



# Penryn

Preparatory

Dear Grade R Parents

We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning and discovering with your child in 2019.

Grade R is an important year where scholars are “prepared” and developed even further in preparation for formal schooling. We work in different themes, and letters and sounds of the alphabet will be introduced. Grade R also sees the introduction of the THRASS programme which is used all the way up to Grade 4. We know your children are going to enjoy Grade R for the following reasons:

- Each child will grow and develop in a loving environment.
- There is still lots of time to learn through play, although the day is more structured than previous classes.
- There will be an exciting excursion on a semi-lux bus, dress-up days and visiting shows.
- Baking Friday – each scholar will have one turn a year to be baker girl or boy. Every second Friday, will be a class baking activity.

As part of the school day, the Grade Rs will go to the following during the course of the year:

- Junior Chapel on some Fridays, joining in with Grade 1, 2 and 3 scholars from the third term.
- Junior Prep Library bi-weekly, from the second term.
- 2 x Physical Education Lessons per week (1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> term will be swimming, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> term is on the field) with Mr Shelton.
- A weekly 30 minute ICT lesson in the Prep Computer Lab with Mrs Dos Santos.
- A weekly 30 minute Music and Movement lesson with Mrs Mönning.
- A weekly 30 minute Penryn Preschool Marimba Session with Mrs Mönning.

**Please diarise: An important parent/teacher meeting will be held on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 at 17h30.** It is essential that parents attend this, as important information will be discussed regarding the school year. There will be supervised play in the playground should you need to bring your child along.

Please ensure you have a copy of the Penryn information booklet produced called the **ABC's for Preschool Parents, and the Preschool Discipline Policy** as this contains vital information for you and your child. Please can we ask that you take the time to read both and sign the pages required, ensuring that these are returned to school. This booklet will be emailed to you.

In order to orientate yourself for the term, please make sure that you take note of and that you receive or access copies of the following documents which will be emailed to you:

- Year Calendar (on Google)
- Weekly Newsletter to parents (if not, please contact [prepadmin@penryn.co.za](mailto:prepadmin@penryn.co.za)).
- ABC's for Preschool Parents Information Booklet.
- Preschool Discipline Policy.



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## **School Hours**

Mondays to Fridays: 07h30—13h00

Children may arrive at school from 07h00 as a staff member will be on duty. Please **do not drop your child off before 07h00** as there are no staff members on duty. Please consult the duty list on the gate to see whose class will be open early. Kindly note that all Grade R children must be at school before 07h30. Any children not fetched by 13h15 will be safely cared for by the Aftercare supervisor, for which a charge will be levied. There will be supervision in a class from 13h00 – 13h15.

Please can your child bring these items on his/her **first day of school**:

- One, size 1, **small** sports ball available from Mr Price.
- Library book bag (this can be purchased from the Uniform Shop and will be used from Grade R to Senior Primary).
- Penryn Canvas Homework Pouch (can be purchased from the Uniform shop).
- Letter of Permission Form (must have attached a copy of both sides of your Medical Aid card).
- POPI Permission form (for all new pupils).
- "I have read the ABCs booklet" form, signed (this can be found on the last page of the document).
- "I have read the Discipline Policy" form, signed (this can be found on the last page of the policy).

Please ensure that before coming to school each day a good, balanced breakfast has been eaten by your child. Lunches are provided at an additional cost, as of 2019. Should you wish to pack your child's own lunch, please ensure healthy choices are given. Please provide a healthy lunchbox which includes a fruit and yoghurt snack. No bottled or canned cooldrink, sweets or chips please.

In Grade R, the focus is very much on developing skills necessary for formal schooling (Grade 1) and particularly fine motor skills. Because of this, specialised equipment is required and the teachers have made up a pack consisting of all stationery requirements for the year. Many quotes have been considered and, we believe, the best prices obtained.

A once-off, fixed **school levy** will be added to your school account for 2019 and include the costs of the following: all consumables like tissues, roller towel, a facilities and a resource levy, the extra lessons as listed above and the compulsory stationery pack as detailed below.

<b>The Compulsory Stationery Pack for Grade R: (DO NOT BUY AS THIS IS PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL)</b>	
4	Glue Stick Henkel Gloy 40g
1	Bostik Wax Retractable pack of 14
2	Alcolin Cold Glue 125ml
2	Jumbo Beginner Tri Grip HB Foska Pencils
2	Whiteboard Marker Faber Castell Black
1	A5L Tracing Book 72pg
1	Heavy Duty Book Covers
1	Whiteboard Marker Faber Castell Blue
1	Whiteboard Marker Faber Castell Green
1	Whiteboard Marker Faber Castell Red
1	Whiteboard Marker Penflex Violet
1	THRASS – Learner's Phonics Workbook R
2	Number Sense Workbooks 00, 0
2	Tissue boxes (large)
1	Roller Towel pack (4)
1	2020 Calendar or other gift presented to the parents at the end of the year

We will also have an exciting and stimulating outing planned, on a bus and other "at school" events planned like a theatre or puppet show the cost of which is all included in the **outing levy**.

Other activities which are offered for Penryn Grade R scholars are the following: Tombie Tennis, Swimming lessons, Monkeynastix, Playball, ballet, Penryn Private Music Academy. Please consult the ABC booklet for contact details and costs of these. **Please note that due to the fullness of the Grade R day, these activities may not be done during the school day.** School finishes at 13h00, these will need to be arranged for after the day is completed.

**Please diarise these dates:**

<b>TERM DATES FOR 2019</b>		
TERM 1	16 January	29 March
TERM 2	24 April	21 June
TERM 3	16 July	20 September
TERM 4	08 October	05 December

**NOTE:** School closes at 11h00 for the Prep on the last day of each term.

**Reporting Structure:**

Penryn has an open door policy and should you have any questions or a matter to discuss, please first contact the class teacher. If you feel the matter has not been handled appropriately, contact Mrs Gina Eva, HOD: Preschool, followed by Mrs Sally Wakefield, Deputy Head: Junior Prep. After that the Head of Prep, Mr Graham Roberts.

We look forward to sharing in the joys of your child's journey at Penryn Preschool!

Kind Regards

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