

**Welcome
To
Pre-Primary
2021**

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Welcome!

Morning Routine

The children have settled well into the Pre-Primary routine.

Thank you for assisting your child to learn the morning routine. Parents are asked to ensure their child has their homework bag with their clipboard, water bottle and a small container of chopped up fruit and/or vegetables for Crunch and Sip every morning. Please encourage your child to unpack their own homework bags.

I am available to speak to parents before school. For any urgent matters please come into the classroom to see me. Parents can also communicate to me through Seesaw. Seesaw will be checked every morning. If there are any questions or concerns I am available after school every afternoon from Monday to Friday. You are welcome to make appointments with me through Seesaw.

Homework

The children will receive homework every night from Monday to Thursday.

We will commence the year with a programme designed by Dianna Rigg. Dianna Rigg is a speech pathologist and has designed this programme to improve the children's oral language skills. The aim is for parents to ask developmentally appropriate questions and evaluate the quality and content of their child's oral answers.

Every Monday the children will receive a picture book. The following outline explains briefly how to integrate retelling with the comprehension questions.

Monday: An adult reads the story.

Tuesday: An adult retells the story.

Wednesday: Together an adult and the child retell the story.

Thursday: A set of comprehension questions will be sent home with the book with examples of appropriate oral responses for five year olds. The child retells the story. Following the retell, an adult asks the comprehension questions.

Please ensure the picture books are returned every day in your child's clipboard.

Children will begin receiving books they can read themselves once they have acquired the necessary pre-reading skills. It is very important to take time to discuss what your child is reading. Ask them what they are reading about and what it means. Ask them what they think and offer your own opinions. I will not be listening to children read every day, therefore, it is important that you take 10 to 15 minutes to do this every night, or morning. A child becomes a good reader by reading.

Seesaw

The seesaw app is being used throughout the school to document children's learning and for parent communication. Once written parental consent has been given I will invite parents and legal guardians to view their child's journal. Other family members who would like to connect must ask permission and be approved by the principal. Likes and Comments will not be available and the children's work cannot be reproduced, duplicated or shared on any social media platforms.

Talk For Writing

Talk For Writing is a programme which involves the children in telling stories and rhymes. The children learn well known stories and rhymes so that over time they internalise language patterns. These are then used as a basis for creating new stories.

If there are any questions concerning the programme or concerns over your child's progress please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind Regards
Maxine Mulholland
Pre-Primary Teacher

