Little things that make a big difference

Here are some thumbnails of Coral’s specific organisational tools teachers can use to make their classroom lives more enjoyable...

- Having a simple plan for a great first day back at school
- Setting routines so students don’t ask ‘what do I do next?’
- An easy way to negotiate ‘do-able’ rules with students on the first day
- Transition smoothly between activities with action rhymes & songs
- Using maracas, bells, hand or clapping patterns as attention-getters
- Enjoying a calm ‘staggered start’ to the day
- Having a supply of short storybooks and little books to read in time gaps
- Being aware of students’ need for movement during mat activities
- Using simple but effective conflict resolution procedures
- Making ‘Keeping in Touch’ (KIT) books for parents