

Piara Waters Primary School - The Arts 2021

The Arts consists of: Music, Drama and Dance (performing) and Visual and Media (visual). Every student will receive a report mark/comment for at least 1 Visual Arts and 1 Performing Arts in a given school year. Over the course of their time at the school, your child will have experienced all five Arts areas. Our three Specialist Art teachers are: Ms Gillian Archer (Music/Media), Miss Yoon (Visual Arts) and Mrs McCullen (Drama/Dance/Visual Arts). Classroom teachers will also (at times) teach a specific arts course. The Arts will also take a big part in celebrating special events from Harmony Day, NAIDOC and Book Week. All students will experience a variety of Arts offerings through various incursions and excursions.

VISUAL ARTS

Hello Piara Waters PS Families! My name is Michelle Yoon and I am teaching Junior Visual Arts this year. With a background in Early Childhood Education, I have taught Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 in previous years. I'm very excited to teach my favourite subject this year. We will be exploring and experimenting with the elements of art and integrating this into special occasions and themes throughout the 2021 year. We will also learn about and be inspired by many artists, including contemporary Australian artists and overseas artists. Please be aware! We will make messes! We will make mistakes! But we will make memories, learn from our mistakes, grow confidence and most importantly - have fun! We are located in Learning Block 4 wet area. I may also ask for recyclable items for donation at some points in the year so please keep an eye out. I cannot wait to see all the amazing and unique artwork that our creative students will produce. My email is michelle.yoon@education.wa.edu.au

DRAMA/DANCE/VISUAL ARTS

Most students in Years 2 - 6 will have me for Drama this year. I'm excited to continue the creative journey as we build confidence, collaborate, create original drama (improvising), work with scripts and become confident performers. Older classes will perform for younger classes through out the year which is a highlight for all students. The Drama Room has moved to Room 20. As this is a shared space we will be working to be mindful of other classes and respect the physical space. Students will not need to bring anything to Drama lessons - just a positive "Yes, Let's" attitude. Year 4 and 5 classes will also experience a semester of Dance, while I will be doing Visual Arts with Year 3 classes in Semester 2. An exciting, creative year ahead! Any questions? Please email me at irma.mccullen@education.wa.edu.au

MUSIC

Welcome to music, where we will sing, play games, learn dances, and perform with instruments. Learning music is quite similar to learning a language: we learn to speak (perform music), we connect the sounds to symbols (music literacy), and then learn the grammatical conventions of the language (composition). In the early years of music, students will learn how use their voice and move to the beat with expression, improvise with movement and voice, and discover the musics of different cultures from around the world, including Indigenous music. Once the students have developed these performance skills, they will become literate in music and learn to apply these concepts in creative ways. You might hear some African drumming coming from the music room, as we have plans to include it in the program this year. If you would like to contact me, my email is Gillian.archer@education.wa.edu.au

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