

Welcome Parents of Room 4,

My name is Elle Demasi and I am delighted to be teaching your child this year- how exciting! There are a few things that you will need to know in regards to the way the classroom is run and the daily and weekly routines.

Uniforms

All children need to wear their blue school shirt every day and their faction shirts on sport days. Your child must wear sneakers to school on sport days. No jewellery allowed unless it is religious. This includes costume jewellery, bracelets, necklaces, earrings and big watches. They need to bring their hat to school each day as we have a 'no hat no play' policy. Please check which faction your child is in and purchase the correct faction shirt.

Art shirt

If you have any spare old t-shirts or art shirts at home can you please bring them in for your child to wear for painting?

Crunch & Sip

As you know, the children are allowed to bring fruit and vegetables into the classroom if they feel hungry during class. **Please ensure** that the fruit and vegetables are crunchy and easy to eat e.g. slices of apple, carrots, celery, cucumber, hard fruit etc. Dry crackers are acceptable as well, however no chips! Please avoid sending in whole pieces of fruit as it can get messy. Water bottles are also allowed in the classroom (water only please). Please note, crunch and sip is different to recess as crunch and sip stays in the classroom throughout the day.

Recess and Lunch

Recess is from 10:50-11:10AM at this time your child will bring some snacks and/or a piece of fruit, this will be kept in their lunchbox. Lunch is from 1:10-1:50pm and this is when they will eat their lunch. All children eat their food in the undercover area which is fully supervised by duty teachers.

Library

Our Library Day is every Thursday. We visit the Library and the children get to choose and take home a book for the week. Please ensure your child brings their Library bag with their book each week. If they don't return their book and bring their bag in, they will not be allowed to borrow until they return their books.

Early Close

Tuesday is early close day for Yokine Primary Independent Public School; this means you must pick your child up at 2.40pm. If you are running late please email and let me know otherwise I have to take your child to wait in the office until you arrive.

News

Each week your child will participate in oral language where they will tell news of their choice to the class. You will be sent home a list of the day that your child is scheduled to tell news. Your child is allowed to bring in items to show and tell that will remain on my desk for the day. If your child is not a confident speaker there is no pressure to participate at this point. Although we do encourage all children to have a go! Here is the news roster.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Funmi	Grace	Taylor	Gabriela	Ally
Yonit	Cooper	Callum	Edward	Daxil
Aidan	Phoenix	Darcy	Ruby	Ruth
Anasofia	Mina	Annabel	Miya	Nyika
Michael	Thomas		Cruz	Ana

Themes

Each term we will focus on a different theme that allows us to integrate across different subjects. This term, we will be focussing on Summer. This will include introducing water and sun safety, and contributing to healthy and active communities.

Literacy Block

This year we will be streaming the children among three classes for different aspects of Literacy throughout the year. Your child will either have Miss Demasi, Miss Barry or Mrs Goodwin. This will be for four Literacy sessions per week. We are very fortunate to have the ESL teacher Deb Moll in to assist us with our literacy program this year. Each week we will be focusing on specific aspects of writing. We will begin to incorporate themes into our program as the year progresses.

Maths Block

The Numeracy Support Program will begin in the next few weeks. It is a hands on, cooperative learning approach and promotes their higher order thinking skills. Teachers are currently working on the grouping structure and the children will also be streamed for this subject.

Homework

All homework begins Monday of Week Three.

Reading Homework

Your child has a pencil case which will hold their reading book and diary. Each child will be given one book to read per night. It is important that you listen to them read and assist wherever possible. I suggest that if your child is stuck on a word ask them to sound it out before giving them the answer (this encourages the development of reading strategies for unfamiliar words). Each night you will sign their Reading Diary and there is a space for any comments you wish to write. All the children will be at different reading levels and this is okay, we don't want to rush your child through the levels. Please inform me through the reading diary if the book is too easy/hard for your child as mistakes can be made when changing books, I will ensure this is adjusted accordingly. If your child is reading chapter books, keep the book at home until they have finished it. Inside your child's homework pencil case will also be an information sheet on reading strategies which will guide you with assisting your child during their reading. Just because your child is reading books fluently doesn't always mean the comprehension is there. Ask lots of questions about what they have read to consolidate their understanding of the text.

Homework Scrapbook

Your child will be given a spelling sheet in their scrapbook each Monday which they will complete and hand in by Friday of each week. These will be their focus words and sound for the week. They will need to use the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method when learning to memorise these words. Further information will be placed into your child's homework book. Your child may also get a list of sight words to practice, please work through these with your child at their own pace. Once they can read the sight words test them on the spelling of them also. All children will move through them at different paces - this is okay!

Morning Routine

I think it is important that we begin to encourage a morning routine for your children to follow.

1. Check the information board for any notices.
- Crunch & Sip and water bottles on shelf near door.
3. Readers in box each day.
4. Say bye to mummy/daddy or family member.
5. Find a friend, Read a book, Draw or Play a quiet game.
6. Homework scrapbook due Friday.
7. Library book/bag in boxes on Thursday.

On-Entry

I will be conducting on-entry testing in the next few weeks for all year one and two students. This will be a simple literacy and maths test which will help us determine where your child is at.

Parent Representative

We greatly appreciate the time and effort that parents give to YPS. To ensure parents have opportunities to engage in the school in many ways we encourage parents from every class to nominate themselves to be the class rep for the year. A Parent Representative's function is essentially to support communication between your class, the class parents and our community. The main function is to liaise with other parents on up and coming class and whole school events. Support in helping the teacher to disseminate information to ensure all parents are kept well-informed of all the things happening in their child's class or school events. Some other areas the class rep may wish to support with may be: organising a few parents to help with large class projects where the class may require a few extra hands i.e: cooking or art tasks or organising casual parent dinners/events or coffee afternoons to get to know each other.

Email

All notes will be sent home both through email and hard copy. Please don't hesitate to contact me through email at any time if you have any concerns or questions.

Parent Information Night

This year Miss Barry, Mrs Goodwin and I have decided to conduct a parent information night, to inform all parents in detail of the year ahead. We will be there to answer any questions that you may have for us. We have chosen a date and time that we hope at least one parent will be able to attend. The time and date will be Wednesday 22nd at 5:30pm and we will meet for approximately 30-45 minutes. We are looking forward to seeing you all then. It is not mandatory that you attend however it may give you further insight into how our classrooms are run and give you a chance to ask any questions you may have.

Finally, I am looking forward to a wonderful year full of hard work and learning combined with many enjoyable and fun times. **Please** don't hesitate to contact me with any queries, concerns or simply just to chat.

Call: 9242 2726 and leave me a message, I will call you back.

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