



WELCOME to EC1

Students are settling in nicely to Pre-Primary. We have been getting to know new classmates and the new environment and I have been enjoying getting to know your child's personalities and abilities. We are practising our class routines and learning the expectations of Pre-Primary. My name is Miss Fiona Flanagan and I am your child's teacher this year. I am looking forward to working with you and your child throughout the year. We also have Mrs Donna Bradshaw in our classroom Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, Mrs Candy Ravlich on Monday, Mrs Roula Atallah on Wednesday and Mrs Alannah Ayton who will be teaching every Thursday. Mrs Ayton will be teaching Science and Design and Technologies as well as continuing your child's learning in Literacy and Numeracy. This time allows Miss Ryan (EC2's Pre-Primary Teacher) and I to plan and collaborate together.

CRUNCH AND SIP

Your child is encouraged to bring an extra fruit or vegetable snack, separate to their recess, to consume during class time. This extra snack allows the children to keep their brains fresh and ready to learn. Please pack this in a separate container and encourage them to place it in their basket inside the classroom.

ALLERGY AWARE

Bateman is a 'Nut Aware' school which means that we try to limit the students' consumption of nut products at school. Please respect these rules and avoid sending nut products in your child's lunchbox.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Please inform the office of any updates to your child's medical information throughout the year.

LIBRARY

Our library day is Monday. Please ensure your child brings their library bag on this day. They will be borrowing two books per week. You will find a comprehension sheet with one of the library books that comes home in a plastic sleeve. This is an excellent modelled reading opportunity; where your child listens to you read and observes appropriate reading behaviours. The questions are very useful in helping your child develop their comprehension skills at home. Please place the comprehension sheet inside the book so that the front and back covers are visible inside the plastic cover when the book is returned.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

Bateman Primary School is a BYOD school and encourages the use of iPads to enhance our learning opportunities. New iPads can be brought to school in the coming weeks, date to be confirmed. Children bringing their own iPad from home allows the students to share with you what they have been learning at school and encourages their digital development to assist their future schooling and real world expertise. If you have any questions about how the iPads will be used in class, you are welcome to come and have a chat with me. If you have any other questions regarding the BYOD program, please see Ms Parry.

AT HOME

There are many things you can do to assist your child's learning at home. Please see me for a handout listing many creative and easy everyday tasks and conversations you can have with your child to develop their learning and deepen their understanding of literacy and numeracy concepts. The children will also be starting home readers in the coming weeks. They will take one book home a week to practise and record their reading in their diaries or reading logs. The reading book and diary or reading log will go home in a 'take home folder'. Please return both items in the Take Home Folder. Throughout the year there will be targeted homework tasks such as sight words practice as well as oral news telling items.

WEBSITE

The school website is regularly updated with exciting entries about things happening within the school. Please keep your eye out for each terms newsletters and topics of learning to spark conversation with your child about their school days.

ATTENDANCE

Please ensure all absences are recorded through the office. If your child is unwell or is not attending school for other reasons, you may either call the office or let me know via email. All late arrivals (after 9am) and early pick-ups must go through the office before the parent or guardian comes to the classroom. Before and after school care is available for your child if you are unable to be here for the start or end of the school day.

DRESS CODE

Students are required to wear appropriate footwear. This includes secure sandals or sneakers. Pants, shorts or skirts must be black (girls wearing skirts are encouraged to wear black underwear or bike shorts). Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied up, jewellery must be kept simple and subtle and nail polish is not permitted. Please label EVERYTHING to ensure no items are misplaced. Please also ensure your child has a change of clothes in their bag, in case of any toileting accidents. Further information regarding the dress code can be found on the school website under the 'About us' tab.

LUNCH ORDERS AND ICECREAM

Pre-Primary students are able to purchase lunch orders and subway on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please place orders into the appropriate box outside the office before school on these days to ensure your child receives their order.

Ice creams are **NOT** available for Pre-Primary students. This is something to look forward to next year 😊

COMMUNICATION

Please contact me via email and set up a meeting to discuss your child's academic progress and wellbeing. fiona.flanagan@education.wa.edu.au

Kind regards,

Fiona Flanagan, Donna Bradshaw, Alanna Ayton, Candy Ravlich and Roula Atallah