

Welcome to Prep!



It has been great learning about your children and how we

can cater to their individual needs. The children are settling in well, with increasing confidence. They are adapting positively to routines and school life.

Thank you for your support and assistance with this period of transition. To continue this positive start to school can you please assist your child with lining up in their allocated class line in the morning and wave them off from there, allowing them to come into the classroom independently and happily begin their school day. This year children will be involved in a variety of activities across all curriculum areas including Numeracy, Literacy, Inquiry, ICT, P.E., Art, Spanish and Library. We will be having a Curriculum Information Night on Thursday 23rd February 6pm-7pm in the GP Room to further inform you of these areas.

Green Bag

Your child's green bag is an important item that must come to school every day. The diaries live in these green bags and is a key form of communication between you and your child's teacher. Should you have any questions or concerns please write them in the diary. If you have a note or any completed notices or money for your child's teacher, let your child know so they can independently take it out of their green bags in the morning and hand it to their teacher once in the classroom. All permission forms and money must come in the green bag to your child's classroom teacher so that they can check off and send necessary documents to the office.

Brain Food

The children have a 'Brain Food Break' in the mornings to break up the session.

Please continue to ensure your child has either fruit or vegetables, .ie. carrot sticks, watermelon, grapes etc. in their lunch boxes. Don't forget that drink bottles are to be filled with water only.



Hats

As it is Term One, children are required to wear school hats every day. Please check that all items such as hats, jumpers, drink bottles etc. are named **clearly** with full names to avoid any lost property.

Numeracy

This term we will be focusing on improving your child's recognition of numbers, counting and grouping. Your child will have the opportunity to explore common 2D shapes in their everyday environment and learn about their features such as sides and corners. They will be using concrete materials such as unifix blocks, icy pole sticks and counters to measure various items in their learning environment. We strive to differentiate and



IMPORTANT DATES

Proactive Sports – Monday 6th 9:30-11

PREP TESTING – Wednesday 8th Feb

PREP TESTING – Wednesday 15th Feb

PREP TESTING – Wednesday 22nd Feb

Prep Information Night – Thursday 23rd Feb 6pm-7pm

Prep-2 Assembly (GP Room) – Monday 27th Feb 9am

PREP TESTING – Wednesday 1st March

Labour Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Monday 13th March

Community Night – Friday 17th March

Grandparents Day – Wednesday 29th March

Last Day of Term 1 (**2:30 Finish**) – Friday 31st March

provide many open ended tasks in order to enhance your child's mathematical thinking and understanding.

Take Home Book

Beginning week 3 (Monday 13th February), your child will be bringing home a special take home book and a reading log book to record their nightly reading. There will be a separate book labelled 'Sight Words and Phonics' which will contain a list of letters/sounds and the order they are introduced to your child in the classroom. Encourage your child to identify letters and sounds in their everyday environment such as picture story books, signs and family members names. This year, your child will receive a new set of sight words **each week**. The sets of Sight Words have been developed according to the words they are most frequently exposed to in their nightly take home books. Please ensure your child practises reading these words and encourage them to identify them in their take home books.



Parent Helpers

Early in Term 2, we will be asking for parent helpers to assist with daily reading in the classroom. All parents who volunteer are required by the Department of Education to have a current Working with Children's Check on file at the office.

PREP SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

Tuesday

Prep P – Physical Education and Spanish

Prep M – Art and Music

Prep U – Spanish and Physical Education

Prep G – Music and Art

Wednesday

Prep M – Library

Prep G - Library

Thursday

Prep P – Music and Art

Prep M – Spanish and Physical Education

Prep U – Art and Music

Prep G – Physical Education and Spanish

Friday

Prep P – Library

Prep U - Library

Inquiry – Social Justice

This unit explores the importance of students in their first year of school to understand how to make and keep friends. They learn about the importance of rules and ways in which to accept differences of opinion. Listening skills are a focus of this unit.



We are looking forward to working with you to ensure your child has an excellent, fun and exciting first year of school!