



Pre-Primary

at Grace Christian School



WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL & HEAD OF JUNIOR PRIMARY

Welcome to Pre-Primary at Grace Christian School.

In the early years of schooling, your child makes great leaps in their development. In Pre-Primary, they will continue to develop their language skills, grasp new numeracy and literacy concepts, and will have the opportunity to refine social skills, practise fine and gross motor skills and increase their Biblical understanding.

In Pre-Primary, we strive to create an environment that is safe yet challenging. We are intentional about providing opportunities for our students to grow and develop and build resiliency. The best avenue for this development is through play. Play remains an integral part of your children's learning experiences, both inside and outside the classroom, and a way that creativity and problem solving with others can grow.

As continuity between home and school is very important to us, we are looking forward to getting to know you and your child this year. We want children to see teachers and parents as partners in their education. We aim to build a relationship with each child and their family, and encourage parents to be involved in the learning program.

We pray that this booklet will assist you and your child in making an informed and positive start to the wonderful experience that Pre Primary is and trust that the year ahead will be filled with great memories for you and your family.



Mr Hugo de Ridder



Mrs Donna Holman

DAY-TO-DAY PROGRAM

Pre-Primary Session Times

8.35am – 3.05pm

Each morning, our school staff meet together for devotions which generally finishes around 8.20am. The Pre-Primary morning routine throughout the week is slightly different to accommodate the learning programs we run.

Monday – Wednesday: When the teachers return from devotions, the classroom will be open for you and your child to come inside and do an activity together. When the school siren sounds, that is the time for you to say goodbye to your child, and your child will sit on the mat to start their day.

Thursday: On Thursday morning, we run our Perceptual Motor Program. (P.M.P.) The door will open at 8.35am, and all children will go to one classroom to get ready for P.M.P. Parents can assist by helping their child take off their shoes, before they say goodbye at the door.

Friday: Friday is our Science day. The morning routine will be the same as the Monday—Wednesday routine.

Every Afternoon: In the afternoons, children should be collected by an adult. Please notify the staff if someone other than yourself is picking up your child. Those children who catch a bus, will be escorted to the bus stop. Parents are welcome to wait outside the classrooms and wait for their child to be released.

Please note: The Pre-Primary playground is not to be used before and after school.



Attendance

In Pre-Primary, your child will attend five (5) days per week.

Please be aware that some children may get tired as they adjust to the new routine. We provide an optional rest day for the first few weeks of school to assist with the transition. If you have any concern about your child and how they are settling in, please come and speak to us.

Arriving Late

If you arrive at school after the siren has gone, you will need to go to Student Service to collect a late note and take it to the class teacher.

Recess and Lunch Times

Children are required to bring recess and lunch to school every day. Food that is provided needs to be healthy and nutritious, and food they will eat and can manage on their own. Please ensure that you do not pack too much though, as we try to encourage all food to be eaten.

Please be mindful of the containers that you send the food items in, as your child will be encouraged to open their containers by themselves.

A water bottle, containing only water, is also required every day.

Lunch orders are also available from our school canteen on Thursday and Friday. They can be ordered online at www.quikcliq.com.au.

PLEASE NOTE: We are an allergy aware school, so please do not send any food that contains nuts in them.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

What to wear

The uniform for Pre-Primary needs to be purchased from the Uniform Shop, and consists of:

- ◆ Early Childhood Polo shirt (Navy) with school logo, denim shorts (knee length) with elastic waist, wide brimmed navy hat with school logo, suitable footwear; this may include sandals or joggers with velcro straps.

Please note: At Grace Christian School we uphold the 'no hat, no play' policy for all children in the Primary School. If your child does not bring a school hat to school they will be asked to play on the verandah.

Important: Please label all personal belongings. Order forms for naming labels are available through the uniform shop and front office reception desk. Naming should be done with indelible ink – full names only (no initials please) or using iron-on, sew-on or stick on labels.



Unisex Navy Polo with Logo



Unisex White Under Shirt (optional)



Unisex Track Top with Logo



Unisex Stretch Denim Shorts with logo



Unisex Stretch Denim Jeans with logo



Sandals or Joggers (velcro)

Spare clothing

Please ensure that your child has a set of spare clothes in their bag and that they are appropriate for the season. It may be necessary to change during the day if your child has a toileting accident or gets wet from water play.

Toileting

In the school setting it is important that children can toilet independently. This means they need to remove shorts/pants/underwear, wipe themselves, re-dress, flush and wash and dry their hands.

STUDENT LEARNING

The Teaching and Learning programs in Pre-Primary are built around knowledge about children's development guided by "The Early Years Learning Framework" for Australia and the Australian Curriculum (WA). The learning areas are:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- The Arts
- Languages
- Health and Physical Education
- Technologies

We also have an additional learning area at our school called Bible and Christian Living.

Learning Enrichment

In addition to the support that classroom teachers give, if there are concerns about any aspect of your child's progress or development, our Learning Enrichment staff are consulted and will work alongside teachers and parents to provide support as needed.

Portfolios

Individual portfolios will be sent home at the end of Term 1 and 3. This is one of the ways that we report to parents. Please spend some time with your child discussing their achievements, as a lot of hard work has gone into each piece of work.

Reports

Students will receive a formal report at the end of each semester to show progress in each learning area.

News Telling

In Pre-Primary, your child will participate in telling news, from Term1, Week 4. This is a good skill for developing oral language skills and will have a different focus every term. Your child will be placed on a fortnightly roster and you will be notified in advance. The roster will be placed on the classroom door.

Your child will bring along an object from home and share about it with their friends. Please use the guide booklet to practice with your child on how to share their news. Please don't send in any fragile objects.

Homework Folder

Term One: Picture Cards (oral language development) and Letter Sounds (phonic cards).

Term Two to Four: Home readers and early sight words.



COMMUNICATION

We understand the importance of open communication. To assist in this area:

- Each child will be issued with a diary to allow communication between home and school.
- A whiteboard is located outside the classroom, that will keep you informed of classroom events or for teachers to give out important reminders.
- Email: During the year you will receive emails from the teacher. This is also another option for you to communicate with the class teacher.
- See Saw App: Messages, reminders and photos will be sent to parents and is a great way of staying connected with your child's learning.
- Our fortnightly newsletter, Grace Notices, and any other information is frequently sent home via email from the school office.
- The Skoolbag App is used for reminder and parent communications such as absentee notes. You can download this free app from the App Store or Google Play Store.
- Our school's website www.grace.wa.edu.au is also a portal for you to keep up to date with upcoming events and other school happenings.
- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @gracechristianschoolwa to keep you up to date with what is happening around the school community.

Parent Interviews

We encourage parents to attend parent interviews throughout the year. These take place in Term 1 and 3, and class teachers will send out information about Parent Meetings closer to the time. They are a great way to hear about how your child is progressing in their learning. In addition, if you have any questions or concerns with how your child is going at school, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a meeting.

Communication / Concerns

We value parent input and appreciate opportunities to communicate regularly. We encourage you to speak directly to your child's teacher with any concerns. If you have a concern or query, have a change in circumstance or an issue that impacts your child, the best approach is as follows:



BEING INVOLVED

Parent Rosters

We welcome parents and/or grandparents to come in and be involved. Being on parent roster allows you to observe your child in their learning environment. This is a special time for you and your child and we trust that you will enjoy your time in the class.

We have two opportunities for you to be invest in our program. One is the P.M.P program (Perceptual Motor Program) and the other is parent help within the classroom. PMP requires 3 parents (between the 2 classes), every Thursday, for it to operate. This could be grandparents or dads if their work rosters allow.

The classroom parent help roster allows for up to 2 parents, per class to be involved each day.

To go on a roster, simply place your name of the rosters located outside of each classroom. Siblings are welcome to attend, but we ask that you are responsible for them. Remember to sign yourself in at the Reception.

Helping Out

Our 'Schoolyard Blitz' is held twice a year with information being sent to parents prior to the event. Volunteers are always welcome to be part of school life and we would love you to be part of our enthusiastic volunteer base.



HEALTH & WELLBEING

Absentees

By law, students are required to attend school. When your child is absent from school, please notify Student Services with a reason why your child is absent. The school will contact you if your child is absent without notice.

Students Leaving School During the Day

There may be times when you are required to take your child out of school due to an unavoidable appointment or for family reasons. Where possible, please notify Student Services and the teacher in advance.

Parents or guardians collecting the student must report to Student Services where they will be required to sign the student out and back into the school (if appropriate.)

Illness at School

During the year your child may have times where they are unable to come to school due to illness. We ask, that if they are unwell, they stay at home to rest until they are fully recovered. This helps stop cross infection.

The following illnesses require exclusion from school: Chicken Pox, Head Lice, Conjunctivitis, Vomiting, Cold Sores, Diarrhea, Influenza, School Sores, Ringworm, Slap-Cheek, Measles and Mumps.

Any sickness that requires 3 or more days off school will require a medical certificate to be given to Student Services.

Medication at School

Should your child need to take medication at school; please provide this to Pre-Primary staff who will ensure that it is administered. Clearly label all medication with instructions and also complete a 'Prescribed Medication Permission Form', available at Pre-Primary.

Medical Action Plans

Medical plans which have been issued by a doctor for students with serious allergies or illnesses, need to be handed to Student Services. Should any changes occur relating to the care of your child, it is critical that you notify Student Services to ensure records and emergency contacts are correct and tell your class teacher.

GOOD TO KNOW

Quiet Time

Each class will participate in a quiet time after lunch, should it be required. Your child will need to bring in a small cushion to school that will stay in the classroom but will be returned to you at the end of the year. The cushion will need to be labelled.

Birthdays

We love to celebrate birthdays at school. On this special occasion, you might like to send along some small cupcakes so your child can share his or her birthday with friends.

If your child has an allergy you may want to provide a small number of treats as an alternative, to be stored as needed.

We celebrate birthday during our recess break at around 10.30am.

If you are planning a birthday party, you can send the invites to school and place them in the communication basket for distribution, as this avoids children being upset if they are not invited.

Bus cards

Should your child need a bus card, these can be arranged at Student Services. Please let your child's teacher know which bus they will be catching.

Before and After School Care

Camp Australia provide before and after school care at Grace Christian School from 6.30am—8.30am and 3.05pm—6.00pm during school terms.

Should you need more information please contact Camp Australia directly von 1300 105 343 or email info@campaustralia.com.au.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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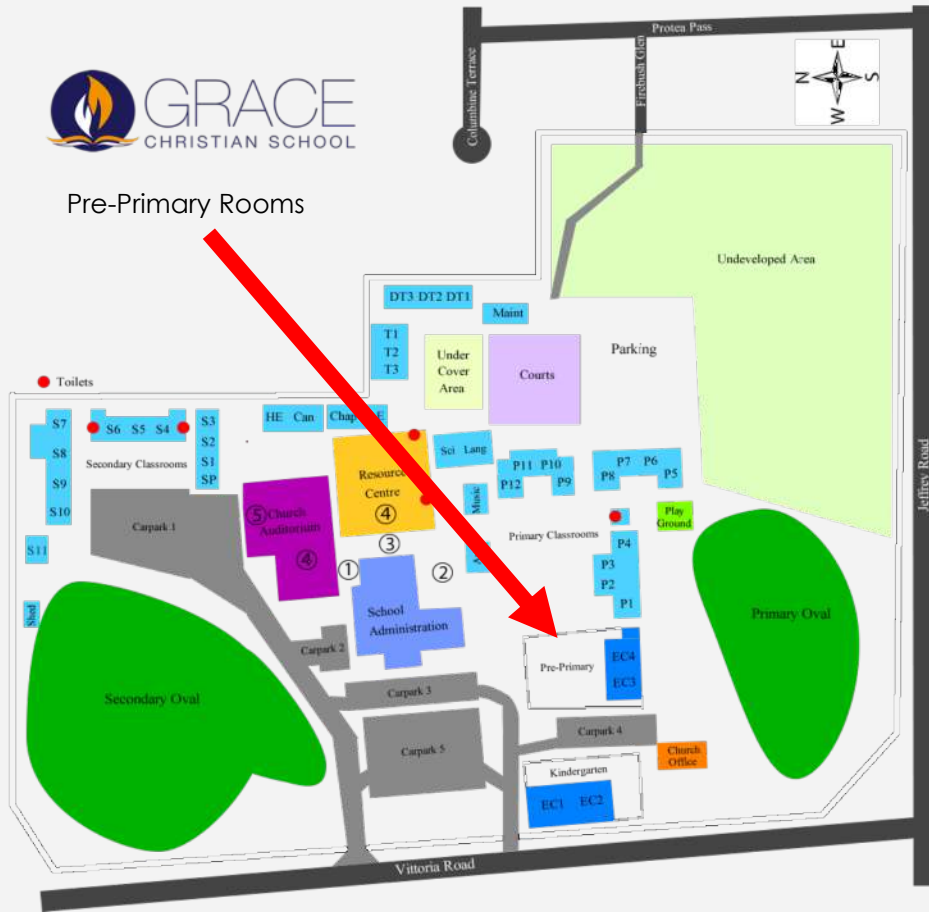
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