

# 2021 Class Information Foundation



Dear Parents,

The Foundation team would like to welcome you and your children to another school year.

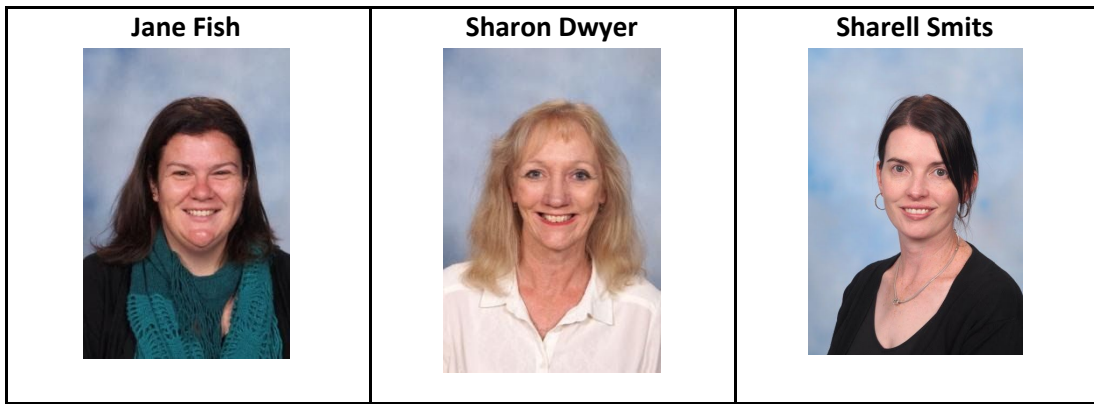
This document is intended to help families begin the school year feeling informed and connected to your child's classroom and grade level.

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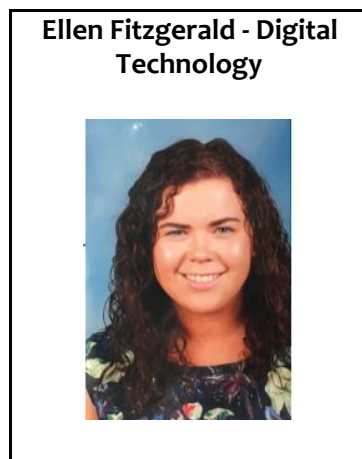
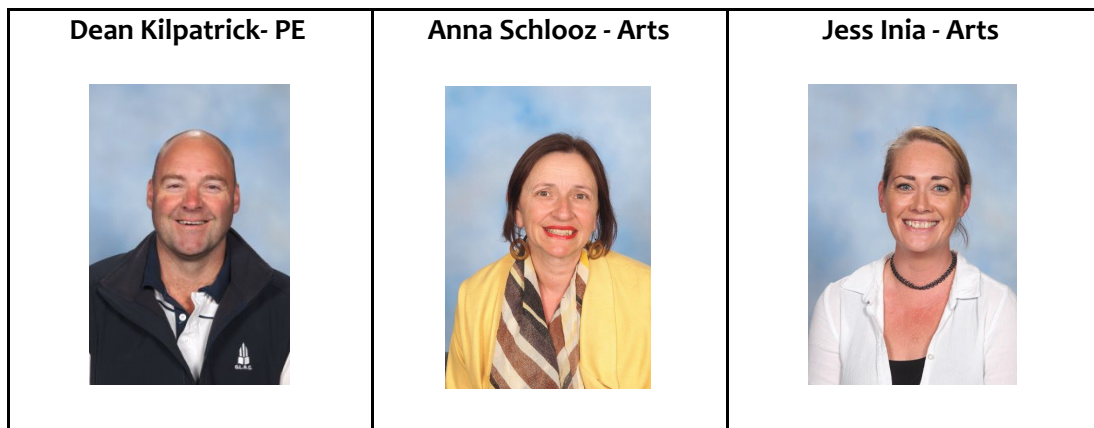
- Your teaching team
- Lines of communication
- Specialist and classroom timetables
- Curriculum outlines including the units of inquiry your child will be exposed to
- FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

Should parents still require clarification on any matter, OLHC has set aside time in term one week 3 for a parent/teacher meeting. Foundation Early steps will occur on Wednesday 10th February. Titled, Early Steps Conferences these informal gatherings will allow for face to face discussions about the class program and more importantly your child.

## Foundation teaching team



## Specialist teaching team



## Lines of communication

*Please feel free to come and speak to any of the Foundation team with any queries you may have, but be mindful that before school can be a challenging time for individual discussion as teachers prepare for the school day. Alternatively you can email us on the addresses listed below. We will endeavour to reply if deemed necessary but please be aware that during school hours it is difficult to check emails and reply.*

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## Specialist timetable

MONDAY	12.30 - 1.30 pm	2:30 - 3:25 pm
FSS	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	THE ARTS (Miss Inia)
FSD	THE ARTS (Miss Inia)	DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY
FJF	DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY	PHYSICAL EDUCATION

FRIDAY	12.30 - 1.30 pm
FSS	DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY
FSD	PHYSICAL EDUCATION
FJF	THE ARTS (Mrs Schlooz)

## Curriculum Information

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Unit of Inquiry <b><u>Safety First</u></b> An inquiry into experiencing different types of play using safety as a focus.	Unit of Inquiry <b><u>Where have we come from? Where are we going?</u></b> An inquiry into our history and developing a concept of time as present, past and future.	Unit of Inquiry <b><u>Feathers, Fur and Fin</u></b> An inquiry into the behaviours, characteristics and basic needs of living things.	Unit of Inquiry <b><u>Everyone has a story to tell.</u></b> An inquiry into storytelling and literature.

An overview of all subjects can be found on our school website –under the curriculum tab

[www.olhcwarrnambool.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olhcwarrnambool.catholic.edu.au)



## FAQ's

**The following section is dedicated to frequently asked questions (FAQ's). We trust this information will help you and your child begin the school year with confidence.**

### **Share folders (tartan pencil case)**

- These are to be taken home each night and returned in the morning. Any notes will be placed in these folders so it is handy for parents to check each night for any correspondence. Nightly readers and Reading Diary are to be kept in this folder.

### **Reading diary (yellow)**

- This is a journal of your child's nightly reading. Classroom helpers will endeavour to check diaries each morning and place the date and name of the book/sentence in the space provided. You will be required to write a small comment in the space provided and sign when completed each night.

### **Foundation reading**

- Foundation children will begin reading using their language experience book. This book has a sheet explaining what to do on the front page. They will then move onto readers that are colour coded with dots on the back cover.

### **Coloured Words**

- Children over the term will bring home a folder with coloured words. Children are to practice these each night and when they know them, they will be provided with the next colour. These words are to be kept in the children's share folder.

### **Dojo**

- This app will be a way for teachers to communicate messages and celebrate your child's learning. This will not be used as a form of two way communication.

### **News**

- Show and tell will commence in term 2. A timetable will be sent home, listing your child's day and topic for the week.

### **Naming Belongings**

- All belongings such as hats, clothing, drink bottles, lunch boxes, books and stationery need to be clearly labelled with your child's name.

### **Student rest day**

- All Foundation children will have a rest day each **Wednesday** throughout the whole of first term. You will be notified if this changes.

## **Assembly**

- Whole school assemblies are held at 2:30 in the hall selected Fridays. Assembly dates will be in the school newsletter. Foundation assemblies will be rostered later in the year (dates to be finalised).

## **Hats**

- Every student is required to wear a school hat for recess, lunch and when outside during terms 1 and 4. If students do not have a hat they must remain in the undercover area in the courtyard.

## **Newsletter:**

- Every Friday a newsletter will be sent via the skool bag app. We encourage you to read this weekly newsletter to keep up to date with recent happenings and upcoming events at OLHC.

## **Online assistance:**

- On our school website under the Curriculum Tab- Foundation are a range of websites under 'hotlists' that can assist your child in continuing their learning outside of school hours.

## **Parent Helpers:**

- All classrooms greatly welcome the assistance of parents in and out of the classroom. Classroom teachers will display a time tabled roster outside their classroom for parents to nominate their help on days that suit them. Before entering the classroom as a classroom helper there will be a 'Classroom Helpers Induction' that is required for parents to attend – you will be informed through the newsletter. It is also a requirement that you have a Working with Children's Check. All school visitors are required to sign in at the office every time they assist in the classroom.

## **Snacks:**

- Children are provided with 10 minutes eating time at the end of recess and lunch. As per school policy students are not allowed to share their food due to student food allergies.

## **Fruit:**

- Children also have the opportunity for two fruit breaks during the day at approximately 10am and 12:30pm. Students are encouraged to bring a small, easy to eat portion of fruit/vegetables to snack on during class time.

## **Important dates to remember**

### Term 1:

- Early steps conferences – *Wednesday 10th of February (Week 3)*
  - School Athletic Sports - *Sunday February 28th*
  - School photos- *Tuesday March 2nd*

### Term 2:

- OLHC Cross Country – *Monday May 10th*

### Term 3:

- Ballarat Wildlife Park- *TBC*