



# Prep Newsletter

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## Important Dates

### Term 1

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Working Bee 10-1pm We only have 2 per year please come and lend a hand!

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Labour Day

*No children required at school*

#### Tues 28<sup>th</sup> March

Responsible pet ownership  
(at school)

#### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> April

Last day of school-2.30pm finish

Movie Night! –details to follow

School  
banking day  
is  
Thursday.

## A great start!

What a great start to the year we have had! Thank you all so much for respecting our morning routines. We can already see the children becoming more independent and able to get what they need to start the day. We find saying goodbye on the deck and letting children enter the room that way ensures the classroom stays calm and that the children know that every day is the same.

## PREP PICNIC

What a fantastic turn out to our Prep picnic. It was a wonderful to see people introducing themselves to each other and starting to make connections with a group you will share your school journey with. Don't worry if you forget someone's name, we are all meeting lots of new faces (kids and teachers included), just ask again! Keep your eye out in our whole school newsletters for our community morning coffee days and working bee.

## Library Books

The children all enjoyed borrowing from the library on Monday. The children can keep their books at home until the following Monday. If children do not return their books, unfortunately they can't borrow the next week.

Numeracy-Term one

- ❖ What is Maths?
- ❖ 100 days of school.
- ❖ Pattern
- ❖ Numbers to 20

Literacy

- ❖ Writing- How do we write?  
Children practise the 'mechanics' of writing. Writing in the correct direction, using the correct pencil grip, what lines to write on etc..
- ❖ Reading- Children are learning what makes a good reader.  
Making connections to what we read and those around us.
- ❖ PE – Ball skills

**PICK UP NEXT WEEK**

Next week we will walk ALL children up to our 'pick up' zone. If you prefer to park and pick up your child, please meet us at the **Greeting Tree**. We walk all children past the tree to the 'pick up' zone. You will find a hard copy of the 'pick up' procedure in your child's folder and also attached here.

Children going to OSHC will also stay with us and we will deliver them to the hall.

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**Check List**

Does your child have a.....

- Hat
- Blue folder
- Art smock
- Library bag
- Have you returned all the forms emailed out to you by our office. Please check with Maddy at our office if you are unsure.

**Absence Notes**

- Please ensure you have sent in your absence notes if your children are away. We must have a note for our records, the easiest way is to use the Tiqbiz app. Please note if you arrive after 9am you must sign your child in at the office using the ipad provided.

**Learning in Term One**

Term One of Preps focuses on setting up an orderly environment. This includes whole school rules, classroom routines and rules, what to eat and when, how to use our writing books correctly and the list goes on. While we are setting up these routines we are observing children and looking at what their needs are academically. So, while our number of the day might be '2', the 'learning' is in how we complete the task, sit and focus, share with our friends, put our hands up to answer questions etc.... It is imperative we get these things learnt first. From there we can teach your child from their 'point of need'. 😊

**100 Days of School**

In our classroom we count the days we have been at school. We mark off calendars, tally days, write the number etc.... This all leads to our 100 day of school celebration in Term 3.

**INFO BOOK**

Please find attached our Prep Information book with timetables etc....