

Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOME

We are happy to welcome everybody to our class, Yokine Pre-Primary 2. We hope you enjoyed your holidays and had a fantastic time with your child. We 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 in Pre-Primary 2 who work together to provide your child with meaningful and rich learning experiences.

Day	Teacher	Education Assistant
Monday	Mrs Jo Morgan (8.50-1.00) Miss Suzanne Marris (1.00-3.10) Mr Butler (1.10-2.10)	Mrs Yunita Aliwarga (Mrs A)
Tuesday	Mrs Jo Morgan	Mrs A
Wednesday	Mrs Deborah Moll	Mrs A
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Friday	Mrs Deborah Moll	Mrs A

Mrs Moll

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am a passionate and highly skilled Early Childhood educator who is looking forward to the exciting year that lies ahead of us. This year I will be teaching your child every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. My main focus will be the delivery of English and Maths (Number) strands of the curriculum. I am excited to be teaching Pre-Primary this year. It is such a fantastic period of growth for children. It is lovely for me to see many of the children that I taught last year in this class. I feel very privileged to continue to be part of their learning journeys. I am also looking forward to getting to know all of the new students in our class and helping them to develop further. I know that we will have a great year together and will achieve many things.

Mrs Morgan

After a number of years away teaching in the Pilbara, I have returned to Yokine Primary to teach in PP2 on Monday's and Tuesday's and it is wonderful to be back! I have many years experience teaching across all year levels and have worked in a range of public schools across the state. In my role, I will be guiding the development of your children in the areas of History, Maths (Measurement), Health and English. It is my belief that children are the most effective learners when they feel safe and supported. In our classroom, we provide a warm and open environment where the children feel safe to learn, take risks with their learning and we offer the structure, support and guidance to further develop their skills and abilities. It is an exciting time for your child, making the leap out of Kindy, into the 'big' school and I look forward to seeing their achievements throughout the year.

Mrs Marris

Sue Marris will be teaching PP2 on Monday afternoons in order to cover Jo Morgan's D.O.T.T. (Duties Other Than Teaching). Sue brings a wealth of experience in early childhood education and will be focusing on the speaking and listening component of the English curriculum.

First term will encompass skills such as listening while others are speaking; using appropriate voice levels; speaking with a clear and confident voice; using and interpreting body language and gestures; and remembering to keep eye contact.

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All skills developed will strongly reinforce the English program including phonological skills such as recognising syllables; rhyming words; following instructions etc

Information and Communication

Please make sure you look at the noticeboard inside and at the front of the 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 at the rear of the classroom.

If somebody other than yourself (your child's parent/carer) is going to pick up your child from school it is important that you write this in the communication book located next to the fruit basket. We are legally required to have your written permission to let somebody else collect your child from school.

Talking to the teacher...

Please see Mrs Moll or Mrs Morgan after school for a quick chat about any issues. If we need longer to talk we can make a time to meet. You may contact us by email: deborah.moll2@education.wa.edu.au, joanna.morgan@education.wa.edu.au or phone 08 9242 2726.

Library Day

The children will visit the library each week starting next week (Week 3, Term 1). They will borrow a book on a Tuesday 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 at the rear of the classroom before the following Tuesday.

Pre Primary 2 Library Day is Tuesday.

Fruit Time

The children share fruit everyday for morning tea. Please make sure your child brings a piece of fruit or a vegetable each day and it is placed in the basket at the rear of the classroom.

Some suggestions for some variety include:

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| - Apple | - Banana | - Beans | - Berries | - Capsicum | - Carrot | - Kiwi Fruit |
| - Cauliflower | - Celery | - Cherries | - Cucumber | - Currants | - Grapes | - Orange |

**IMPORTANT NOTICE
WE ARE A NUT AWARE SCHOOL**

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, which is clearly labelled with their name, to school everyday. If a child is without a hat they are only able to play in 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 classroom supply of sunscreen, which is kept next to the fruit basket, to apply if required.

What have we been doing?

Just *some* of the great learning...

It is hard to believe that it is already Week 2. We are already 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.

The children have also been demonstrating their ability to write their names, to write the numbers to 10 and to talk about known events. They have also created some amazing artworks which have enlivened our classroom. This term the theme for our learning is Pirates and the Ocean. The children have joined our class discussions about the thematic books that have been read to them, sharing their understanding and ideas.

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
 - Compare objects using mass, length and capacity
 - Connect events with days of the week
 - Use language to describe location
 - Sort, describe and name two and three dimensional objects

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. We will also use the Strength Cards for Kids Program to lead class discussions about themes that are important to building social skills, self-esteem and dispositions for learning.

HEALTH –

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

This term the theme for History is 'Our Family'. The students engage in discussion and activities around who are in their families, where were they born and raised and how they are related to each other by creating a simple family tree. The unit of work moves in to other areas of 'Family' as we learn about the different structures of families and what they have in common. We will also be learning about the ways in which families and friends celebrate and commemorate past events that are important to them and how the stories of our families past, are passed through the generations.

What is coming up?

On Entry Assessment

In Weeks 3 and 4 Mrs Moll and Mrs Morgan will be conducting the On Entry Assessment for each child in Pre Primary 2. Parents will shortly receive an information letter which explains the On Entry Assessment. Feel free to ask 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 6, 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 Thursday from 8.50 to 12.00pm. We look forward to seeing you and your help is greatly appreciated.

Parent Teacher Meetings

On Thursday 7th April there will be parent teacher meetings. The school will close at 12.00pm on this day and you will need to collect your child at this time. There will be opportunity for you to meet with me for a short time to chat about how your child is settling in and any concerns you may want to share. If you are unable to attend on this afternoon or you miss out on a timeslot please see me to make another time.

The Parent Teacher meeting sign-up sheet will be on the noticeboard out the front on the classroom later in the term.

Special Events and Reminders for Term 1

There is a music incursion which will be held on Wednesday 22nd February. The children will also be attending swimming lessons in Weeks 7 and 8. More information about this will be sent home shortly.

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.

Mrs Moll, Mrs Morgan, Mrs Marris and Mrs A. 