



Prep Newsletter



Term One 2018

Welcome to Prep. It has been a fantastic start to the year, with our preps giving everything their best from day one. We would like to thank families too, for their support in helping their child or children to enter the class independently and unpack. Please remember that we are always available for a quick chat after school and if you have any concerns that may need a little longer, we are happy to book a time to sit and chat.

Please check your child has brought in their school hat, art smock, library bag and Home Reading and Communication pouch.

Literacy

In Reading this term, we are introducing letter sounds through our Little Learners Love Literacy programme. Each time a new sound is introduced, you will find information on the sound in the Home Reading and Communication pouch.

Golden words will be learned at school and are encouraged to be learned at home. Please cut these up and learn in random order for a few minutes each day.

We have started writing and are working on pencil grip and letter formation.

Numeracy

This term in Maths we will be doing lots of work on numbers to twenty.

We will also look at shapes, patterns, position (such as in front, behind and beside) and begin answering Yes/No questions about collections of data.

Inquiry

We are studying Marvellous Me. This unit will help our preps think about themselves, their class, buddy and school house. It will also allow us to introduce the School Wide Positive Behaviours of KINDNESS, RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY.

Specialist Classes

Science

In Science this term the preps will be learning about living things and what they need to survive. There will be a particular focus on what pets, as well as humans need to 'stay alive.' The students will also learn more about the 5 senses: taste, smell, sight, touch and sound.

There will be lots of hands on activities to explore these concepts and the prep students will begin to participate in experiments.

Art

The Preps have begun the year creating artwork based on nursery rhymes. Short video clips, actions and discussions based on the content of the nursery rhymes support their learning. Students will learn how to use equipment safely as they engage in cutting, pasting and painting activities.

P.E

Throughout term 1, students will learn how to throw and catch a variety of objects. They will begin to make a chest pass as well as catch an object using two hands. Every Tuesday students will participate in the 'House Spirit' sports program where they will rotate through a wide range of activities aimed to improve their gross motor skills. On this day only, students who wish too, can wear their house top.

Italian

Signora Maria has started weekly Italian lessons with our preps. They have already met Pinocchio the puppet. It will be great to see them develop confidence in speaking a new language.

Music

Once a fortnight our preps will have Music lessons. Mel Brand will work alongside the classroom teacher. Children will learn elements of music as well as sing, dance and create.

General

Fruit Break

At 10am each day, we are having a small piece of fruit or vege. As we continue our learning during this time, we ask that the snack at this time is small and manageable but not sticky or drippy! ☺

Hats

Hats are compulsory for Terms 1 and 4, so this is just a reminder to make sure that your child has a navy blue hat that is clearly labelled. This remains at school for the whole term. If they do not have one, they will be restricted to designated shade areas during recess and lunch.

10 to 9 is arrival time

While most families arrive on time in the morning, we still have some families that may be unsure of when the school day actually begins. '10 to 9 is arrival time' is our slogan to ensure students are at school, and ready to learn.

Important Dates for Term One

Below are some important dates for your family to know for this term:

Wed 21 Feb - Prep BBQ

Tue 27 Feb - Western Water Incursion

Fri 9 March - Curriculum Day (NO SCHOOL)

Mon 12 Mar - Labour Day (NO SCHOOL)

Thur 29 Mar - End of term 2:30 finish

Thank you for all your support so far, we can't wait to continue learning with your children.

The Prep Team

