

2024

Foundation Handbook



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1) Foundation Teaching Team

Skye Jones: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday



Welcome to the beginning of the 2024 school year. My name is Skye Jones and I am looking forward to being one of your child's teachers this year. I have been employed at Immanuel for 17 years now, where I have taught in a variety of roles and also had some leave to have my own family. I have an amazing husband and two wonderful children, Cruz and Tahlia. I am very passionate about teaching and love seeing each and every one of my students succeed on their individual learning journey. I believe all children come to school with unique experiences, gifts and talents and a part of my job is to nurture and build on those strengths.

I am excited at what lies ahead of us this year and look forward to getting to know you and your families. May God's blessings be with you all this year!

Hayley Manning: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday



Welcome to Foundation! My name is Hayley Manning and I am looking forward to the 2024 school year. Foundation is such a special time and I feel privileged to witness your child develop in confidence and ability as they continue to settle into and immerse themselves in school life. I am a dedicated, passionate and supportive educator. I believe that all children, when respected and engaged can experience educational, personal and social success. Guided by God's grace, I endeavour to cultivate a classroom environment that fosters deep learning through inquiry, supportive relationships, and a sense of belonging and involvement. I look forward to meeting you and getting to know your child as I support them on their

learning journey!

Jane-Marie Pfeiffer



I have been a familiar face at Immanuel for many years, serving in the roles of Foundation and Year One, 2/3 and Ed support teacher as well as teaching AUSLAN across all year levels. I enjoy reading, my pets, and spending quality time with family and friends. I am an avid Geelong football club supporter and am a huge Bruce Springsteen Fan. I look forward to many new adventures this year and getting to know you and your child. I feel blessed to be a part of your child's learning journey.

Michael Blasche



My name is Michael Blasche. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, playing sports, reading and getting outdoors. As an educator, I am proud to be a role model and have the opportunity to shape students intellectually, socially, spiritually, emotionally and morally. I believe that education is about more than reading, writing, and arithmetic; it is about providing a stable and inclusive environment in which to help young people build their capabilities and confidence, develop as a whole person, explore new ideas, be creative, connect with their local and global community, and enjoy the learning process.

Introduction

In 2023 a strategic plan was developed and as a result of this process, which involved the school community, the following values were created; Love, Grace, Quality and Teamwork. To promote our core values of Love, Grace, Quality and Teamwork, our behaviour management policy is guided by the principles of; respect, safety, learning, care and kindness.

These words will be unpacked at a class level and over the coming days, weeks and months these will form an integral part of our school culture.

1) Weekly Overview

- Whole school worship and praise – Friday 10:30 am
- Students are to wear Sports uniform each day
- Library borrowing – Thursday
- Assembly- Monday 2.45pm (Week 4 & 8)
- Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) - Friday
- Sport, LOTE and Music with Specialist teachers on Wednesday
- Art with Specialist teacher on Friday

2) Excursions/Big Day Out

Big Day Out Excursion takes place in Term 4. More information will come at a closer date.

Swimming – Term 2

3) Homework/Learning at home

Our approach to homework focuses on how to best support student learning and how best to support parents. We recognise there are a variety of family situations schedules and views on homework throughout the school. We value reading at home and will provide tasks for students which support their learning at school. This will include a mix of literacy, numeracy or inquiry tasks.

The Homework/'Learning at Home' routine in Foundation is ...

- Nightly reading
- Learning Heart Words provided

A Literacy overview for each term will be sent home in their learning@home books. This enables parents to know what sounds and concepts are being taught at school.

4) Daily Routines

Prompt arrival is a school expectation. Students are to be at the classroom by 8:50 as learning starts at 9am. If your child arrives after 9am or leaves before 3.25pm they will need to sign in/out via the front office.

The daily timetable has changed this year. Students will have a brain break at 10.05am which includes time to have a snack. Lunch will be at 12 with eating time following play at 12.30pm. In the afternoon there will be a play break at 2.10pm.

5) Who else is involved in your child's learning?

- LOTE: Rachael Siviour
- Music: Mr. Dwayne Hueppauff
- Sport: Mr Richie Cochrane
- Art: Fiona McDonald
- Wellbeing: Heidi Gogoll and Rosie (Wellbeing Dog)
- Ministry Leader: Will Knott
- LSA (Lutheran Schools Assistant): Heather Savage and Kelsey Craig

6) Special Events

Please check our Monday email updates weekly for specific Foundation class information and our school website www.ilsg.sa.edu.au for newsletters, updates and changes.

7) Communication

At Immanuel we use a variety of modes to communicate. Here is a snapshot...

See Saw- See Saw is used to communicate student work and occasionally class information.

Monday memos (sent via Operoo)- whole school information is published weekly which is followed with class specific information.

Email- We understand meeting face to face is not always possible in which case Email is the next best option. See email addresses below.

Operoo- online (paperless) process used to communicate events (camps/excursions/ school events).

8) iPads

We aim to educate our students to understand the importance of safe and responsible use of ICT. Foundation to Year 3 expectations include;

- Making good choices
- Being safe
- Being kind
- Asking for help

An Acceptable Use Agreement will be sent home shortly which needs to be signed by the students and a parent/caregiver.

All the best for 2024,

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