

Introducing the Fantastic Foundation Team for 2019! Let's meet the teachers!

Hi! I'm Ashlee Harris and this will be my fourth year at ARPS, teaching Foundation. This year, I have the privilege of being the Team Leader. If you have any questions or would just like to have a chat, please don't hesitate to come in and see any member of the team.



Hi! I'm Diana Costabile. This is the fifth year teaching here at Athol Road Primary School and I am looking forward to seeing you all achieve great things this year! In my spare time, I enjoy going on adventures, as well as taking my dog, Junior, for walks to the park.



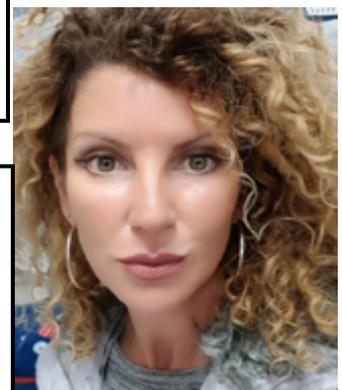
Hello Foundation families, my name is Karina Coelho and this is my fourth year as a primary school teacher. Outside of school I enjoy spending time with family, friends and my silly dog, Billy. I am looking forward to another exciting year in the Foundation learning space.



Hi everyone, my name is Rebecca Karpati. This will be my fourth year at Athol Road Primary School in the Foundation area. When I'm not teaching and planning exciting things for the Foundation students I love spending time with my husband, 3 year old son, Charlie, and my 11 month old daughter, Sophie.



Hi I'm Sam Addison. This is my 9th year teaching at ARPS. I am passionate about working creatively with students and developing their skills, understandings, confidence and belief in themselves. Wishing everybody a prosperous and fulfilling 2019!



Hi! My name is Alex Smit, and I am very excited to be teaching Foundation this year! I enjoy reading, spending time with my family and dedicate lots of time to my adorable cat and dog. I am looking forward to a fantastic year with all the students and their families.



LITERACY- Turning the volume up on Oral Language

Talk, Talk, TALK!!

In the Foundation learning space we are working on developing each student's oral language. The team will be encouraging students to engage in conversations by using full sentences and asking questions. Please encourage your child to do the same thing at home. The Foundation team will be introducing your children to a rich variety of picture stories and begin to build a love of reading and writing through modelled and shared practice. Through this immersion in text students will be learning the letters of the alphabet and common sounds they make as well as introducing the first 25 sight words. Keep an eye out for the sight words that come home and please practice them daily!



Take Home Books

These will start later in the term. More information to come. Meanwhile read to your child every night. Share your stories about your life. **If you have a story you would like to share with all the students, please let us know. We would love to see you.**



Maths

Maths is everywhere. Take every opportunity you can to talk about it - at home, at the supermarket, in the kitchen, setting the table. The more you look, the more you find. The Foundation team will be looking at understanding what our numbers really mean, eg that 10 is 1 and 9, 2 and 8; 3 and 7, etc. Students will learn how to write and match numbers to 10, the days of the week and lots of problem solving activities to get the students to really think and take risks. Teachers want to develop confident mathematicians. Students will also be looking at and making growing patterns.

PATTERNS, PATTERNS, PATTERNS

Patterns are here and there,
At home and in nature, they're EVERYWHERE!
We've made our own from all sorts of things,
From blocks to shapes, beading and string!
We have been on pattern hunts around the school,
And discovered lots of patterns that we think are cool!

Look At Me!

Foundation students are learning all about themselves and what makes families special through the inquiry unit, 'Look at Me.'

What you can do at home:

You can help your child at home by talking about your family:

- Who is in your family?
- Why is your family special?
- Family background?
- Where were different members of the family born?
- What does the flag look like from your family's place of origin?
- What special celebrations and traditions do you share?

Keep an eye out in your child's blue bag for some special homework for you to complete together about your family.

Language Experience and Play Based learning

The Foundation students will be learning about different healthy foods, and involved in meditation and exercise to develop the whole child. The students are being introduced to strategies to help them to make new friendships and role plays to help them to learn how to manage their own feelings and resolve their own problems. Interest based, play experiences will be set up at different times throughout the week for students to explore their interests. At present these include a kitchen, construction site and water and sand play.