



Bienvenido a todas las familias/Welcome to all families,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome past and new families to Yeronga State School.

Me llamo Señora Andrea Bueno I am the Spanish Teacher for Prep to Year 3. This is my third year at Yeronga. I look forward in continuing to share our learning in future newsletters throughout the year to watch our students shine and support them in becoming global language learners.

The study of the Junior Spanish language program at YSS provides opportunities for children to become more accepting of diversity, more respectful of others and more aware of their place in our multicultural society.

In correspondence with the Australian Curriculum, the process of teaching and learning Spanish at YSS focuses on 'learn about', 'learn to' and 'I can' statements. For example, through a variety of student-centred activities such as games, rhymes, songs, iPad applications, dialogues and collaborative hands-on projects, children learn numbers to count, tell the time, say their ages, indicate how many floors a building has, etc. We have high expectations for all students and are supported and encouraged to learn so they can celebrate their learning during our school assemblies.

The aim of the P-3 *Spanish Language program* at YSS is to equip students with communication skills and transferable language learning strategies they can use during their junior primary school level and beyond their school journey in learning languages. At the same time, students will gain insights into the relationship between language and culture, leading to lifelong personal, educational and vocational benefits.

Yeronga will be entering their second year of trialling the ELLA F-2 program. The ELLA F-2 program will give students a great opportunity to expose them not just in learning a language but also cultural competence. ELLA is a digital, play-based program that includes a series of interactive applications (apps), aimed at making language learning engaging and interesting for children in early years of schooling. This year the focus will continue with year 1. Our Prep students will also have the opportunity to use the program once consent forms returned. Watch this space.

You can encourage your children independent skills to learn more Spanish by checking with them, the websites and apps enlisted. Click on the links.

[Spanish town](#) (level and topic-based website, ideal to revise vocabulary)

[Duolingo](#) (In case your children want to advance his/her knowledge at their own pace. You need to create an account)

[Duolingo \(Google play\)](#)

[Duolingo \(App store\)](#)

Now also available [Duolingo Kids](#) only on the App store for iPhones and iPads FREE app.

Video channels: [Happy Learning Spanish](#) and [Learning through music with Basho & friends](#)

Please do not hesitate to email me ( [abuen4@eq.edu.au](mailto:abuen4@eq.edu.au)) if you have any questions regards Spanish.

Muchas gracias Señora Andrea Bueno

Spanish version of our school creed.

