

Dear Parent /Guardian,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to Yokine! It is fantastic to see some new students in the class too.

About the Teacher

My name is Anna Pilpel and I grew up in Busselton, Western Australia. I moved to Perth 7 years ago to attend university. After completing a Bachelor of Arts (Asian Studies) I lived in Japan for 7 months and then taught EAL/D students at private language schools in Perth. In 2014 I achieved an Outstanding result in my final practicum whilst studying the Graduate Diploma in Primary Education at Edith Cowan University. Last year I taught Year 1s at Narrogin Primary School, Year 2s at Yokine Primary School and then worked as the Japanese high school teacher at Georgiana Molloy Anglican School, Busselton. In my spare time I swim and do yoga. Speaking of swimming... we have swimming lessons coming up this term!



My Teaching Philosophy

I have the students involved as much possible in creating a classroom environment where they feel comfortable. It is important for me to create learners that are responsible for themselves and for their own learning. I am a facilitator and will be encouraging them with all my energy to be the best version of themselves that they can be. I want your child to thrive academically but also progress in the arts and sport.

My main interests lie in literacy. For me, making sure your child can be a clever reader imperative for study, work and pleasure. Furthermore, strong literacy skills include having the ability to critically view media and communicate with various members of the school community.

Term One

In order for your child to fully succeed in all learning areas they must be proficient readers, writers, viewers and speakers. This term our 'theme' is natural environments and we will be exploring this theme through each learning area:

Reading: Fiction and non-fiction texts aimed at your child's reading level.

Writing: Recounts and narrative writing, starting a story in reality and then using our imagination to create an alternative world for the reader to explore

Viewing: Where the Wild Things Are (Feature Film)

Maths: Place value is the focus for the first few weeks. I am currently streaming your child according to their ability in Maths and they will be placed in a class that suits their strengths and weaknesses.

History: This term the focus in HASS will be Australian History

Health: Dealing with emotions, such as anger, sadness and appreciating happiness and joy

Art: Designing our own animal faces using multi-media

Homework

Recent educational studies have shown that homework has a very loose relationship with a child's academic success. Having said this I think it is important for children to see education as something that carries beyond the walls of a classroom. Therefore I suggest that your child reads our class text at home. Furthermore I recommend that your child learns the times tables, by rote is fine for now, and then they can learn the mechanics of multiplication and division in class. Some students in the class require extension homework and this can be as simple as researching an animal that interests them at home and then presenting their finding to the class in a format of their choosing.

Please endeavour to keep your child up-to-date with what is happening in the news. I highly recommend this website. You can watch each episode or focus on something that interests you and your child.

<http://www.abc.net.au/btn/>

Parent Helpers

It would be fantastic to have some parents on board this term. I would particularly be interested in having a parent assist with a reading lesson on a Wednesday between 12.20 and 1.10. If you have any availability outside of this time please send me an email anyway. I am always keen for parent come into the class and talk briefly to the students about their occupation. This helps create a sense of community for the students as well as encouraging them to study hard to reach their own dream job one day!

Parent Information Night

Wednesday 15th February 5.30pm

Communication

This term I will be using two websites Class Dojo for behaviour management and Seesaw for sharing student work. I have only put your child's first name on these websites.

The log in for parents for **Class Dojo** is:

www.classdojo.com/CZM6LS2

The log in for parents for **Seesaw** will be emailed to you (unless you request a printed copy).

I will be working collaboratively with Mrs Elettra Schipp this term. **Mrs Schipp** will be teaching **Mondays** and I will be teaching **Tuesday to Friday**.

I am always excited to meet the parents of my students, however to make things run smoothly it would be helpful if you could email or call in advance if you would like meet in person to discuss how your child is going in school.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments regarding your child and my teaching please do not hesitate to email me at anna.pilpel@education.wa.edu.au or call the school on 92 422 726 and ask to speak to me. I will respond to emails Monday to Friday.

Please also feel free to contact Elettra at elettra.schipp@education.wa.edu.au.

I look forward to teaching your child this term and wish you all the best for 2017.

Kind regards

Anna Pilpel
Room 9 Classroom Teacher

