

Foundation

NEWS

Term 1 February 2020



'Building a foundation that nurtures the development of curious, confident and resilient communicators and problem solvers.'

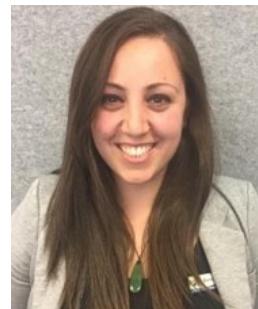


We are excited to be your teachers!



Hi everyone, my name is **Rebecca Karpati**. This will be my fifth year in Foundation at Athol Road Primary School and I'm very excited to be Team Leader this year. When I'm not teaching and planning exciting things for the Foundation students I love spending time with my husband, 4 year old son Charlie and my 2 year old daughter Sophie.

Hi! I'm **Diana Costabile**. This is my sixth year teaching 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.



Hi I'm **Sam Addison**. This is my 10th year teaching at ARPS and I am looking forward to working with the Foundation students. I am passionate about working creatively with students and developing their skills, understandings, confidence and belief in themselves. Wishing everybody a prosperous and fulfilling 2020!

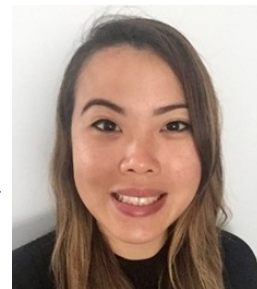


Hi! My name is **Alex Smit**, and I am very excited to be teaching Foundation this year! I enjoy reading, spending time with my family. I dedicate lots of time to my adorable cat and dog. I am looking forward to a fantastic year with all the students and their families.



Hi everyone, my name is **Teagan Stuart**. I am a graduate and I am incredibly excited to start my teaching career at Athol Road Primary School. My interests include watching football, especially the Mighty Hawks, water skiing and spending time with my family, friends and my puppy, Kobe. I can't wait to meet you all and look forward to a great 2020!

Hi everyone! My name is **Daphne Chong**. This will be my first year at Athol Road Primary School in the Foundation area. Before I came to ARPS, I was a kindergarten teacher. In my spare time I enjoy listening to music, camping and hiking. I look forward to getting to know you all.



Please feel free to come and talk to any of the Foundation teachers to share exciting news, bring up any concerns or to discuss your students learning.

LOVING LITERACY

Foundation students' main focus this term

will be developing their **oral language**. Through a variety of fun and exciting language experiences students will build their vocabulary and engage in discussions and learning activities to build a love of language, reading and writing. The Foundation team will be helping and encouraging students to engage in conversations using full sentences and teaching students how to actively listen to their peers and teachers. Please encourage your child to do the same thing at home. Students will be introduced 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 and language experiences we will be learning the letters of the alphabet and common sounds they make as well as introducing SMART words. Keep an eye out for the SMART words that come home and please practise them daily!



Make sure to check out our SMART word board each week!



Fun with our word and letters of the week c-a-t!

INQUIRY

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

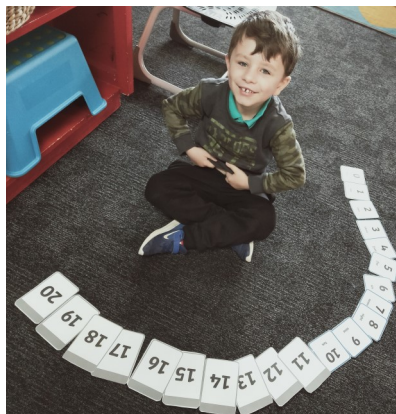
What you can do at home:

Talk about:

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

MARVELOUS MATHS

Maths is everywhere. Take every opportunity you can to talk about it... at home, the supermarket, in the kitchen, setting the table. The more you look, the more you find. The Foundation students will be building their **number sense** through lots of hands on activities which will include recognising and matching numbers, building collections, writing numbers, etc. Students will practise the **days of the week** each morning while looking at our daily timetable and will be counting each day at school until we get to our 100th day of school, where we will celebrate together! **Patterns** and **sorting** will be a big focus this term and we will be looking for patterns all around us, as well as making our own from shapes, colours and body movement. We want to develop confident little mathematicians who know it is okay to take a risk, while building solid foundations and a love of numbers and maths!



Ordering numbers to 20!



Sorting objects into groups!

SEE SAW

Please make sure you have connected to your child's See Saw account. If you need help please speak to any of the teachers. Keep your eyes out for **new posts and photos** sharing the exciting learning we are doing at school.

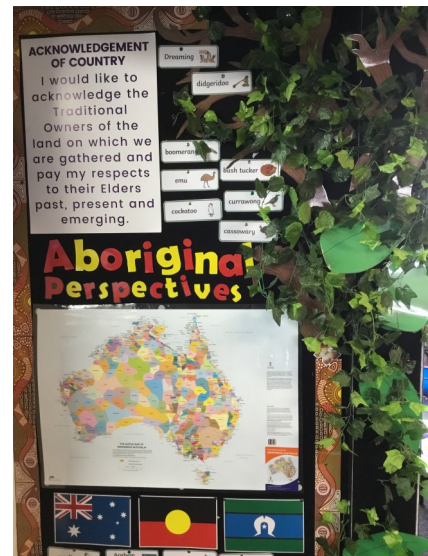


SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL

Foundation students will be involved in meditation, yoga and mindfulness throughout the day to give their busy brains a break and to help develop the whole child. Teachers will be introducing strategies to help students **build new friendships** and students will have the opportunity to practise these through role plays and group activities. We will be learning about different **feelings** through the use of 'Kimochis' and ways to manage our own feelings. Interest based play experiences will be set up at different times throughout the week for students to explore their interests, practise and build oral language and **communication skills** and encourage new friendships and social development.

INDIGENOUS

Foundation students will be learning about Indigenous perspectives through all areas of learning. We will be discussing and looking at different words and symbols that are associated with indigenous culture through our Science unit 'Weather in our World'. As part of Inquiry we will be looking at traditional celebrations, and what the colours on the flag represent. Traditional stories will be part of our literacy program and students will learn the meaning of our acknowledgment of country.



IMPORTANT

Whole school assemblies fortnightly beginning Friday 7th February

Wed 12th February—No school for Foundation students (booked appointments only!)

Wed 19th February—No school for Foundation students (booked appointments only!)

Wed 26th February—No school for Foundation students (booked appointments only!)

Mon 9th March— No School (Public Holiday)

Fri 13th March—Family BBQ Night

REMINDERS

Please check **blue bags** every night for important information and return to school every day.

Please make sure to help your child practise their **SMART words** every day.

Help your child to pack a **piece of fruit or vegetable**, snack and healthy lunch each day. We are a **Nude food** school so we encourage lunches to come rubbish free and in reusable containers. Any rubbish from lunches will be sent back home.

School **hats** have been given to all students and they are to stay at school in students' lockers.