

GRADE PREP NEWSLETTER

~ Term 1 2021 ~

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Prep for 2021. We are very excited to begin the year and have lots of fun things planned. Please do not hesitate to ask us any questions, you can email your child's teacher through Compass. We're really excited to meet you.

KEY DATES

Tue 9/2 - Safer Internet Day

Mon 15/2-Tue 16/2 - Parent-Teacher Meetings (PSD-funded SSGs this week also) for grades 1-6

Mon 8/3 - LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY (No school)

Fri 19/3 - National Ride 2 School Day

Thurs 1/4 - Free Dress Day & Last day of term (1:40 dismissal)

Wednesday testing time - Please ensure you know your child's date and time for their 1 hour testing time slot. They will receive a note on the first day of school. This testing time slot will also include your meet and greet with the class teacher.

**Keep up to date with key dates by looking at the front page of the monthly school newsletter, and referring to our school website's calendar.*

ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

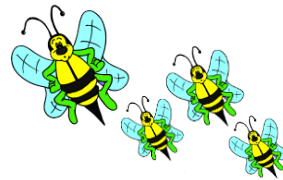
Parent attendance at school assemblies was not able to continue for most of last year, and we will need to continue in this way until further notice.

Assemblies will be held for staff and students using Microsoft Teams video meetings or the gym according to health advice - at approx. 1:50pm on the following Fridays, except the last day of term - as communicated closer to the date.

| Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | Week 5 | Week 6 | Week 7 | Week 8 | Week 9 | Week 10 |
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| 29/1 | 5/2 | 12/2 | 19/2 | 26/2 | 5/3 | 12/3 | 19/3 | 26/3 | 1/4 |
| No assembly | 3-6 | P-2 | 3-6 | P-2 | 3-6 | P-2 | 3-6 | P-2 | P-6 (Thurs) |

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Respectful Relationships is an initiative to support schools and early childhood education settings promote and model respect and equality. It also supports educators to teach our children how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence.



There are 8 topics addressed every year from P-6. This term, the Grade Prep students will engage in lessons from the underlined topic/s below:

1. Emotional Literacy
2. Personal Strengths
3. Positive Coping
4. Problem-Solving
5. Stress Management
6. Help-seeking
7. Gender and Identity
8. Positive gender relations

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Students are required to be in full school uniform. We are a sun smart school. Please ensure your child has a **navy blue bucket or broad brim hat**. It is also important that **ALL CLOTHING IS LABELLED** with your child's name. NO HAT NO PLAY in Term 1 and 4.

FRUIT BREAKS

We have fruit breaks in the classroom at 12:00pm daily. It allows children to have a much needed healthy energy boost during their day. Please pack a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable for their lunch box each day.

SPECIALIST TEACHERS

Students attend the following specialists each week - Performing Arts, Physical Education, AUSLAN and Art. On the day that your child has PE, please ensure they wear runners.

TERM 1 INQUIRY UNIT: INTRO TO SCHOOL

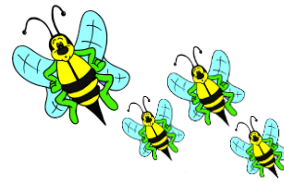
In Prep, students participate in sessions called Investigations. These are play based learning sessions that encourage children's natural desire to engage in experiences based on their interests, strengths and developing skills. When children initiate play, they are more motivated to learn and develop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

ABSENCES - EVERY DAY COUNTS!

If your child is sick or unforeseen circumstances prevent them from coming to school, please record the absence on Compass or phone the school office in the morning, or provide a written note to the teacher on their return to school, to explain the absence.

ENGLISH IN TERM 1

Our focus for Term 1 reading is learning to love reading, letter knowledge and concepts of print. In writing, we will be focusing on fine motor skills and word building. In speaking and listening, we will be focusing on oral language skills.



MATHEMATICS IN TERM 1

Our focus in mathematics is position and location, shape, patterns and sorting, and number.

Regards,

Ella Gibson, Rebecca Parker, Janelle Bowen, Molly Ashcroft and Tayla Muscat