

Curriculum Letter

Pre-Primary, Term 2 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope that you have all enjoyed the school holidays and are ready for a busy, fun filled and enjoyable ten weeks.

Themes

Throughout this term, we will be providing our students with the opportunity to participate within different themes and learning experiences. These will also include Talk for Writing literacy based activities.

As part of our family studies and celebrations unit, we will also be focusing on 'Mother's Day' and discussing how we celebrate special occasions with our families. We would like to invite all Mother's into the classroom for a morning of special pampering and a yummy morning tea (please refer to 'Dates for your diary' and save the date). If you are unable to attend, an Aunty, Grandma or special female friend may attend in your absence.

Literacy

Letters and Sounds

In literacy, we will continue to revise our phase two sounds whilst beginning to introduce the phase three sounds. As the students continue to learn these letter sounds and formations, we will encourage them to attempt reading, spelling and writing a collection of simple CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words.

Phase two sounds:

s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r, h, b, f, ff, l, ll, ss

Phase three sounds:

j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu, ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow

Tricky Words:

the, to, no, go, I, he, she, we, me, be, was, you, a, all, are, my, her, said, have, like, so, do, some, come, were, there, little, one, when

Reading

The books in our reading tubs are all still available for loan on a sign out/sign in basis. Please feel free to continue borrowing these books at any time. If you require any additional books to be loaded for your child on 'Bug Club' please let me know. A reading folder with a levelled reader will be sent home each week. Please return your folder on their allocated day.

Return Dates

EC 1- Every Wednesday

EC 2- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (refer to News Telling chart)

EC 3- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (refer to allocated home learning folder day)

EC 4- Every Thursday

Mathematics

The children will continue their involvement in many hands on and interactive maths experiences throughout the term. In number, we will be continuing to: read, write and recognise numerals up to 10 and beyond, count confidently backwards from 10 or 20 to 0, compare and match quantities to numerals, partition numbers up to 10, explore simple addition and identify numbers which come before and after a given number. In measurement activities, we will be continuing to further our knowledge in relation to identifying and comparing the length of different objects which are tall or small or long or short.

HASS

HASS is an acronym which stands for Humanities and Social Sciences. In Pre-Primary, HASS is an integrated subject which we incorporate and provide within our Literacy and Numeracy teaching programs. This term, the students will be exploring the special places in which they live and how they can care for these in their environments. In History we continue to incorporate celebrations and commemorations into our program including Mother's Day.

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths)

STEAM challenges allow the students to participate in authentic learning opportunities where they are encouraged to think critically, creatively, apply problem solving skills and to actively reflect on their learning and achievements. We are looking forward to applying these skills throughout this term.

Fundamental Movement Skills- Funky Fitness Program

This term, students from all Pre-Primary classrooms will be provided with the opportunity to participate in five 30-minute Funky Fitness movement sessions at a total cost of \$19 per student (this will be included in your activity list charges). Funky Fitness is a fundamental movement skills programme which provides students with opportunities to learn and develop a variety of skills through the provision of engaging music and movement activities. Please ensure that your child/ren wear appropriate footwear for these sessions.

Health and Wellbeing

As part of our whole school approach to Health and Wellbeing, this term and throughout the year we are focussing on the following:

Friendship - social skills, problem solving, communication as well as how to initiate play with their peers

Self-regulation skills - recognizing and managing their emotions through actions and communication, self-awareness and calming techniques

Resilience - coping skills, problem solving, bounce back strategies (persistence)

Mindfulness - regular classroom practice to promote being in the present moment and be focused in a relaxed, easy way. For more information or to download the free app for home, click <https://www.smilingmind.com.au/education>

Wednesdays

EC 1

Science: Sustainability and the three R's – reduce, reuse and recycle.

Music and movement sessions: incorporate integrated learning in literacy and numeracy and the current topic i.e. Africa.

EC 2

Science: Exploring earth and space science.

Health: Protective Behaviours topics- Feelings (safe and unsafe), body awareness, including correct body part terminology, personal space, persistence, safe/unsafe secrets and people you can trust.

News Telling: Refer to News Telling sheet.

EC 3

Science: Exploring earth and space science **Health:** Protective Behaviours topics- Feelings (safe and unsafe), body awareness, including correct body part terminology, personal space, persistence, safe/unsafe secrets and people you can trust.

Maths: Measurement.

Health: Protective Behaviours topics- Feelings (safe and unsafe), body awareness, including correct body part terminology, personal space, persistence, safe/unsafe secrets and people you can trust.

EC 4

Science: Living things.

Health: Protective Behaviours topics- Feelings (safe and unsafe), body awareness, including correct body part terminology, personal space, persistence, safe/unsafe secrets and people you can trust.

Maths: Measurement.

All classes will continue to visit the library on Wednesdays. Please remember to bring your child's library bags.

Class Communication

Pre-Primary is a compulsory school year and regular attendance is expected and monitored by the school. Parents, we would greatly appreciate if you could please inform your child's teacher if your child is sick, will be absent, late, picked up early, has an appointment or will be picked up by someone who may/may not be on your contact list. Children who have temperatures, runny noses, conjunctivitis or have had diarrhoea, vomiting or viruses must be kept at home for at least 48 hours since their last episode. Viruses and germs spread very quickly within the classroom and we appreciate your support with this matter. This can be done via phone: **9207 7900** or by emailing the class teacher. Please also ensure that you inform us of any changes to your usual drop off and pick up arrangements by recording this into the class communication book by the entrance of the classroom. In Pre-Primary,

we will only allow authorised adults to collect your child from the classroom and will not release them to their siblings unless a parent is with them.

Paperless Communication at Subiaco Primary - We Don't Want Anyone To Miss Out!

The FlexiBuzz app is used at Subiaco Primary School to help parents stay informed and keep up to date with what is happening at school as well as within their child/ren's classroom. To avoid missing out on important information and permission forms, we urge all parents to sign up and check that they are subscribed to the correct year level as well as to their child's individual class. To join: Visit www.flexibuzz.com.au/ then click login/register. Once registered search for Subiaco and choose the appropriate year levels and classes e.g. Pre Primary and EC 2 (check that you have updated the year level and class for 2019). If you want email notifications as well as phone notifications, please select receive notifications as emails in your profile.

School TV Parent Resource

School TV is an online resource that is available to our parents and publishes 10 editions per year. Current topics now on the website address issues that are relevant for children both in primary and secondary school settings including; Physical activity and Exercise, Diet and Nutrition, Anxiety, Social Media and Digital reputation as well as a number of other relevant topics. Thank you to our P&C association for supporting this initiative and paying for the yearly subscription. Click here to scan through what is available online <https://subiacops.wa.schooltv.me/>

Fine Motor Skills

All Kindergarten and Pre Primary parents are invited to attend a free Fine Motor Skills workshop which will give you the skills to help prepare your child for handwriting. This workshop will be held on Wednesday 29 May from 5.00-7.00pm in the Lower Hall and is presented by Sue Beurteaux, an Occupational Therapist from Gymworks. Please register your interest on the Fine Motor Skills form located outside our classroom.

Electronic Reports

Please ensure that the front office has your current up to date email address to ensure the end of Semester 1 Student Reports are emailed to the correct email address. These reports will be emailed to you on Tuesday 2 July.

Class Rosters

Thank you to all of our parents who have volunteered their valuable time to help us in our classroom in many different ways, from coming in to listen to children read, to taking our washing home, making play dough and helping us during our swimming lessons. We would also like to thank our amazing Class Liaison Parents for their support and keeping all parents informed of our upcoming events throughout Term One. We really value and appreciate your continued support in our classroom.

Donations

We are always seeking donations of empty containers, cardboard rolls, egg cartons or toys which your children no longer use (e.g. lego, play dough toys, assorted figurines etc) to assist us with our class programs. Please ensure that containers are in good useable conditions.

Dates for Your Diary

- *Mother's Day Celebration: **EC 1 and EC 4:** Friday 10 May 9.00am **EC 2 and EC 3:** Wednesday 15 May 9.00am
- *Mindfulness Incursion- **EC 1 and EC 4:** Thursday 9 May- children are required to bring a soft toy **EC 2 and EC 4:** Friday 10 May- children are required to bring a soft toy
- *School Photos- Tuesday morning 14 May
- *Funky Fitness Sessions- Week 3 beginning Thursday 16 May
- *National Simultaneous Storytelling at Subiaco Library- Week 4 Wednesday 22 May at 11.00 am
- *Fine Motor Skills Parent Workshop- Wednesday 29 May 5.00pm-7.00pm
- *School Development Day (no students attend) - Friday 31 May
- *WA Day Public Holiday- Monday 3 June
- *Book Fair- Week 8
- *School reports emailed home- Tuesday 2 July

Staffing Changes

EC 1
This term we would like to welcome Olivia Grozotis into our ECE 1 classroom. Olivia is currently completing her Assistant Teaching Program (ATP) in our class and we are looking forward to her joining us on a full-time basis. We are all excited to support, engage and challenge the students throughout Term Two.

EC2
This term we would like to wish our Education Assistant Georgia Nelson all of the very best with completing her final practicum for her teaching degree. Miss Sam will be replacing Georgia on Mondays as well as Tuesday mornings. We would also like to sincerely thank Mrs Maroni for her hard work and commitment throughout Term 1. Mrs Maroni will now be working exclusively in Year 1 for the rest of the year. Mrs Beth Tracey will be joining our classroom on Wednesdays and she is looking forward to getting to know all of our amazing children and parents throughout the term. We would also like to welcome Nina Smith into our ECE 2 classroom. Nina is currently completing her Assistant Teaching Program (ATP) in our class and we are looking forward to her joining us on a full-time basis.

We look forward to your continued support and working with you in Term Two.

Kind Regards

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