

Dear Parents/Carers

WELCOME

We wish to welcome all our families, new and old to Yokine Pre-Primary1. We hope you enjoyed your holidays and look forward to working with you as a team and getting to know you all throughout the year.

Your teachers

We have a great team at Pre Primary1 who will work together to provide your child with meaningful and rich learning experiences.

Day	Teacher	Education Assistant
Monday	Miss Meghan Morton	Mrs Jeneen Filipich, Ms Silvana D'Ascenso
Tuesday	Miss Suzanne Marris (9.50- 1.55) Mr Paul Butler (Digital Technology - 8.50-9.50) Mrs Heather Dexter - Miss Suzanne Marris to support (Physical Education - 1.55-2.25)	Mrs Jeneen Filipich, Ms Silvana D'Ascenso (1/2 day)
Wednesday	Miss Meghan Morton	Mrs Jeneen Filipich, Ms Silvana D'Ascenso
Thursday	Miss Meghan Morton	Mrs Jeneen Filipich, Ms Silvana D'Ascenso
Friday	Miss Meghan Morton	Mrs Natasha Tulloch, Ms Stacey Tulloch
On Tuesday Miss Morton attends to planning and preparation of the Pre-Primary learning program.		

I am very excited to be back with the Early Childhood team at Yokine Primary School this year. Some of you may remember me from last year when I took long service leave relief in Pre-Primary in Term 3 and in Kindergarten in Term 4. I am thrilled to be working with you and your child this year. It is going to be a year full of fun, learning and lots of adventures and I can't wait to see what the year has in store for us! I absolutely love teaching Pre-Primary. It is my mission to instil a love for learning in my students so that they develop a desire to become life-long learners! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. It is important to keep communication open between us and I would love to talk to you whenever you feel the need.

Sue Marris will be teaching PP1 on Tuesdays in order to cover my D.O.T.T. (Duties Other Than Teaching). Sue brings a wealth of experience in early childhood education and will be focusing on the History and Health component of the curriculum this semester.

Please feel free to have a chat with Sue after class as needed.

Information and Communication

Please make sure you look at the noticeboard inside and in front of the Pre-Primary classroom. There will often be notices, reminders and other information on the board.

Please check your emails for the School Newsletter and other information. Let me know if you have not received the newsletter.

Your child's big pencil case will be used as a communication file as well as a sight word and home reading file later on in the year. Please send the big pencil case back to school **the next day** and place in the designated box.

Talking to the teacher...

Please see me after school for a chat about any issues. If we need longer to talk we can make a meeting time. You may contact me by email: meghan.morton@education.wa.edu.au or phone 08 9242 2726.

Pick up

If for any reason you are unable to pick up your child could you please ensure that you complete a pick up permission form (found inside the classroom door), and hand it to a Pre-Primary staff member. There is an option to write pick up *anytime* next to a family member /friends name so that the form does not need to be completed on more than one

occasion. If this is the case can you please let Miss Morton or Miss Marris (Tuesday) know who will be picking them up that day.

Library Day

The children will visit the library each week starting Week 3, Term 1. They will borrow a book and bring it home in their library bag to read and share with you for the week. Please make sure your child's library book and bag is placed in the library box on return.

Pre Primary 1 Library Day is Tuesday.

Uniform Shop

Opening hours: 2.45pm- Thursday and 8.30am- Friday

The uniform shop has moved to the hall.

2017 Pre-Primary Booklist

Please be reminded that we need all booklist and contribution items bought to the classroom as soon as possible.

Fruit Time

The children share fruit everyday for morning tea. Please make sure your child brings a piece of fruit each day and it is placed in the bowl at the front of Pre Primary. Some suggestions for some variety include:

- Avocado	- Beans	- Berries	- Capsicum	- Cauliflower	- Celery	- Cherries
- Cucumber	- Currants	- Grapes	- Kiwi Fruit	- Mango	- Pear	- Stone fruits

IMPORTANT NOTICE WE ARE A NUT AWARE SCHOOL

Please be aware that one of our students has an allergic reaction to tree nuts.

It would be appreciated if you could ensure that food brought to school for fruit time and lunch does not contain any nuts.

Be SUNSmart, Play SUNSmart

Please ensure that your child brings a hat to school everyday clearly labelled with their name. If a child is without a hat they are only able to play within the undercover area during outdoor play.

During these warmer months it is a good idea for children to come to school wearing sunscreen. We have a supply of sunscreen to apply if required.

What will we be doing?

Week two already! We have been very busy in Pre Primary settling in, making new friends and saying hello to friends we already know. Thank you to all the children for trying very hard to learn the new routines and rules at their new Pre Primary.

ENGLISH – Children engage in and extend Literacy practices in personally meaningful ways

In English, we will be reviewing the single sounds of the alphabet, starting with s a t p i n. These are very important because we can use them to start sounding out words for reading and writing, in particular CVC words (three letter words containing a consonant, vowel and another consonant). We will start having a go to write by saying a sentence to the teacher and trying to sound out the words and write them down. We will do lots of talking about stories we read, things we have done, the way we do something and the things we want to learn.

MATHEMATICS – Children engage in and extend Numeracy in personally meaningful ways

- We will continue to practise our **NUMBER** skills by
 - Counting from 0 – 20 forwards and backwards
 - Counting collections carefully and accurately
 - Recognising numerals and writing them using the correct starting and finishing points

- Using our creative minds to solve number problems
- We will continue to practise our **MEASUREMENT** skills by
 - Measuring objects using informal units

SOCIAL SKILLS – Belonging, Being and Becoming

Yokine Primary School's Social Emotional Development Program is **You Can Do IT!** This will help to direct and support our social skills learning in PP. We will explore and practise

- Getting Along and
- Confidence
- We will learn to talk over the problems that happen when we play.

HEALTH – This term the focus is on identifying actions that promote health, safety and wellbeing. The children will develop:

- Personal and social skills such as expressing needs, wants and feelings, active listening, and self-discipline
- Appropriate language and actions to communicate feelings in different situations
- Actions which promote health, safety and wellbeing such as sun smart and eating healthy food.

HUMANITIES – History

The children will initially be looking at 'Our Families', such as who are the people in their family, and how they are related to each other using for instance simple family trees. You can support your child at home by discussing your family members both immediate and extended.

What is coming up?

On Entry Assessment

In Week 4 and 5, Miss Morton will be conducting the On Entry Assessment for each child in Pre Primary 1. Parents will be receiving an information letter in the coming days that explains the On Entry Assessment. Feel free to ask me any questions.

The main purpose of the On-entry Assessment program is to provide teachers with information about each child's current skills and understandings, to support the planning and delivery of targeted and intentional learning programs, reflective of each child's needs and capabilities.

Parent Help Roster

In week 5, a parent help roster will be put up on the parent information board inside the classroom. Please feel free to write your name in one timeslot. The roster runs from Tuesday to Friday from 8.50 to 12.00pm. We look forward to seeing you and your help is greatly appreciated.

Special Events and Reminders for Term 1

Monday 20th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On Entry Assessments commence
Monday 6th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Labour Day Public Holiday
Monday 13th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Swimming Lessons commence
Friday 18th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Harmony Week Assembly
Friday 7th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Last Day of Term One ● Parent-Teacher Interviews from 12-3.10pm. Early close. More information to follow.

For information updates, special notes and newsletters, please make sure that you check your child's communication folder and the Pre Primary Parent Information boards.

We thank you for the support you have already offered and look forward to a fun, productive and wonderful term full of lots of learning.

Miss Morton and Miss Marris 