

# Starting at Bayswater School

*Together, navigating for success*

*Te mahi tahi kia eke panuku*

## Starting School

We are delighted to welcome you and your family to Bayswater School. In entrusting your child to our care, we are embarking on a home-school partnership with your child's wellbeing and learning at its centre. During your child's time here, we will work together with you so that your child experiences a sense of belonging. Your child will have opportunities to pursue passions and personal interests ensuring enjoyment, engagement and the achievement of personal excellence.



## Before your child's first day

Please complete all enrolment forms (available from the office) and hand these, along with required documentation, into the office. At this time, you can also purchase your child's stationery. Prior to starting, please arrange some school visits through the office, usually on a Tuesday morning from 9:00am to 10:00am. These will help your child to make a successful and smooth transition into school.

## On the first day

School starts at 8:55am. Please take your child to their classroom on the first day in plenty of time to be welcomed by the teacher, organise their belongings and get ready for the day. It is good to arrive between 8:30 and 8:40am. Leaving your child on the first day, there may be a few tears. This is perfectly normal for some children and your child will soon settle. If there are any problems, we will contact you.

Your child will need:

- stationery pack (purchased from the office then left at school);
- a change of clothes (in case of accidents, puddles etc);
- food for the day (a small healthy snack for feed and read, morning tea and lunch, a water bottle if desired - fountains are available);
- hat (terms one and four).

At the end of the day, please collect your child from the classroom at 3:00pm. All teachers in Whānau Puna (the junior school) have a check out system to ensure each child is collected safely by the right person. Your child's teacher will explain how this works.

