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# Parent Handbook | Reception

## Staffing list and email contacts:

### Classroom Teachers:

Julia Blethyn (RB) - [jblethyn@pac.edu.au](mailto:jblethyn@pac.edu.au)

Steph Moffat (RM) - [smoffat@pac.edu.au](mailto:smoffat@pac.edu.au)

### Support Teachers:

Michelle Bennett

Elisa Bozanic

Summa Dawson

### Specialist Teachers:

Specialist lessons are an essential part of the curriculum and are not a stand-alone component.

Boys are to come to lessons prepared, orderly and sensible, and willing to learn and contribute to the lesson. Communication between school and home is essential and we ask that if you feel the need to contact a specialist teacher, you initially do so by email.

#### Physical Education

Sam Barton (Sport) - [sbarton@pac.edu.au](mailto:sbarton@pac.edu.au)

All Reception to Year 6 boys receive one 60-minute Physical Education lesson weekly.

Boys are allowed to wear their PE uniform to school on the day of PE.

#### Language- Chinese

Judy Zhu - [jzhu@pac.edu.au](mailto:jzhu@pac.edu.au)

All Reception to Year 6 boys participate in the Chinese program offered in the Preparatory School.

Reception to Year 2 boys have two 30-minute lessons or one sixty-minute lesson per week.

The boys build knowledge, skills, and confidence in communicating in Chinese through the program. The boys also develop an understanding of the interrelationship between language and culture. The learning experiences include a range of activities such as singing, interviewing, filming, viewing, exchanging information, language games, role-plays, projects, online research, Chinese calligraphy, artwork, and cultural performances.

#### The Arts

Sophia Butler - Music Teacher - [slee@pac.edu.au](mailto:slee@pac.edu.au)

Kellie McCauley Art Teacher - [kmccauley@pac.edu.au](mailto:kmccauley@pac.edu.au)

The Music and Art program is offered to all boys from Reception to Year 6. Through the Arts programs the boys develop their knowledge and skills in these areas.

Music - All boys receive one 60-minute lesson per week.

Visual Art - All boys receive one 60-minute lesson per week.

#### STEM

Russell Thompson - [rthompson@pac.edu.au](mailto:rthompson@pac.edu.au)

Reception boys receive 30 minutes of instructional time a week. STEM lessons are held in the STEM classroom.

### Specialist lessons:

#### **RB**

Monday – STEM

Tuesday – P.E. / Art

Wednesday – P.E. / Art

Thursday – Music / Chinese

Friday – Music / Chinese / Assembly.

#### **RM**

Monday – Art

Tuesday – P.E. / Art

Wednesday – P.E. / STEM

Thursday – Music / Chinese

Friday - Music / Chinese / Assembly.

### OT and Speech screening

Reception student OT and Speech screening will commence in Week 8. Further information will be provided closer to the time.

### Home Learning

When your child is ready, we will send home books for your child to read. We ask that you spend 10 to 15 minutes each night listening to your child read. There will also be additional take home packs for you to read with your child. These packs are intended for you to read as an adult and discuss with your child so that they may develop fluency, comprehension strategies and a love of reading.

### Eating and drinking

We have three eating times during the day and give the boys 15 minutes of supervised eating time during morning snack (fresh fruit or vegetables only), recess and lunch. Please remember we are a nut aware school.

### Parent Volunteers

Throughout the year we require volunteers for various activities and events. All volunteers must have a valid working with children checks. There will be a volunteer information session in Week 8, March 21 at 8:30am. Please speak to your child's teacher if you are interested in coming along.

## Belongings

It is important to have all belongings labelled. Lost property is located at the Preparatory School front office. We recommended that toys are left at home to avoid being lost or damaged.

### iPad expectations / Devices at School:

In Reception to Year 2 iPads are used during school hours with clear purpose and supervision from teachers. This will usually involve taking photographs, publishing, learning apps and assessment. iPads are charged, ready for learning and are not to be taken home. Misuse of iPads may result in restricted access.

Preparatory School students must not have a smart phone, smart watch, or mirroring technology on College grounds. Dumb phones and smart watches are permitted at school but must be handed to the classroom teacher in the morning.

### Behaviour Management Guidelines

A parent information brochure outlining behaviour management guidelines is available from the Preparatory School Office.

### Special Events

A summary of Preparatory School related events can be accessed via the College Calendar, summarised below.

TERM 1	
<b>Week 1</b>	
Tuesday 29 January	Term 1 commences
Friday 31 January	Parent Information Evening
<b>Week 2</b>	
Friday 7 February	Prep School Captains' Induction Assembly FoPAC Family Fun Night
<b>Week 4</b>	
All Week	Parent Teacher Interviews
<b>Week 7</b>	
Monday 11 March	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
<b>Week 9</b>	
Thursday 24 March	Grandies' Day
<b>Week 11</b>	
Friday 11 April	Cross Country Term 1 ends, 3.30pm

## TERM 2

### Week 1

Wednesday 30 April Anzac Day Service

### Week 2

Friday 9 May Mother's Day Breakfast

### Week 9

Wednesday 25 June Year 5 Musical - Madagascar

## TERM 3

### Week 1

Friday 25 July Old Old Boys' Assembly

### Week 7

Thursday 4 September Father's Day Breakfast  
Friday 5 September College Closure Day

### Week 10

26 September Y3-6 Sports Day  
Term 3 concludes, 3.30pm

## TERM 4

### Week 5

Tuesday 11 November Remembrance Day Service

### Week 7

Monday 24 November Orientation Day

### Week 8

Wednesday 3 December Celebration Day  
Thursday 4 December End of Year Presentation Assembly  
Friday 5 December Term 4 concludes, 1pm.

We look forward to working with you and your son throughout the coming year and hope 2025 will be a happy one for you and your sons in the Prince Alfred College community.

Kind regards,

Steph Moffat and Julia Blethyn.