

Dryandra Primary School

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Guardians

I would like to warmly welcome everyone back to school after your holiday break. Everyone has settled in nicely. I would like to specifically welcome our new students to our school. I am sure that you will enjoy our school, make new friends, participate in some wonderful learning and become part of our Dryandra community.

NEW STAFF

I would like to welcome all of our staff back to Dryandra Primary School. They are all looking very relaxed and enthusiastic about starting the new school year. You would have noticed that we have had some changes with some of our teachers working in some new year levels and moving to a new part of the school. (Please see the staff lists which highlights the classes and roles).

I would like to congratulate Mrs Regina Kroczek who is now the permanent deputy in our school after she was selected during a merit selection process. We congratulate Mrs Kroczek on her appointment.

I would like to introduce Mr Michael McGeever. Mr McGeever will be working in Room 16 (Year 4) and Room 4 (Year 1). Mr McGeever is a permanently appointed teacher and was also merit selected. Mr McGeever has worked in Northam and has been teaching a number of areas include physical education, science and STEM.

I would like to also welcome Mrs Tracy Walters who will be working in the Year 1/2 class in Room 3. Mrs Walters will be at Dryandra PS for Term 1 to Term 3. In Term 4, Mrs Claire Warr will be returning to Dryandra PS. Mrs Walters has many years of experience and enjoys teaching students in the junior primary part of the school.

Along with some of the changes in Pre-Primary, we would like to welcome Mrs Kristi Ruthven. We were absolutely impressed with Mrs Ruthven when she was in the school last year and so we were able to offer her a position in the Pre-Primary sharing a class with Mrs Bradstreet.

All of staff appointments have been made possible due to our school being an 'Independent Public School'. We look forward to supporting all of our staff and continuing to make student learning a focus for our school.

CLASSROOM DOORS OPEN 8.30AM – LEARNING STARTS AT 8.45AM

We would prefer to have students arrive at school as close to 8.30am as possible. This enables our students to get themselves organised, change home readers, etc. It also enables your child to ease into the day and not feel pressured. Arriving to school late, puts your child in a difficult position especially if the class has already commenced learning or doing their work.

If students arrive prior to 8.30am, then they are to go to the library. There will be a teacher on duty.

- **Late students must go to the office for a late note before going to the classroom.**

PARKING

The parking along Cymosa Place (near the pre-primary classrooms) is very congested after school and extremely dangerous for students. I am concerned that someone is going to be seriously injured one day. Parking Rangers from the City of Stirling regularly patrol this street and issues infringement notices for illegal parking. The neighbouring house owners also regularly complain about the parking and congestion.

The school has therefore made the following decisions in regard to after school collection of students and parking.

ONLY parents with students in pre-primary and kindergarten will be asked to park on **CYMOSA PLACE**. Older brothers and sisters can also be picked from **CYMOSA PLACE**.

For the rest of the school, you will need to consider these other options.

- DRYANDRA DRIVE**. Use the gates near the old 'Kiss and Drive" near A Block (Suits Room 3, Room 4).
- MCFARLANE CIRCLE** near B Block. (Suits Room 8 and Room 9)
- DRYANDRA DRIVE** and utilise the parking bays in the **Dryandra/Pendula Community Centre**. (Rooms16, Room 17, Room 18)

PLEASE DISCUSS THESE OPTIONS WITH YOUR CHILD AND ENSURE THEY FULLY UNDERSTAND WHERE THEY ARE TO MEET YOU AFTER SCHOOL.

If we all work together we can create less traffic congestion, improve student safety and create a more harmonious relationship with our neighbours. Please support this process.

SCHOOL HATS

In 2016 the School Council endorsed the proposal of enforcing the school hat for all students at all times and especially on excursions. This was undertaken as a safety measure whenever students were out in the community.

The wearing of the school uniform creates a sense of belonging and pride in our school. It eliminates the peer pressure of wearing expensive basketball caps.

Students without a school hat will be asked to sit in the under covered area during recess and lunch if they do not have the required hat. Students will have until Week 3 to have the appropriate hat. The Office has the school hat for \$7.00.

PLAYGROUND – BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Just a gentle reminder that students should not be playing on the playground equipment before and after school. This is a safety issue because there aren't any teachers on duty and we wish to keep students safe. In particular, kindergarten and pre-primary parents, we ask for your assistance in not allowing your children to play on the equipment because it encourages other students to also play when they need to be in the under covered area.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

We are asking for all of our parents to pay for their voluntary contributions. Dryandra Primary School has one of the lowest contributions in the State. We are asking everyone to make a real effort in paying these contributions because this helps to provide resources and consumables for our students e.g. art materials, classroom cooking etc. We accept Eftops and credit card payments through the office.

Kindy voluntary contributions are \$60.00 & Pre-Primary to Year 6 \$20.00.

CLASSES FORMATION 2019

The formation of the classes is a school decision and involves professional discussions with our teachers. As our student enrolments stabilise, it may be necessary to make slight adjustments to the classes. The school census will be finalised in Week 3 and this will determine our funding for the year. It may then be necessary to move some students to another class. Please be aware that this is a process that all schools have to manage and we ask for your patience while to undertake this process.

We are all very excited by some of the initiatives that will be introduced this year and by our focus to support students with their learning. If I can be of any assistance or if you require any clarification, then please don't hesitate to contact me when convenient.

Thank you

Paul Biemmi

Principal

2019 DRYANDRA STAFF

LEADERSHIP	Mr Paul Biemmi	Mrs Regina Kroczek	Mrs Lee Geary
OFFICE STAFF	Mrs Carole Clough	Mrs Christine Stephens	
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Kindy Ms Teresa Coventry	Pre Primary 1 Mrs Megan Wallace/ Mrs Kaye Leckie	Pre Primary 2 Mrs Lynette Bradstreet/ Ms Kristi Ruthven
A BLOCK	Year 1 Room 4 Ms Kate Dunstan/ Mr Michael McGeever	Year 1 / 2 Room 3 Ms Tracy Walters	
B BLOCK	Years 2 / 3 Room 8 Mrs Margaret Fairhead/ Ms Sue Van Dijken	Year 3 Room 9 Mr Grant Cumming	
D BLOCK	Year 4 Room 16 Mrs Tanya Reza Zadeh/ Mr Michael McGeever	Years 5 / 6 Room 17 Ms Penny Henshaw	Years 5/& 6 Room 18 Ms Angela Young
SUPPORT STAFF	Mrs Sherryl McGee	Ms Liz Owers	Ms Sally Wright
PSYCH	Ms Libby Taylor		
EDUCATION ASSISTANTS	Mrs Michelle Murray	Mrs Denise Pollard	Mrs Jolanta Gagatek
	Mrs Donna Hetherington	Mrs Dianne Brown	Mrs Amal Mustafa
	Miss Taylor Mondy		
AIEO	Mrs Michelle Ingram	CHAPLIN	Mrs Aisha Thivy
LIBRARY	Mrs Jody Brown	GARDNER	Mr Mike Delaney
CLEANING STAFF	Mrs Debbie James	Ms Michelle Collier	Ms Rania Mohamed Ms Aisha Yahya