

# Same First Day

## Starting Preschool and School

Preschool is an important early step on your child's journey through education, giving them the chance to play, learn, grow and develop as part of an organised educational program.

There will soon be a change to the way children start preschool and school. From 2014, there will be a new start date for preschool and school children. This will be the first day of Term 1.

If your child turns four before May 1, they will start **preschool** on the first day of Term One in that year. If your child turns four on or after May 1, they will start **preschool** on the first day of Term One the following year.

If your child turns five before May 1, they will start **school** on the first day of Term One in that year. If your child turns five on or after May 1, they will start **school** on the first day of Term One the following year.

The new start date will mean that all children will have four terms of preschool and four terms of Reception.

There will be no change for children who have started preschool in 2012. They will start school after four terms of preschool as is now the case.

Some things will be different in 2013 as we move to the new same first day arrangements.

Talk to your local Preschool Director or Principal to determine how this will work for your child.

The calculator below will help you to clarify when your child will be able to start preschool or school