

PREP NEWSLETTER

~ Term 4, 2017 ~



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.

INQUIRY & INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

Our Inquiry unit this term will focus on Science and Humanities. We will specifically look 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 (closing of a park) affect our lives. As well as discovering ways we can change our behaviours at home and school to help care for our environment.

This term students will be researching and presenting a project on a living thing.

As part of our Inquiry unit we will be going on a day excursion to the Melbourne Zoo on **Friday 10th November**. Further information will follow.



TRANSITION

Transition sessions to help prepare students for Grade 1 will be held this term on the following dates:

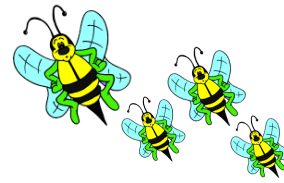
1 st Session	Thursday 23 rd November
2 nd Session	Thursday 30 th November
3 rd Session	Thursday 7 th December
4 th Session	Tuesday 12 th December

Kindergarten students who are enrolled at Bellbridge Primary School for 2018 will be attending the sessions. 2017 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 (1st to 10th)
- Sharing items evenly
- Exploring two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional objects
- Collecting and sorting data
- Describing position and movement



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 reports and poems
- Writing recounts
- 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
- Presenting projects
- Being respectful listeners and sharing their ideas with the group in an appropriate manner

AUSLAN (Sign Language)

During Term 4, children will learn transport signs, home and cooking signs, and will learn to sign numbers from 11-100. Two more Auslan puppets were introduced during Term 3 and they will continue to assist the children to learn sign in Term 4. Songs are a fun way to learn Auslan and towards the end of the term, children will learn to sign several Christmas songs.

NO HAT NO PLAY

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

Regards,

Andrea Hardwick, Molly Ashcroft, Lisa Keem, Janelle Chang and Vanessa Ciappara.

