

# PREP NEWSLETTER

~ Term 3, 2015 ~



Dear Parents/Guardians

Congratulations to all students for working very hard throughout the first half of the year. You 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.

## INQUIRY 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 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August called 'Toys Over Time'. This incursion will encourage students to see, touch and play with toys from a range of eras, learn interesting facts about different toys and how they move and create new games.

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

## 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

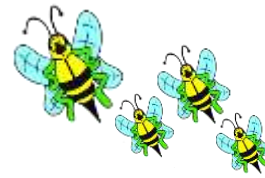
On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of July, all Prep students will celebrate 100 days at school. Students are encouraged to dress up. They can come as a number, bring a number of objects or come as something to do with the number 100.

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

## 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 (1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>)
- 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, clocks 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

## INVESTIGATIONS

In Prep, students participate in sessions called Investigations. These are play based learning sessions that encourage children's natural desire to engage in experiences based on their interests, strengths and developing skills. When children initiate play, they are more motivated to learn and develop positive attitudes towards learning and then produce more valuable pieces of work.

## ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

### **- It's not OK to be Away!**

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 you arrive at school at 8:20am so that your child can read to their grade six buddy.

We are excited to begin this term with you all.

Regards,

Michelle Lamont, Trish Di Natale, Susan Andrews, Alanah Smith, Samantha Dean and Vanessa Ciappara

