

Pre-Primary Room 3

Welcome to Pre-Primary at Secret Harbour PS. It has been delightful to meet you and your children and I am excited for the year ahead. I like to run a learning program that involves play-based learning and intentional teaching, which will compliment each other to reinforce different focus concepts and learning programs.

Room 3 staff

Monday- Wednesday & Friday

Teacher: Maddison Whisler
Education Assistant: Sonia Thomas

Thursday

Teacher Trish Collard
Education Assistant Sonia Thomas

Morning Routine

Your child has a nametag that is placed in the pigeonhole inside the classroom. Your child is required to put their lunch box and hat on top of their nametag as soon as they come into the classroom, hats can stay at school and we will send them home at the end of each term for a wash. The doors will open everyday at 8.35am. Your child is required to put their drink bottle on the trolley also next to the pigeonholes, this enables children to have a drink throughout the day when needed.

If you have arranged for another adult to collect your child at the end of the day, please record their details in the communication book, which is located inside the classroom.

Afternoon Routine

The classroom will be opened at 3.00pm, if your are anymore that 15 minutes late we are required to take your child up to the office to wait for you.

Daily Routine

The morning siren goes at 8.50am; this is when our day will begin. We implement literacy and numeracy activities into our program daily. We have daily fitness in the mornings and cover all other subject areas such as health, science, history and T&E.

News

News will occur everyday at 2.45pm, there will be a different topic's that children will be encouraged to talk about each week. The topics for the term will be attached to this letter. We also have a classroom friend 'Leo the Lion'; one child will be selected each Friday to take Leo home for the weekend. Your child is required to bring Leo back on Monday.

Library

We will have library sessions every Wednesday. Please ensure your child's library bag is returned with their book either on Wednesday or before. No bag or no returned book means no borrowing.

Communication

If you have any issues or concerns relating to your child, please do not hesitate to speak with me. You can either schedule a time to speak with me if you would like some time to discuss something in depth or you could quickly chat with me after all children have been dismissed. We want to work together to give children the best learning experiences as possible, so communication is extremely important.

Classroom Management

I use a positive reinforcement behaviour management program in room three, however we do have consequences if children misbehave. I use a reward peg system. Everyday children start on the middle level of 'ready to learn' when children are seen doing the right thing they may be asked to move their peg up to the next level. Children can be moved down as well if they are doing the wrong thing, the first level down is just a warning for children. If children continue to do the wrong thing they may be asked to move it down again, this may result in the child being moved to another class for 'time out'. If a child's peg is moved down they will be highly encouraged to do the right thing to get it moved back up.

Lunchbox Food

Your child will require at least one serve of fruit for recess and a sandwich (or roll or wrap etc) everyday. At recess children are asked to eat their fruit serve first and then they are able to choose any extra snacks you pack that day. Children are also asked to eat their sandwich (or equivalent) first at lunchtime before choosing other food options. We do ask that no nut products are included in lunchboxes such as nut spreads, fruit and nut mixes, nut bars, bliss balls made with nuts etc.

Parent Help

Once children are settled in to their routines, a Parent Help roster will be placed outside the classroom for you to add your name to. Helpers will need to sign in at the office before coming in to help (therefore we have a list of people in the school incase of emergencies). Parent help is a wonderful opportunity to share in your child's time in Pre-Primary and assist in activities, so we do ask that younger siblings do not accompany you on roster.

Birthdays

We love to celebrate birthdays in Pre-Primary. If you would like to send in a birthday cake, we would prefer cupcakes or other individual serve items to share. If you would like to hand out birthday invitations please see Mrs Thomas or myself and we will place them in the children's take home folders.

Absentees

If your child is absent for any reason, could you please phone the school or send a note in when your child returns to school. If your child is going home with someone other than yourself, could you please inform us or write in the communication book at the front of the classroom.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to speak with me.

Maddison Whisler
(Classroom Teacher)

News Topics for term 1

The news topics are:

Week 3- Favourite animal

Week 4- Something blue

Week 5- Something beginning with the letter of your name

Week 6- Free Choice

Week 7- Something special to you

Week 8- Favourite place

Week 9- Favourite toy

Week 10- Free Choice

Week 11- What I am going to do on the holidays