As first term has sailed by the Preps have been very busy. They have had a visit from Sammy the Western Water Snake, started Buddies and PMP. In the coming few weeks they will also have a visit from Farmer Ryan the Rugby Coach.

**Upcoming events**

**School Nurse Visits**  
Tuesday March 12th & Thursday March 14th

**Farmer Ryan Visits**  
Thursday March 7th, 14th and 21st.

**Labour Day**  
Monday 11th March

**School Photos**  
Friday 15th March

**Curriculum Day**  
Tuesday 19th March

**Last Day of Term 1**  
Thursday 28th March – (2.30pm dismissal)

**Writing**  
The preps have started using their handwriting books. These books are used to introduce the formation of both capitals and lower case letters. The students are also tracing and copying sentences as written by the teacher.

**Reading**  
The preps have started their home reading. It has been fantastic to see the readers return every day. The preps really enjoy sharing what they have read about the next day.

**Reading Parents Wanted**  
Can you spare an hour a day to help with reading? If you would like to help out with reading or in the classroom please feel free to let Liz or Rebecca know.

**Maths**  
During term 1, the preps will focus on counting to 10, making 10 using different materials and looking at 2D shapes in and around the classroom and the outside world. The students will also make graphs using their birthday’s, shoes and M&M’s. They will learn about position words and how to use these in their language.

**Buddies**  
The preps have all been given a Grade 6 Buddy. The buddies program has been operating at Sunbury Heights Primary School for many years and it allows each of the grade prep students to have a grade 6 companion to show them around, help them in the yard and generally support them. Each Wednesday afternoon this year the grade preps and buddies will get together and have some fun working with computers, singing and dancing, creating craft items and learning about how to stay healthy and safe.

**Home learning:**  
The Preps will take home a sound folder every week. This sound folder will be taken home on Monday’s and must be returned by Thursday so class poster can be made from the pictures that students collect.

**Emails**  
Miss Danaher and Mrs Hill have school emails that can be used to email absence notes and ask questions. Please use these only as required.

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