continue to develop in many ways throughout his or her school experiences.

By combining your knowledge and ours, we can assist your child to become a self confident, life long learner. Please call your child's principal if you have any questions about your child's education.

Sincerely,

Patrick Bocking
Superintendent of Schools

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