

PREP NEWSLETTER

~ Term 3, 2018 ~

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Congratulations to all students for working very hard throughout the first half of the year. They have achieved amazing results and excellent mid-year reports. A HUGE thank-you to all parents who have been working hard at home with their children. We appreciate all of your efforts. We can't wait to see what students achieve in the next 6 months.

IMPORTANT DATES:

100 Days of School - Thursday 2nd August
P-2 Athletics - Thursday 16th August
Crazy Hair Day - Friday 17th August
Science Week - Monday 13th August to Friday 17th August
Buddies Week - Monday 20th August to Friday 24th August
Book Week - Monday 20th August to Friday 24th August
Responsible Pet Ownership - Wednesday 22nd August
Father's Day Stall - Thursday 30th August
Urban Upcycle Incursion - Thursday 6th September
End of Term 3 - Friday 21st September



ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

- Every Day Counts

If your child is going to be absent from school, please ring the school in the morning to inform us and on your child's return please provide a written explanation of the absence to the classroom teacher.

It is also really important that students arrive at school at 8:20am so that they can read with their Grade 6 buddy.

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

On Thursday 2nd August, all Prep students will celebrate 100 days at school. Students are encouraged to dress up. They can come as a number, bring a number of objects or come as something to do with the number 100.

We will be having a parade in the morning and a special party lunch. A note will be sent home asking your child to bring a small plate of food.



ACTIVE TRAVEL PROGRAM

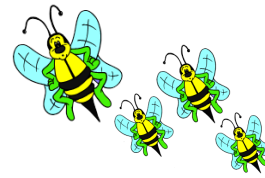
Every Wednesday is 'Wheel and Walk Wednesday', where we encourage students to walk or ride a bike, scooter, or skateboard to school. For those who live too far from school, we ask that parents park a short distance away from the school grounds and include a short walk for the rest of the way. We will be collecting weekly data on our hands-up counts, and acknowledging our successes at weekly assemblies.

AUSLAN (Sign Language)

Children will participate in a 30 minute session of Auslan every week during Term 3. We will be learning to sign animals, jobs, numbers, family and sports. Through using role play, song, storytelling and expression, the children will sign jungle and ocean animals. When signing, we will continue to discuss the importance of handshape, orientation, movement, location and expression.

FIRST AID INCURSION

After our first aid in schools incursion, it was recommended that parents teach their children how to make a 000 phone call in case of an emergency. This includes making sure your child knows their address.



INQUIRY & INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

Our Inquiry unit this term will focus on toys. We will specifically look at different types of toys, the various materials that they are made of and how toys move. To explore this topic we will be having an incursion on Thursday 6th September from 'Urban Upcycle'. This incursion will be a recycled craft experience, where students can choose from up to 60 different craft items to make their own toy creation.



Prep students will also be constructing toys of their own in the classroom, so if you have any recyclable or construction materials at home that you are willing to donate to classrooms please see your teacher.

MATHEMATICS FOCUS

During Term 3, Prep students will focus on the following areas of the Mathematics curriculum:

- Reading, modelling, ordering and counting numbers to 20
- Adding and subtracting to 20 using materials
- Using ordinal numbers (1st to 10th)
- Sharing items evenly
- Exploring two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional objects
- Measure and compare length, height, weight and capacity
- Understanding and exploring chance and data
- Discussing 'time', including days of the week and times of the day

ENGLISH FOCUS

During Term 3, Prep students will focus on the following areas of the English curriculum:

- The difference between fiction and non-fiction texts
- Predicting and using prior knowledge when reading
- Questioning during reading
- Summarising a variety of texts
- Reading and writing expositions
- Writing recounts and reports
- Learning about basic rhyming words, nouns, verbs and adjectives
- Focusing on consistently using text features such as full stops, capital letters, finger spaces and using correct letter/sound relationships
- Being respectful listeners and sharing their ideas with the group in an appropriate manner

We are excited to begin this term with you all.

Regards,

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

