



Prep Newsletter



Term Four - October 2017

Welcome back everyone to Term Four - how far your children have come since they started Prep! This term, students will become wildlife explorers as part of our 'Animals and Habitats' unit of learning. Our trip to the Royal Melbourne Zoo will enable students to apply their learning in a real life setting, as they look for clues and search for different animals.

Literacy

This term, the Prep students will continue to learn the sounds that make up words. This will enhance their spelling, reading and writing. Children are also learning the Most Used Words, through games and small group activities. They will also be practicing using different types of texts, including fact reports and narratives.

Numeracy

Prep students will continue to build their skills in Numeracy in Term 4. They will be using a variety of 'hands on' materials to practice their skills in Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. Students will explore 3D shapes in the world around them, and everyday situations where we use capacity, such as recipes and cooking.

Specialist Classes

Science

In term 4, the Prep students will be exploring how things move in Science. There will be lots of hand on activities to explore the movement of many different items, including the body and students will learn how to make scientific predictions about their experiments.

Key vocabulary to learn for term 4 science: push, pull, predict, diagram

Art

This term the Prep students will learn about colour mixing. They will also make artwork related to health and safety in the community.

Italian

Students in Prep and Grade 6 will be involved in Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing activities associated with the unit 'My Family, My School'. They will be learning vocabulary related to family members and school items.

P.E

During Term 4 in PE, students will be partaking in *Jump Rope for Heart*, a fundraising and physical activity program based around skipping. Students will improve strength, gain confidence, build stamina and extend their physical abilities in various activities. The fundraising aspect also teaches them to be community minded and compassionate.

Promoting Independence

The prep year is coming to an end, and every day we are encouraging your child to be independent, so they are ready for *Grade One*. When students arrive at school each morning, they need to say goodbye to parents/carers **OUTSIDE**, enter the classroom by themselves, so they can unpack their own bags and belongings. This independence is crucial and we appreciate your support with this.

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.

Hats

Hats are compulsory for Terms 1 and 4, so this is just a reminder to make sure that your child has a blue wide brimmed 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.

Water Bottles

As the weather begins to warm up, students are reminded to make sure they have a water bottle each day.

Important Dates for Term Four

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

17/10/17 - Life Skills Program (consecutive Tuesdays)

10/11/17 - School Fete

15/11/17 - Prep Zoo Excursion (Cost: \$30)

12/12/17 - Whole School Transition Day

15/12/17 - Cushion Concert (Whole School Concert)

We will be sending home more information about the Cushion Concert closer to the date.

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



The Prep Team