



Prep Newsletter

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Important Dates

Term 1

Thursday 29th March

Last day of Term One students finish at 2.30

Term 2

Monday 16th April

Term Two starts at 8.50am

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Stomp the Beat begins

Tuesday 24th April

Curriculum Day- No children at school

Wednesday 25th April

ANZAC Day- No children at school

Monday 7th May

Responsible Pet ownership incursion (no cost)

Thank you

We have loved teaching your children this term, they are definitely a lively bunch that are keeping us entertained! We really should write a book on the funny goings on in the Preps rooms!

Many thanks to all of you for welcoming us in to your home for home visits. We have now finished our home visits and just have a few Maths interviews to complete next Wednesday. You can see all the gorgeous photos in of the home visits in the hallway.

Mathletics and Reading Eggs

All children that had their diaries at school last Monday would have received their Mathletics and Reading Eggs passwords. They are stuck inside their front covers. These are provided to you free from the school. They are a great way to engage children with number and reading and support the learning they are doing at school. Investigate over the holidays!

Reminder

Just a reminder that we change our readers and check diaries every Monday. Please have the 5 readers and diary in your **BLUE FOLDER**. We ask children to change their readers, if they bring home a reader they have already read it is no problem, just re-read and do things such as look for Golden words etc... If you find any books that have pages missing please feel free to throw them away.

We also change library books on Monday. Please keep these in their **LIBRARY BAGS**

Numeracy-Term One

- ❖ Number 1-10 and beyond, counting, number recognition and formation
- ❖ Pattern- children are learning what a pattern is and how to make more complex patterns. This a very important skill as pattern transfers to number patterns eventually.
- ❖ One-one correspondence.

Literacy - Writing

- ❖ Writing names using correct formation
- ❖ Magic writing – children are 'writing' about their weekend or a response to a text. At this stage it may be squiggles on a line, initial sounds or words. Believing they can is the most important thing.
- ❖ Children need to tell the teacher the sentence they have 'written' and draw a picture that matches.
- ❖ We have talked about full stops to end the sentence also
- ❖ - THRASS.
We are beginning to familiarize ourselves with the THRASS chart through games.

Literacy- Reading

- ❖ Eagle Eye- we have learnt the reading strategy of Eagle Eye. When reading the readers with your child ask them to use their 'eagle eye' to look at the pictures to give them clues about the words. PLEASE DON'T cover the pictures to 'test' them. They need to find success with reading even if that means retelling the story in their own way and turning the pages.
- ❖ Starting in the right spot, pointing to the words.
- ❖ We have learned the letter Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff and Gg Children should be able to tell you the name and one or more of the sounds they make. As well as write the letter correctly. We also learn all the other letters through our name of the Day and all other literacy tasks.

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Toys and lost property

We try very hard to get your belongings back to you. In Prep it is a gigantic job. We must let you know though, if your child brings a toy to school and it is lost in the yard we will not spend learning time looking for it. It is best to keep anything they are not willing to perhaps lose or break at home. 😊

Easter

The Easter bunny usually visits the classroom sometime next week. If you child is unable to have an Easter egg please contact you teacher.

■ **Do you have a health care card?**

If you have a health care card please see our office to apply for CSEF it is \$125 that can be used for Camps, Sports and Excursions. You are also eligible for State Schools Relief assistance that provides uniforms in Prep and again in Year 7.

Late to School

If you come in after 9am please ensure you sign your child in at the office on the ipad. 😊

Writing Names

Can your child write their name correctly, if not it would be a great thing to practice over the holidays. We use Sassoon font.

WISHING YOU ALL A LOVELY

EASTER AND RESTFUL BREAK.