



Prep Term 3 Newsletter 2017



Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful break and are looking forward to another action packed term in Prep. We are all excited about our new Inquiry topic 'Sharing and Caring- Elements of a Community' and learning about the importance of knowing and respecting the people in our community. We will get to meet some of these important people and learn about how they help us.

The teachers can't wait to see the children's '100 Days of School' T-shirts as part of our 100 Days of School celebrations!

The Prep Team



Working Bee
Saturday 12th August
See you there!



100 Days of School Celebration

The children have worked hard and learned a lot in their first 100 days of school.

We will celebrate this occasion on Wednesday 2nd August.

A fun day full of '100' related activities has been planned and we are excited to see what they chose to decorate their '100' t-shirts with!

We hope to see you in the GP room at 9:00am for a special parade.



IMPORTANT DATES

1st Day Term 3- Monday 17th July

Parent helpers begin- Tuesday 25th July

100 Days of School Parade-

Wednesday 2nd August 9:00-9:30am

Magic & Music Night- Friday 11th

August

Footy Dress Up and Gala Day- Friday

25th August

Prep Father's Day Pizza Night-

Thursday 31st August 6:00-7:00pm

Last day of school- Friday 22nd

September (2:30 dismissal)

Father's Day Pizza Night

On Thursday 31st August the children will be inviting their dad or special friend to school to celebrate Father's Day with a special pizza dinner!

There will be more information regarding this event sent home closer to the date.

Term 3 Curriculum Information



Phonics

This term the children will be involved in language experiences that focus on the letter and sounds of: Yy, Vv, Kk, Jj, Xx, Qq and Y as a vowel.

Please ensure your child continues to revise the letter/sounds introduced last semester: Ss, Aa, Tt, Ee, Mm, Pp, Ii, Hh, Nn, Rr, Dd, Ll, Oo, Ff, Uu, Cc, Bb, Gg, Ww.



Reading

This year, we are encouraging the students to become 'star readers' by celebrating as they reach ten nights of reading (50, 100, 150, etc). Please ensure your child reads their take home book every night and record this in their reading log. The students have been busy learning to read 'the words of the day' and finding these in their books and writing them in their stories. Please continue to support our Sight Word program by playing games using the sets of words in their Sight Word Book.

As we introduce your child to particular reading strategies we will also introduce them to some characters that help explain each strategy and how it can help us improve our reading. Last semester we met 'Eagle Eye' and 'Lips the Fish.' We will begin term 3 by meeting 'Stretchy Snake' and later the students will be introduced to 'Trying Lion' and 'Skippy Frog'.



Writing

The students are enjoying reading and writing their sight words in class. After reading their sight words at home, please ensure they are having a go at writing them. Please encourage your child to write in Victorian cursive and hold their pencil in the correct grip.

All students at RPPS have been learning about the four writing elements that help to improve our writing; Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation (VCOP). Last semester we were introduced to Penny Punctuation and Vinny Vocabulary. The students enjoyed learning how to identify and use punctuation and 'wow words' in their reading and writing. This term, students will meet Connie Connective who will teach them all about using connectives such as because, and, so to link two ideas together.

Our text type focus for Term 3 will be on 'information reports.' We will model how to write simple information reports on different community helpers, animals and students will read and write information reports based their interests.



Speaking and Listening

Students will continue to prepare for their VIP presentations which will take place in their classrooms. They will respond to questions from their classmates and take home a special book all about them.



Numeracy

We will begin Term 3 exploring the different ways we measure Time. Please support our maths program through having discussions with your child and playing games that centre around the days of the week, months of the year and the different seasons. A great way to introduce them to time is by having your child mark in their diary or on a calendar when they have specialist subjects or other special events. The other maths concepts we are focussing on this term are Place Value, Capacity, Mass, Addition/Subtraction and Sharing as an introduction to Division.



Inquiry

Our Inquiry topic for Term 3 is 'Sharing and Caring- Elements of a Community. Students will explore the communities to which they belong and discuss the importance of knowing and respecting other members of their community.

Play is the Way

We will begin Term 3 by focussing on our yellow rule, 'It Takes Great Strength to be Sensible'. Through games and activities, students will discuss why it's important to control our impulses and think before we act. Later in the term, we will focus on the red rule, 'Have a Go no Matter Who You Work With'. Students will understand that we don't come to school to be better than others. We come to school to better ourselves.

