

14 March 2024

COMMUNITY LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

At Drummoyne Public School we are fortunate to have a Community Languages program offering both Greek and Italian languages. This program provides the opportunity for students to learn a new language as well as develop cultural awareness. Greek and Italian are taught through a variety of exciting strategies involving:

- conversation
- plays
- games
- written tasks
- songs and dances
- online activities
- myths and legends
- school incursions and excursions.

Current educational thinking is that exposure to a different language at an early age enhances reading and listening skills regardless of the language learned. Young children seem to find it easy to speak, read and write a different language to English. It is expected that children who are native speakers of a language, or those who have a family background in either of the languages offered will be placed in that language. "Background" in a language means parents and/or grandparents speak the language.

If your child has a sibling in the school already enrolled in a language, it is assumed they will be placed in the same language.

To ensure your child can take place in the Community Language Program, place a 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes below to indicate your choices. The *either language* box is there if you have no particular preference. Reasons for your choices will assist us in this placement. While every endeavour will be made to place your child in the language of your choice, it may be necessary to go to the second choice if the group size in one language becomes full. It is expected that there will be equal numbers in each language.

Your child will be notified of their language placement in Week 3 this year.

Sincerely,

Mrs Ashley Nouris, Ms Enza Currenti
& Mrs Chris Skontos,
Community Language Teachers

John Nguyen
Principal

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Community Language Placement 2024

I would like my child in class to be placed in (please put 1, 2, and 3 to indicate preferences).

- Either Language
- Greek
- Italian

Reason for choice:

- Parent and/or Grandparent speak the language
- Sibling already enrolled in chosen language
- No particular reason
- Other

Signature of Parent/Caregiver _____ **Date:** _____

Please return to the Administration Office as soon as possible, thank you!