

Welcome Parents/ Caregivers of Room 5,

My name is Hanan Hafza and I will have the fortune of teaching the children on Monday to Thursday of each week. Mr Paul Butler will be in each Friday. Ms Bernadette Lenzo will be returning mid- year to take over the class. 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 for religious purposes. 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.

### **Tools**

Please ensure that your child has all the books and stationary necessary for the school year, your child's learning is hindered when they do not have the tools used daily in the classroom. Please contact me if you require a book list to be sent home with your child.

Chair bags are an important resource for your child's easy access to all their books. They can be bought for \$10 from the Uniform shop on a Thursday or send the \$10 and I will pass it on.

### **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.

### **Literacy Block**

This year we will be streaming the children among two classes for different aspects of Literacy throughout the year. This will be for four Literacy sessions per week.

### **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.

## 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
Rufio	Matin	Afrah	Dalila	No news on Friday
Ali	Luka	Jenni	Alyssa	
Chelini	Johnny	Daisy	Nicholas	
Bianca	Matilda	Zarin	Pitthai	
Lennox	Daniel	Abbie	Alexia	
	Telena	Shakira		

## Homework

All homework begins Monday of Week Three. I will assign Homework on the Monday and they are due back on the Thursday to be marked. No Homework will be given on weekends, but files may come home with messages on the weekend so please check for this. We will always try to give you lots of notice regarding upcoming events.

## Reading Homework

Your child has a plastic folder which will hold their homework book, reading book and diary. Children are expected to read the books borrowed from the library per night. If they do not have a book from the library one will be loaned to them from the classroom. 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. 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.

## Spelling Homework

Your child will be given a spelling activities sheet in their homework book. The new spelling list will be given each Monday, for homework your child will pick 3 of the activities listen on the sheet to work on using the spelling list given to them. They will need to complete a minimum of 3 of the activities in their homework book and hand them in by Thursday of each 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 file.

## 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.
2. Crunch & Sip and water bottles on shelf near door.
3. Homework files in the box each day.
4. Say bye to parents/carers before the bell goes at 8.50.
5. Find a friend, Read a book, Draw or Play a quiet game.
6. Homework due Thursday.
7. Library book/bag in boxes on Thursday.

### Faction List

Children are given a faction upon enrolment and this faction will stay with them for the duration of their schooling at Yokine Primary School. It came to my attention that many students did not know their factions. I have made a list for your reference.

Royal (Blue)	Swan (Red)	Lawley (Gold)	Flinders (Green)
Rufio	Ali	Chelini	Alexia
Bianca	Nicholas	Pitthai	Telena
Matin	Luka	Abbie	Shakira
Daniel	Lennox		Matilda
Afrah	Alyssa		Johnny
Daisy	Zarin		
Jenni			
Dalila			

### Email

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

### Parent Information Night

This year Mr Butler, Ms Lenzo 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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, **please** do not 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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