

GRADE PREP NEWSLETTER

~ Term 2 2021 ~

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.

KEY DATES

5th May - First Aid in Schools

10th May - Curriculum Day

25th May - Math Night

3rd and 4th June - School Photos

14th June - Queen's Birthday

21st - 23rd June - Parent Teacher Conferences

25th June - Last Day of Term

**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*

ASSEMBLIES

Parent attendance at school assemblies is still not possible until further notice.

Assemblies will be held for staff and students at approx. 1:50pm on the following Fridays, except the last day of term (1:10pm start).

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
23/4	30/4	7/5	14/5	21/5	28/5	4/6	11/6	18/6	25/6
3-6	P-2	3-6	P-2	3-6	P-2	3-6	P-2	3-6	P-6

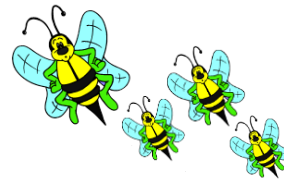
DROP OFF TIMES

We will continue to have the same morning arrangements in place where parents may walk children to their classroom door, if they wish, ensuring there are no parents/carers on-site after the 8:30 bell. Children are expected to enter the classroom by **8:20am**. This allows them time to unpack their bags, read to a buddy, change their take home books, and hand notes and messages to the teachers for them to process.

PICK UP TIMES

Arrangements for Prep students will be as follows starting in Term 2:

- Prep students will be dismissed on the 2:40pm bell at the same time as the rest of the school.
- For the first two weeks of Term 2, prep parents may enter the schools grounds in time for the 2:40 bell in order to meet the prep students as they are dismissed from class. During this time,



parents of prep children can practise meeting their children outside the school grounds, or having older siblings walk out together with them.

• From Week 3, all parents (including prep parents/carers) will be asked to remain outside the school grounds at dismissal time.

TERM 2 EXPECTATIONS

We are working towards helping students manage their time and possessions responsibly so that they can increase their independence. This term it is expected that students should be able to **independently**:

- Pack their own bags
- Change their take home book
- Practise their M100W words each night
- Tie their own shoelaces (or velcro)
- Take their jumper on and off

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.

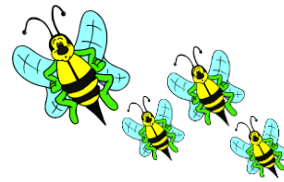
INVESTIGATIONS AND INQUIRY UNIT IN TERM 2

During Term 2, Prep students will focus on the following:

- The Resilience Project (see below)
- Investigations - learning through playing and building on social skills
- Me, Myself and I - learning about where we belong, our families and people that help us in the community

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT

The Resilience Project is a means of promoting positive mental health through practising gratitude, empathy, resilience and emotional literacy. P-6 classes engage in weekly lessons, which involve students completing an associated journal activity. The Resilience Project lessons align with the Victorian Curriculum and address aspects of: Personal and Social Capabilities and Health and Physical Education learning areas. If you'd like to see how to support this program at home, visit: <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/at-home/>.



MATHEMATICS IN TERM 2

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

- Length
- Ordering
- Ordinal number
- Reading, writing, making and ordering numbers 6 - 10
- Partitioning (part-part-whole of numbers for example 6 is: 3 and 3. 4 and 2, 5 and 1)

ENGLISH IN TERM 2

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

- Concepts of print
- Reading strategies
- Retelling stories
- Fine motor crafts and activities
- Writing about shared experiences
- Phonics

We are looking forward to the term ahead.

Regards,

Mrs Tronson, Miss Parker, Ms Bowen, Miss Ashcroft and Miss Muscat.