

PREP NEWSLETTER

~ Term 4, 2018 ~



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Term 4! We can't believe how quickly the year has gone. We are looking forward to a busy last term in Prep.

INQUIRY & INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

Our Inquiry unit this term will focus on looking at living things and what they need in order to survive, and the lifecycles of living things. We will explore how and why natural factors (change in weather) and human activities affect our lives, as well as discovering ways we can change our behaviours at home and school to help care for our environment.

As part of our Inquiry unit we will be going on a day excursion to the Werribee Zoo on **Thursday 8th November**. Payment for this excursion will be \$25.80 and is due by the 28th October. This payment can be made through Compass or the correct cash amount to the office.



TRANSITION

Transition sessions to help prepare students for Grade 1 will be held this term on the following dates:

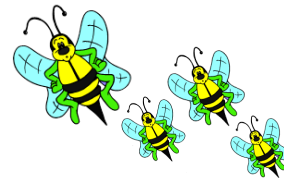
1 st Session	Thursday 22 nd November
2 nd Session	Thursday 29 th November
3 rd Session	Thursday 6 th December
4 th Session	Tuesday 11 th December

Kindergarten students who are enrolled at Bellbridge Primary School for 2019 will be attending these sessions. 2018 Preps will visit Grade 1 rooms to experience what life will be like next year.

MATHEMATICS FOCUS

During Term 4, Prep students will focus on the following areas of the Mathematics curriculum:

- Reading, modelling, ordering and counting numbers to 20 and beyond
- Adding and subtracting to 20 (and beyond)
- Using ordinal numbers (1st to 10th)
- Sharing items evenly
- Exploring two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional objects
- Collecting and sorting data
- Describing position and movement



ENGLISH FOCUS

During Term 4, Prep students will focus on the following areas of the English curriculum:

- The difference between fiction and non-fiction texts
- Summarising a variety of texts
- Making connections to texts
- Reading and writing narratives
- Writing recounts
- Learning about basic rhyming words
- 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

AUSLAN (Sign Language)

During Term 4, children will learn transport signs, home and cooking signs, and will learn to sign numbers from 11-100. The Auslan puppets are particularly effective in engaging and motivating the children to sign new topics. Songs are also a fun way to learn Auslan and towards the end of the term, children will learn to sign several Christmas songs.

NO HAT NO PLAY

Term 4 is a SunSmart term. All students are required to wear a navy blue SunSmart hat. Please ensure all hats as well as other clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

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.

We look forward to a fun filled last term with you all.

Regards,

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

