

# GRADE PREP NEWSLETTER

~ Term 2 2019 ~

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. A big thank you for all your support during our school carnival last term, we raised approximately \$22,500.

## KEY DATES

Tue 23/4 - First day of Term 2 (the day after Easter Monday)  
Thu 25/4 - ANZAC Day (No school)  
Tue 7/5 & Wed 8/5 - SCHOOL PHOTOS (schedule to be provided)  
Thu 9/5 - Mother's Day Stall  
Fri 17/5 - Walk Safely to School Day  
Mon 3/6 - CURRICULUM DAY (No school for students)  
Mon 10/6 - QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY (No school)  
Fri 28/6 - Last day of Term 2 (1:40 dismissal)

## ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies will be held in the school gym at 1:50pm sharp on the following Fridays, except the last day of term being earlier:

Prep-Grade 2 - 3/5, 10/5 (whole school), 24/5, 7/6, 21/6, 28/6 (1:10pm whole school)  
Grades 3-6 - 26/4, 10/5 (whole school), 17/5, 31/5, 14/6, 28/6 (1:10pm whole school)

## 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

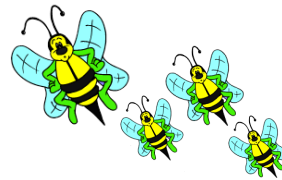
We are working towards helping students manage their time and possessions responsibly so that they can increase their independence.

## 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 and Minds inquiry unit that we will be focusing on this term. Please pack some fruit or vegetables in their lunch box each day.

### INVESTIGATIONS & INQUIRY UNIT

This term the Preps will be exploring topics to do with keeping their body and mind 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 using materials
- Using ordinal numbers (1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Measuring and comparing length, height, weight and capacity

### ENGLISH FOCUS

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

- Predicting and using prior knowledge when reading
- Concepts of print
- Reading strategies
- Summarising a variety of texts
- Exploring procedural texts
- Writing recounts
- Learning about basic rhyming words

### MOTHER'S DAY

In May, the Prep grades will be hosting a Mother's Day activity in classrooms. Mums or a special female guest will be invited to take part in this special event with the students. **More information to come soon!**

### SCHOOL NURSE VISIT - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June

The Primary School Nursing Program (PSNP) is a free service offered to all children attending primary schools and English Language Centre schools in Victoria. Primary school nurses visit schools throughout the year to provide children with:

- the opportunity to have a health assessment
- information and advice about healthy behaviours and
- link children and families to community-based health and wellbeing services.

The PSNP is designed to identify children with potential health-related learning difficulties and to respond to parent/carer concerns and observations about their child's health and wellbeing as per the forms sent home at the beginning of the school year.

We are looking forward to the term ahead.

Regards,

Miss Gibson, Miss Parker, Mrs Chang, Miss Ashcroft and Miss Guest.