Dear Parents,

This is to inform you that the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment will take place during the first week of Kindergarten at Toukley Public School.

What is the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment?
The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment has been developed by early learning experts in the Department of Education and Training, and is giving Kindergarten teachers across New South Wales, a common set of high quality assessment tools and professional learning.

Your child and the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment
It is important to emphasise that the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is not a test. Its purpose is to help the teacher gather information to guide the teaching of your child. The teacher will observe each child and use tasks, such as talking about a book, and record what students know and can do. The teaching of your child will be based on the information gathered.
You will be given feedback about what your child’s teacher has learned about your child. This is planned for later in Term 1, when parents will be invited to speak to the class teacher.

What is being assessed?
The teacher will look at your child’s early reading and writing, their ability to communicate with others, and how they recognise and work with numbers, groups and patterns.

Please do not hesitate to see the class teacher if you have any questions about the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment.

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