

Meet the Teachers of PASCAL Private Primary School and Kindergarten, Larnaka

Ms. Denise Michael - Head Teacher

Dear parents/ guardians,

Since the beginning of 2017 when I was appointed as the Head Teacher of PASCAL Primary School and Kindergarten Larnaka, I envisioned the creation of a multicultural school community similar to the one I had been raised within, in Melbourne Australia;



that would serve as a safe haven for students who joined our family from any ethnicity or religious background. I envisioned a place of opportunities for growth, new experiences and self realization and I am proud to report that this has not only materialized but that our school is flourishing into an innovative, exciting and happy environment where our students are thriving in the healthiest of ways. The reasons for this success are, no doubt, wide and varied and include factors such as our secure curriculum framework, our thorough organizational procedures and policies and our wonderful facilities that allow for the provision of a multitude of opportunities for our students to grow within. But the one intrinsic factor that our success is attributed to, is our teaching personnel, who are the heart and soul of our school. With their academic credentials, dedication, care and professionalism they bring their expertise and unique personality into the experience of your children, helping them to learn and explore infinite numbers of subjects, emotions, thought processes and ethical questions.

Through their own role modelling behavior they allow your children to trust in the educational process and become life long lovers of learning and it is for this reason that I wished for you to read some important details about their academic biographies and allow you to share this pride for our school and its personnel with me.

Happy reading!



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Dr. Petros Kimitris– Assistant Head Teacher

Dear parents/ guardians,

I feel a sense of great pride to be the Assistant Head Teacher of PASCAL Primary School. Having been raised in Larnaka, Cyprus, and highly educated I wish to encourage the same interests in each of our students, to allow them to think about their actions, thoughtfully articulate their ideas, develop their critical thinking but also improve their spiritual, emotional and social skills. I am sure that these foundations will develop with love and warmth in the caring environment of PASCAL Primary School.

I studied History and Archaeology at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, where I qualified for my Bachelor's degree and then went on to do a Master's degree of Philosophy in Modern and Contemporary International and Greek History. Following that, I completed my Ph.D. course in the School of Education with a specialization in Curriculum and Instruction at the Saint Louis University, USA. Since 2008 I have been a History teacher at PASCAL Private English School in Larnaka and in 2015 I was promoted as a Head of Year. I also taught in the Adult Education Centres of the Ministry of Education and Culture and after completing my doctoral studies I have also given a number of lectures as an assistant-lecturer at UCLan University. Additionally, I have published numerous research articles dedicated to various aspects of education. By excelling in all aspects of education with a demonstrated experience of working in this field, I am confident that I can contribute significantly to the life of PASCAL Primary School and look forward to meeting you all.



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Mrs. Irene Pavlou- Reception Teacher



I was born and raised in South Africa and have Greek origins. I studied at the Johannesburg College of Education where I did a four year course in Early Childhood Education. I taught pre-grade at Saheti Nursery School for five years before moving to Cyprus with my family in 1997. I began teaching at The Falcon School in September of 1997 where I stayed for twenty years. I am now happily teaching Reception at PASCAL Primary School and feel privileged to be working with a supportive, hardworking team. Teaching children is very rewarding for me and I am always excited when I see how they learn and develop in all areas; socially, emotionally and academically. My main aim is to have a happy, loving environment where the children are confident to grow. I always say, a child who is happy at school will learn and develop.

Mrs. Jane Hubbard- Reception Assistant

Originally from the UK, I have lived with my family in Cyprus for thirteen years. I have been teaching in Early Years Education for approximately fifteen years, initially gaining an NVQ Level three in Child Care and Education whilst working in the UK and have continued studying here in Cyprus to gain CPD awards (Continued Professional Development) in 'Teaching Numeracy in Schools' and 'Advanced Phonics'. I am enthusiastic and passionate about providing stimulating educational opportunities to all children that captures their imagination, and inspires a life-long love of learning and discovery. It is a pleasure to be working at PASCAL in an environment of encouragement, support and a belief and love of all children.



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Mrs. Joanna Georgiou - Grade 1 Teacher



At the age of nine, my family migrated to Cyprus from the U.K and created a business in children's entertainment where I found myself deeply involved whilst also teaching a number of children of various ages through games. I studied Nursery and Early Years Education at Intercollege, Larnaka and thereafter worked in a private English Nursery in Larnaka for 10 years as well as doing private English lessons or providing homework help for students up to the age of 10. I also became a mother to two children of my own. Now at PASCAL Primary School, I hope that through my opportunity to work with children, that I can help them become better citizens, show and teach them important values, skills, knowledge and most importantly how to smile. I feel honoured and very privileged to work alongside such a supportive team full of enthusiasm, hard work and a shared goal which is our students.

Ms. Maria Porphiriou- Assistant Teacher Grade 1.

I was born and raised in Cyprus, to a bilingual family where English is my second language. I studied English Language and Literature at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and this year I have had the pleasure of joining the PASCAL Primary School team. Working with children is something I always wanted and it inspires me to be my best self. The friendly environment of the school and the fact that everyone works as a great team for the best interests of the children is what I regard as the best combination for a productive environment that will give the children the right foundations to continue to the next levels.



Mrs. Demetra Tsappa - Grade 1 Teacher

Hello everyone! I was born and raised in Cyprus and I studied in Crete, Greece where I obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Primary Teaching. After that, I moved to London and studied Management, Leadership and Change in Education for my Master's Degree.

When I completed my studies in London, I worked for five years as a primary teacher in English state schools. At the same time, I was working as a Greek teacher for the Greek community, teaching bilingual students. As a teacher, I have high expectations from the children and I always push them to achieve the maximum of their abilities. I am a very positive person and I always seek for opportunities to make my students thrive with perseverance and hard work.

I enjoy travelling and seeing the world and its beauties.



Mrs. Theano Ioannou– Grade 1 Assistant

I was born and raised in Australia to a Greek Cypriot family where my parents owned family-run bookshops in both Cyprus and Australia and therefore, I grew up surrounded by books. I learned the value of reading very early on but also the importance and privilege of being educated in the most prestigious, private schools. I have a double degree in Arts and Education and began my career in high school education, teaching Psychology at PASCAL English School. After having my own children, I have moved into primary education. I feel blessed and privileged to be part of a team of



like-minded professionals, who all share a passion for education and are constantly evolving and adapting their techniques as I do. Thank you for entrusting your precious children to our care.

Ms. Wendy Hudson - Grade 2 Teacher



I have been a Primary School teacher for 22 years following my Bachelor's Degree in Primary Education with Honours at the University of Greenwich, England. I taught for 12 years in an Infant School in North London before moving to Cyprus. I then developed and led the Early Years Department at the American Academy, Nicosia for 7 years. After returning to the UK in 2014, I taught in the Early Years and KS1 at a Primary School in Luton. Now I am happily back in Cyprus, where I am enjoying teaching in Grade 2 at PASCAL Primary School. The at-

mosphere, shared ethos and support within the team at PASCAL is incredibly positive which reflects in the children's enthusiasm and desire to learn. I love working with children and there can be no job more satisfying than having the privilege to be able to help ALL children to make steps in their education, providing them with the greatest opportunities to become independent and successful learners. Above all this however, there is nothing more rewarding than watching a child grow into a happy and confident individual and being a part of this amazing process.

Mrs. Tina Christoforou - Grade 2 Teaching Assistant & PSHE Mentor

I have been a Teaching Assistant for a number of years, having achieved the NCFE Level 3 Award in Supporting Teaching and Learning in School - UK (Ofqual). I have a background in supporting both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 primary classes in the U.K. and Cyprus, in both private and state schools. Additionally, I am an experienced EAL Mentor, providing literacy and oral communication support across all primary class year groups and supporting children through SEN (Special Educational Needs) intervention programmes.

At PASCAL Primary School, I am the PSHE Mentor (Personal, Social, Health & Economic Education) for Grade 2 through to Grade 6, covering a variety of topics such as friendships, behaviour, use of social media, sportsmanship and respecting different cultures through World Religion topics. I live in Cyprus with my husband and two children that thoroughly enjoy attending PASCAL. I am very passionate about working with children, supporting them through their learning journey and helping them to achieve their goals and aspirations.



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Mr. Charis Sergiou– Grade 2 Teacher



Hello everyone! I was born and raised in Cyprus and I graduated from the University of Western Macedonia (Florina, Greece) in 2012 where I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Primary Education. I continued my studies doing a Master's Degree at the University of Cyprus in Mathematics Education. I have also been working at various state school's All-Day Primary programmes since 2013. I enjoy studying and improving myself as a teacher, so I have now started a second Master's degree in Curriculum Programmes and Comparative Education (PhD candidate). I'm very lucky to be a member of the PASCAL team because of the team spirit, positive atmosphere and the amazing students that we have! I love teaching and the prospect of sculpting the citizens of tomorrow motivates me! I'm excited at joining Pascal's team and looking forward to a great school year!

Ms. Andrea Evangelou - Grade 3 Teacher

I was born in Larnaka into a bilingual family and completed my teaching degree in Thessaloniki where I continued with my Master's degree in Multicultural Education. Since my graduation I have been working in different public schools in Cyprus at the All Day School Programmes. I love working at PASCAL Primary School not only because of the amazing staff and environment, but mainly because it is a multicultural school where every day is an inspiring challenge!



Mrs. Natasa Evangelou - Grade 4 Teacher



I was born and raised in Larnaka into a bilingual family and went on to study Primary Education in Greece. I then continued with my Master's degree in Educational Leadership at Cyprus University. I have been a primary school teacher for 8 years and have worked in various public primary schools on the island at the All Day Afternoon Programmes.

I love working at PASCAL Primary School because of the motivation it offers me as the children are from all over the world giving it the true essence of a multicultural school, making every day both a challenge and an inspiration.

Ms. Andrea Hadjimatheou - Grade 5 Teacher

I studied primary school teaching at the University of Cyprus and I graduated in 2014. The following year I went on and did my Masters in TESOL (Teaching English to speakers of other Languages) at the University of Westminster in London. While I was studying in London I was also teaching Greek to English speaking children. I worked as a teaching assistant at Oroklini's public primary school for two years, where I also had my own groups of children who needed extra help either with their subjects or the language. At the same time I was helping children with special needs at Aradippou Public Nursery. I really enjoy working with children and I love teaching at PASCAL Primary School because it is a new school which provides a happy environment where everyone fits in. Everyone at the school does their best so that the students are happy and enthusiastic about their learning and can therefore improve both educationally and socially.



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Mrs. Joy Frangou - Grade 6 Teacher

I am a Cypriot-American, who has been living in Cyprus for the last 13 years and I have been teaching in primary classrooms for 17 years in New York and Cyprus. My love for teaching began from a young child and so, I followed my dreams to become a teacher and my experience as a teacher, a mentor and a Literacy and Assessment coordinator has helped me become more involved in the educational system. The most rewarding aspect of teaching is the love children develop over the year for reading and writing; the progress students make over only a few months is incredibly rewarding and knowing these children are our future, makes me feel responsible for their dedication and motivation for learning. At PASCAL Primary, it is clear that our team of teachers is dedicated to ensuring a safe and positive learning experience for all children. We collaborate to build consistent instructional strategies whilst maintaining individual teaching styles and instructional approaches to meet individual students' needs.



Mrs. Thekla Kafatari - Grade 6 Teacher

I have completed my Master's degree in Educational Leadership and School Improvement at the University of Manchester and I went on to complete my second degree in English Language and Literature at the University of Cyprus. For 9 years I've been working for the Ministry of Education in the public sector, and in addition, I am fortunate to be a member of the PASCAL Primary team where I can honestly say that I enjoy every aspect of my job. All members of the teaching team work with a lot of enthusiasm to provide an inspirational, fun and positive environment in which children will engage and love learning. This of course is evident in the smiling faces of our children every day.



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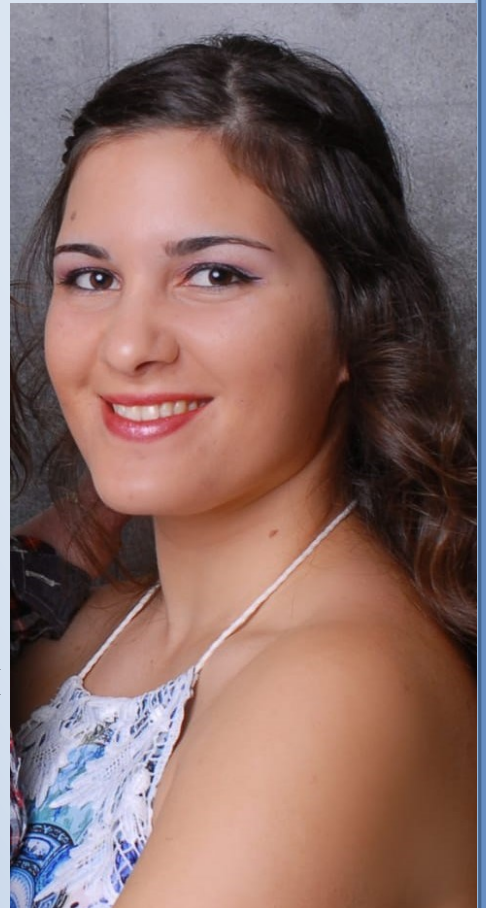
Mrs. Stavroula Ioakim - Greek Teacher



I have studied primary school teaching at the University of Thessaly in Greece and then continued with my Master's degree in Education for the Environment and Sustainable Development at Frederick University in Cyprus. While I was studying in Greece and Cyprus I was teaching at many public primary schools. At the same time I had my own groups of children who needed extra help with their homework. In my free time I really like to draw, read books and explore nature. I am honored to be part of PASCAL Primary School and I really enjoy every part of my job. Being a teacher is a profoundly challenging but rewarding job and I teach because I want to hand the gift of knowledge to others. As Malala Yousafzai said, "One book, one pen and one teacher can change the world."

Mrs. Maria Sergiou – Greek Teacher

I have studied Elementary Education at the University of Cyprus and I have done my Master's Degree in Special Education at the Open University of Cyprus. I have worked in many public elementary schools as a school support teacher, during Summer programmes and as a teacher in All Day schools and the DRA.S.E program. My hobby is painting and I love cooking! Now at PASCAL I feel very excited and it's a dream come true for me to work with children that I love.



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Ms. Despina Gregoriou– English Teacher

I graduated from the University of Liverpool where I got my degree in English Language and Literature in 2014. In 2015, I obtained my Master's degree in Teaching English as a Foreign Language. In October 2015, I started my teaching career at an English speaking college, where I taught the Foundation year. A year later, I decided that I wanted to change my career path and teach younger students. I took the opportunity to work at a Primary School in Larnaca, for three years as a Teaching Assistant and ESL teacher. Since 2015, I have also been working at an English Language Institute, teaching students from the age of 6 to 18. Having a mother who is an English teacher herself, taught me from a very young age how complicated teaching is and yet so rewarding. Teaching is not just a job for me, it is a huge part of my life which carries a load of responsibilities but it is all worth it when you realise how much you can change a child's life, especially when they want to give up and you help them to try a little more. I teach because I want to inspire my students and I am very passionate about helping them develop their self-esteem. I believe in the potential of every single student, a very important concept here at PASCAL Primary School.



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Mr. Minas Alexiou– Art Teacher

I was born and raised in Aradippou, the first of four siblings. From a very early age, I showed an interest in Art by drawing dinosaurs, my favourite subject! Having spent most of my childhood battling leukemia, I had a lot of time to practice my art skills in hospital. After recovering, I finished my schooling in Cyprus and went on to The University of Creative Arts in Canterbury, Kent, where I graduated earning a distinction in my Foundation Year and a degree in Fine Arts. During my studies I took on part time jobs to make ends meet, and to gain experience. So, I worked on the world's largest cruise ship, The Allure of the Seas, in Turku,

on historical buildings which The Reform decorative artist. Upon I worked part time re-rals in various church-worked as a part time private institutions, camps as an Art teach-I have taken part in grams and I am cur-the Erasmus program PASCAL English

What I love most ry School is working friendly environment spirit is one of the ist in PASCAL Primary ful for being a part of children is a learning experience in itself. Children express their thoughts and feelings through actions such as drawing and painting and I feel blessed that I can spend most of my day in their honest and innocent world reminding me that we as adults still hide a child within us.



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'Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up.' Pablo Picasso



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Mrs. Nasia Kyprianou – PE Teacher



I was born and raised in Nicosia and for the past 12 years I live in Larnaka. I studied Physical Education and Sports, and I specialize in swimming. I am also currently completing my Masters in Business Administration (MBA). In the past I worked as a swimming coach in Kyrenia Swimming Club in Nicosia for the Junior Team, I also worked for nine years as a PE Teacher in a private centre for people with special needs, and during that period I was volunteering as a coach of Gymnastics for the Cyprus Special Olympic Federation. I really enjoy working in PASCAL primary because it is well organized, strongly supportive, and encourages team work.

Working with small kids is also priceless. It is so wonderful to watch kids developing and improving their motor skills, team work and physical fitness.

Mr. Antonis Koudellis– PE Teacher



I started off as a graduate of PASCAL English School and I am extremely proud to be here now working as a teacher. At fifteen, and as a student of PASCAL English School I was recruited by Tottenham Development Football Academy and I studied at Wadham College in London. Thereafter, I went on to join Torquay United Football Club until I was seventeen. I returned to Cyprus where I studied Sports Science and Gymnastics at the University of Nicosia, qualified as a UAFA football coach, a swimming coach and earned my Lifeguard and First Aid Diploma. For the last five years I have been working full time for Elite Sporting Club coaching Swimming and coaching

for Olympiacos Football Academy. I love children and working with them is so enjoyable especially when you see their progress.



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Mrs. Maria Karonia - Greek Teacher

I hold a Bachelor's degree in Classical Studies and a Master's Degree (Hons) in Pedagogical Sciences specialising in Curriculum Development and Instruction within Cultural Dimensions of Education, completed at the Cyprus University. I also completed a Diploma from the University of Ioannina in Modern Greek Literature and Digital Technologies.

I have more than eleven years of experience as a teacher of philosophical subjects to students of 12-18 years old, as well as a teacher of Greek to children and adults in European programs and in private and government institutes. I participated in significant projects such as the V.I.C.T.I.M.S of the European Program and the evaluation of the Greek courses in public secondary schools in Cyprus. Additionally, I was the pilot phase of the PISA (Programme of International Student Assessment) and a Post Graduate staff member in the Department of Education at the University of Cyprus. Before joining PASCAL Primary School as a Greek teacher in September 2017, I spent almost five years as a teacher of Greek language at American Academy Institute in Larnaka.



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PASCAL Primary School is well organised, where we are encouraged to use effective and efficient methods of teaching whilst focusing on the individual needs of each student. I love teaching my students and enjoy the environment that is supportive and friendly.



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Mrs. Atys Larkou– Music Teacher

My name is Athanasia Larkou but my artistic name is Atys and I am a world music singer, vocal teacher and choir director. I also studied classical violin.

I was born in Famagusta, Cyprus, to parents who were both singers, so I grew up with music in my ears throughout my childhood. After I finished with distinction my Classical Music and Violin studies at the Eastern Mediterranean University Cyprus, (2000 to 2006), I moved to France for Experimental Music studies at the Conservatoire Béziers Méditerranée.



In France where I lived for ten years, I participated in Gypsy and jazz bands and I later established *Atys Duo* with voice and piano, singing in more than sixteen different languages (French, English, Russian, Spanish, Serbian, Romanian, Bulgarian, Turkish, Greek, Roma, Hungarian, Portuguese, Galician etc.).

In 2014 I returned to *Cyprus* collaborating with my husband Larkos Larkou (composer and performer) in Kyprogenia and Vassilis Michailides on music poetry projects. I now present Gypsy- world, French and tango programmes. Over the years I created my own vocal group and did many successful shows and at the same time I became the director of the

Kiti Municipal Choir.

By teaching, I discovered that I am learning more than I could ever imagine! I learn every single day of my life by teaching. Music is my life! Like water, it is keeping me happy and strong. I love giving everything I know and I love seeing the great results coming from my students. It is just an amazing feeling! It is priceless!



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