



Salvado
Catholic College
PEACE. JUSTICE. COMPASSION

Pre-Primary Parent Information



2018

WELCOME TO PRE-PRIMARY @ SALVADO CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Welcome to Pre-Primary at Salvado Catholic College. We hope that this will be a happy and rewarding beginning for you and your child in association with our college.

In Pre-Primary we believe:

- It is important to provide children with an environment in which they feel safe, valued and respected.
- It is important to provide children with the skills to encourage and develop life long learning.
- Play is a crucial part of early childhood development. Play enhances language development, social competence, creativity, imagination and thinking skills.
- Collaborative learning is an important learning tool as it allows children to learn from each other and develop social skills.
- It is important to have a strong relationship between home and school. We will respect and value families and foster an effective and positive relationship between home and school. It is essential for parents to be involved and considered as partners in their child's learning.

OUR VISION

Our vision for Salvado Catholic College is to promote a welcoming Catholic community where students come to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

We strive to promote excellence and develop confident, creative and successful learners who are active and informed citizens in the world in which we live.

We nourish the learning journey of each individual child in a safe environment to help them reach their full potential as engaged learners, developing the skills to work collaboratively and be life long learners.

At Salvado Catholic College we show respect for ourselves and respect for others.

We relate to others in a compassionate way and promote peace and justice in all that we say and do each day.

God, our Father

We thank you for the life of Bishop Salvado the missionary.

As a teacher, explorer, author, musician, farmer and builder,

he is an inspiration to all.

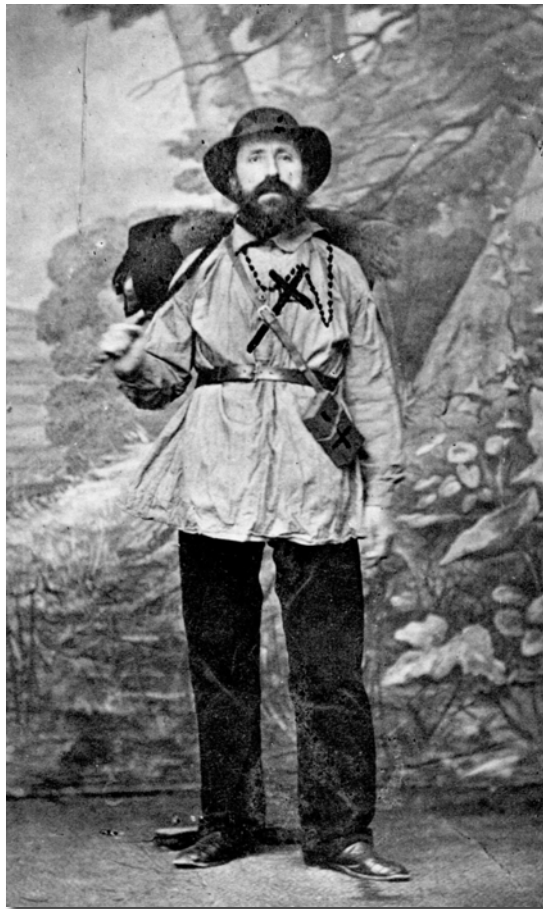
May we use our talents to enrich the lives of others.

Teach us to respect all cultures as he did.

Help us to care for our land,

live in peace, act justly and show compassion in all that we say and do.

Amen



STAFF

Teachers:

Miss Zoe Scoble	(Pre-Primary Grey)	zoe.scoble@cewa.edu.au
Mrs Jessica Hanretty	(Pre-Primary Red)	jess.csikos@cewa.edu.au

Education Assistants:

Miss Alana Moore	(Pre-Primary Grey)
Mrs Kahlene Robinson	(Pre-Primary Red)
Mrs Shaye Dunstan	(Special Needs)
Mrs Lucia Scales	(Special Needs)

ATTENDANCE TIMES

The Pre-Primary doors will open at 8:30am before the bell at 8:40am.
The school day finishes at 3:00pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAITH LIFE

Religious Education is a key learning area in the Catholic school curriculum. Religious Education units will be covered throughout the year. The Religious Education programs assist with creating an environment which enables children to develop a sense of wonder about God. The children will be led by the example of Jesus and the sharing of Gospel values. The values of peace, justice and compassion will be shared and modeled with the children.

LITERACY

Literacy skills are vital to ensuring every child has the best chance to succeed in their schooling and life. Our Literacy program will focus on recognising letter names and sounds, learning to read, experimenting with words and learning to form letters correctly.

ABC READING EGGS

ABC Reading Eggs makes learning to read interesting and engaging for children with online reading activities and games. The program is designed to motivate and excite children about reading and lets them complete activities at their own pace. The Reading Eggs lessons are designed to build skills in the five key areas required to become a good reader: phonemic awareness and phonics, sight words, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension. You will receive a login and password to access Reading Eggs at home. It can be accessed on a computer or portable devices such as iPads.

MATHEMATICS

We will have a focus on using hands on activities and manipulatives in order to make the learning experiences real and exciting for the children. The program will incorporate a range of mathematics skills building on the proficiency strands of understanding, fluency, problem-solving and reasoning.

MATHSEEDS

ABC Mathseeds teaches children core maths and problem solving skills with fun, highly interactive and rewarding lessons. ABC Mathseeds combines highly structured lessons with fun motivational elements that keep children engaged and keen to learn. You will receive a login and password to access Mathseeds at home. It can be accessed on a computer or portable devices such as iPads.

SPECIALIST LESSONS

The following specialist lessons occur once per week with all Pre-Primary students.

- Music – Mrs Marissa Munro
- Science – Mrs Marissa Munro
- Languages – Mrs Maria Bradshaw
- Physical Education – Mrs Nicole Goff

LIBRARY

Pre-Primary will be visiting the library each Friday to choose a book. Students require their red library bag to borrow a book and books are to be returned weekly.

PRE-PRIMARY ASSESSMENT

An On-Entry Assessment will be conducted at the beginning of Term One. This assessment is done to provide information about the knowledge your child is bringing to Pre-Primary and allows us to effectively plan to suit the learning needs of your child.

REPORTING

Parent/Teacher interviews will be conducted at the end of Term 1. These discussions allow us to discuss your child's progress as well as set goals.

A portfolio displaying your child's work samples and learning journey will be sent home at the end of Term 2 and Term 4.

A formal report is issued at the end of Term 2 and Term 4. This report includes evaluations of your child's achievements and development throughout the year.

Parent/Teacher interviews may be made via appointment if necessary throughout the year.

UNIFORM

Students are expected to wear their school sports uniform every day. Please refer to the Uniform Policy in regards to the correct College uniform. If your child is not wearing the correct uniform, a uniform notice will be sent home via email explaining the issue to be addressed. Please also pack a spare change of underwear in your child's bag in case of toileting accidents. Please remember to label **all** items of clothing.

MORNING TEA AND LUNCH

Children need to bring their own morning tea and lunch to school in a lunch box. In Pre-Primary we promote a healthy, nutritious approach to food. Please support us by providing fruits or vegetables for morning tea and only sending water to school. Please send an appropriate amount of food according to your child's appetite in an easy to open container. We are unable to heat lunches for students or keep children's lunches in the fridge. We are an 'allergy aware' school so please do not pack anything with nuts in it in your child's lunchbox.

CRUNCH 'N' SIP

Crunch 'n' Sip is a set break to eat fruit or vegetables and drink water in the classroom. Students refuel with fruit or vegetables assisting physical and mental performance and concentration. Crunch 'n' Sip is optional for students. If your child is bringing Crunch 'n' Sip to school please pack this separate to their recess and lunch to avoid confusion.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PLAN

At Salvado Catholic College the individual person is celebrated and accepted for the gifts they bring to our College community. Everyone is given the opportunity to succeed in a respectful and safe environment, that promotes effective teaching and learning. As part of our College Positive Behaviour Support Plan, students will be explicitly taught the social skills and expectations to make them effective participants in our College environment.

With Christ as our model at Salvado Catholic College we show **respect** for ourselves and others, we relate to others in a **compassionate** way and promote peace and justice in all that we say and do. We work together to create a **safe** environment for all by taking ownership of our choices and behaviours. Positive behaviour will be encouraged at all times in the learning space. Students will be rewarded for positive behaviour through the following ways:

- *Praise
- *Verbal encouragement
- *Certificates of achievement
- *Stickers
- *Prizes
- *Positive notes to children and parents

KEEPING SAFE: CHILD PROTECTION CURRICULUM

At Salvado Catholic College, all students participate in *Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum* lessons. *Keeping Safe* is an evidence based, highly regarded, best practice curriculum which has been developed collaboratively with child protection specialists, teachers, educational leaders and other professionals. *Keeping Safe* covers a range of topics including new material on current issues such as bullying and cyber safety.

The *Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum* is divided into 5 documents specific to the year level/s of the students. The curriculum across each of the year levels addresses the same main themes and focus areas appropriate to the developmental level of the children.

The 2 main themes are:

- **We all have the right to be safe**
- **We can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust**

The 4 focus areas are:

- **The right to be safe**
- **Relationships**
- **Recognising and reporting abuse**
- **Protective strategies**

Further information about the implementation of the *Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum* at Salvado Catholic College will be shared with parents/carers through the year.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please ensure that the information on Admission and Medical forms is kept up to date. Please inform us immediately if your child has allergies, asthma or any ongoing medical issues.

SEE SAW APP

See Saw is an app we will be using to share what your child is learning at school. Seesaw gives your child a safe space to document their learning and learn how to use technology. Each child will get their own journal and will add work to share what they are doing at school. See Saw is safe to use as you can only access your child's folder. The folder may be made up of pictures, videos, drawings and voice recordings. See Saw can be accessed through a downloadable app on a phone or tablet, or through a web browser on a computer.

TOYS

Children are discouraged from bringing their own toys to Pre-Primary with the exception of the rostered weekly news topic. Bringing toys to school can create arguments and the accidental damage or loss of a toy can be very upsetting for your child.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PLAYGROUND

We are very fortunate to have a nature playground for the children to play in and on. The nature playground is out of bounds both before and after school to all children, including siblings. This is a duty of care issue as staff are not able to supervise this area at these times.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP OF CHILDREN

Pre-Primary students can be dropped off and picked up at the drive through where they will be supervised by staff on duty. The gates to the Pre-Primary learning spaces will open at 8:30am each morning when your child can come in, unpack their belongings and complete activities until the bell goes at 8:40am when teaching and learning will commence. At 3:00pm, the Pre-Primary classes will exit through the playground gate and go to the drive through at the front of the College.

ABSENTEES/ILLNESS

An absentee note is legally required to be completed when your child returns to school. The note must state:

- Date
- Reason of absence
- Signed by parent

If your child is ill please keep them at home to recover. This will minimise the risk of infection to other children and teachers. If your child becomes ill at school we will contact you or other emergency contacts that you have nominated.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parents play an integral role in the life of the school and can contribute in many positive ways to the education of their children. Parents will be invited to assist in the classroom from Term Two.

How you can help your child:

- Be punctual.
- Encourage your child to show and tell you what they have done at school and listen.
- Inform us of any changes at home that may affect your child.
- Read with your child every day if possible. Encourage your child to 'read' to you.
- Point out print in the environment e.g. when shopping, travelling, road signs, shopping centres.
- When your child shows interest in writing, encourage it. Especially his/her name and use the correct print 'NSW Font'.
- Encourage your child to play creatively and imaginatively.

We look forward to your involvement throughout the year and we hope that this will be a happy, rewarding and exciting year for both you and your child at Salvado Catholic College.