

PREP NEWSLETTER



~ Term 2, 2018 ~

Dear Parents/Guardians,

WOW! Term 1 has finished already and we are straight into Term 2. We hope you all had a restful and exciting holiday. It has been fantastic hearing all the holiday adventures from the students. It sounds like you all had lots of fun.

Also a big thank you for all your support for our school carnival, which raised approximately \$19,500.

TERM 2 EXPECTATIONS

This term it is expected that students should be able to:

- Pack their own bags
- Change their take home book independently
- Practise their M100W words each night
- Tie their own shoelaces (or velcro) and put on or take off their jumper independently

We are working towards helping students manage their time and possessions responsibly so that they can increase their independence.

DROP OFF TIMES

At Bellbridge Primary School, children are expected to enter the classroom at **8:20am**. This allows them time to unpack their bags, read to a buddy, change their take home books, place lunch orders in the lunch order crate and hand money, notes and messages to the teachers for them to process.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

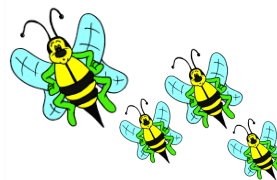
During Terms 2 and 3, students are not required to wear a hat when they go outside to play. They do however need to be in full school uniform at all times. PLEASE ENSURE ALL CLOTHING IS LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

FRUIT BREAKS

Please remember that we have fruit and vegetable breaks in the classroom at 12:00pm daily. This allows children to have a much needed healthy energy boost during their day and also links in with our Healthy Bodies inquiry unit that we will be focusing on this term. Please pack some fruit or vegetables in their lunch box each day.

ABSENCES- IT IS NOT OKAY FOR STUDENTS TO BE AWAY!

If your child is sick or unforeseen circumstances prevent them from coming to school, please phone the school office in the morning (9749 6161) or enter the absence through the online Compass portal. Can you please also provide a written note to the teacher explaining the reason for the absence, on your child's return to school.



INVESTIGATIONS & INQUIRY UNIT

This term the Preps will be exploring topics to do with keeping their body's healthy, such as how our body works, growth and development, healthy foods, exercise, emotions and personal hygiene. Feel free to explore these topics at home as well.

MATHEMATICS FOCUS

During Term 2, Prep students will focus on the following areas of the Mathematics curriculum:

- Reading, modelling, ordering and counting numbers to 10
- Adding and subtracting to 10 using materials
- Using ordinal numbers (1st to 5th)
- Measuring and comparing length, height, weight and capacity
- Understanding location, position and movement

ENGLISH FOCUS

During Term 2, Prep students will focus on the following areas of the English curriculum:

- Predicting and using prior knowledge when reading
- Reading strategies
- Questioning during reading
- Summarising a variety of texts
- Exploring procedural texts
- Writing recounts
- Learning about basic rhyming words
- Focusing on consistently using text features such as full stops, finger spaces and using correct letter/sound relationships
- Being respectful listeners and sharing their ideas with the group in an appropriate manner

AUSLAN FOCUS

Children will participate in a 30 minute Auslan session each week. During the term, students will be taught to sign shapes, food, weather, clothing, sport and hobbies. The Auslan puppets are frequent visitors during Auslan sessions. They are a fun way to engage children and assist with learning sign. If you are interested in learning more about Auslan, please visit the Australian Sign Language website www.auslan.org.au.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN TERM 2

On Fridays we will continue to end our week with a whole school assembly in the gym. Students also attend P.E, Art, Performing Arts and Library this term. On the day that your child has P.E, please ensure they wear runners. During library sessions, they will have the opportunity to borrow and return books.

In May, the prep grades will be hosting a Mother's Day afternoon. Mums or a special female guest will be invited to take part in this special event with the students. **MORE INFORMATION TO COME!**

We are looking forward to the term ahead.

Regards,

Ms Hardwick, Miss Parker, Mrs Chang, Miss Ashcroft and Miss Ciappara.