

# GRADE PREP NEWSLETTER

~ Term 4 2019 ~

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.

## KEY DATES

Mon 7/10 - Term 4 begins

Wed 30/10 - Wheel and walk-a-thon

Mon 4/11 - CURRICULUM DAY (No students)

Tue 5/11 - MELBOURNE CUP DAY (No students)

Thu 7/11 - Werribee Zoo Excursion

Fri 20/12 - Last day of Term 4 (1:00 dismissal)

## ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

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

11/10	18/10	25/10	1/11	8/11	15/11	22/11	29/11	6/12	13/12	20/12
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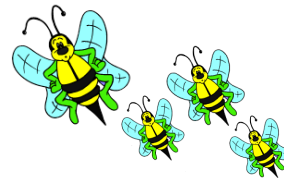
## RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

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. Last term, Grade Prep were learning about people that help them and how to calm their bodies.

This term, Grade Prep are learning about making choices and sharing the play space and equipment.

## 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.



### **WERRIBEE ZOO EXCURSION**

As part of our Inquiry unit we will be going on a day excursion to the Werribee Zoo on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November**. Payment for this excursion will be \$28.00 and is due by the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Session	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November
2 <sup>nd</sup> Session	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November
3 <sup>rd</sup> Session	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December
4 <sup>th</sup> Session	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December

Kindergarten students who are enrolled at Bellbridge Primary School for 2020 will be attending these sessions. 2019 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 (5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>)
- Sharing items evenly
- Measuring capacity, mass, length and time

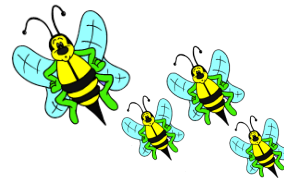
### **ENGLISH FOCUS**

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
- Focusing on consistently using text features such as full stops, capital letters, finger spaces and using correct letter/sound relationships

### **NO HAT NO PLAY**

Term 4 is a Sun Smart term. All students are required to wear a navy blue Sun Smart 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 term with you all.

Regards,

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