

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 3 in the Junior School and a special welcome to our new students and families! It has been fantastic to see so much enthusiasm across the school. We are all looking forward to a terrific second semester!

Dates for the diary

27th July	Moorabbin Primary Art Show
28th July	National Planting Tree Day
9th August	100 days of school for the Preps
17th August	Super Duper Incursion celebrating Book Week
18th August	P - 2 After School Disco
1st September	Fathers Day Stall
13th September	School Concert Rehearsal
14th September	School Concert Night 7pm start
22nd September	Footy Dress up day & last day of term (2:30 finish)



Prep Literacy

This term in **Writer's Workshop** the Prep students are beginning to write a variety of different writing genres including information reports, procedural texts, narratives and poems. The students are continuing to practise writing features including punctuation such as capital letters and full stops and the correct starting point for each letter. This term during writing sessions we will be starting to use the 24mm dotted thirds writing books.

In **Reader's Workshop**, we are focusing on determining the importance, summarising and synthesising of a different types of fiction and non-fiction texts. During independent and shared reading lessons we are focusing on self-correcting, maintaining fluency and consolidating previous reading and comprehension strategies learnt last semester. During phonics instruction we are beginning to recognise and use more challenging onset and rime patterns including digraphs such as "sh, ch and th".

Prep Maths

In Maths Prep students will have a strong number focus each week along with a variety of investigations including number fluency games.

Our focus for **Number and Algebra** this term will be: numbers beyond 20 and how numbers are shown using the place value of hundreds, tens and ones. We will be looking at using a strategies for adding, subtracting and sharing small groups of numbers, continuing and extending patterns.

Our focus for **Measurement and Geometry** this term will be: sorting, describing and naming two-dimensional and three dimensional objects in our environment as well as comparing and ordering the duration of events using the everyday language of time.

Our focus for **Statistics and Probability** this term will be: using everyday language of location and direction, such as, 'between', 'near', 'next to', 'forwards' and 'towards'.

Grade 1/2 Literacy

This term in Readers Workshop students are looking at the following comprehension and decoding skills.

Comprehension Focus	Decoding Focus
Determining Importance	Solving words, Monitoring + Correcting
Summarising	Maintaining Fluency
Synthesising	Adjusting
Critiquing	

Students will be exposed to a wide range of Fiction and Non-Fiction texts. Using these texts they will be looking for the Author's purpose. What is it that the Author is trying to tell us and what 'clues' can we find to support our ideas. Students will look deeper into the conventions of Non-Fiction texts and how they help support us as readers.

Summarising is relating the most important points in a text (or a portion of a text) in our own words. In fiction we consider the basic story elements – main characters, setting, plot and sometimes theme in a summary. In nonfiction we pull together the most important information about a topic in a coherent way.

- When we synthesize, we pull together the most important points from our reading, but we move beyond what's stated by the author. We focus on the insights that we gained from reading. We notice how our thinking changes as we read, so that when we finish, we can put our thinking and learning together in new ways.
- When learning to critique students will learn to state their opinions about a text and provide evidence to support them.

In Writing this term the 1/2 area is going to be a very exciting and hands-on adventure. This term's writing focuses include: understand the features and language structure of a procedural text; understand the features and language structure of an explanation text; recognise the many forms of poems and their features; explore the features and structure of various narrative texts, including picture books, short texts and chapter books. Students will also be exposed to a range of grammar focuses in writing; including past tense, present tense, nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, conjunctions and compound words.

Grade 1/2 Maths

This term the Grade 1/2s will have a particular focus on Number and Algebra, revising and learning the four operations, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will investigate and describe number patterns formed by skip counting and patterns with objects.

In Measurement and Geometry students will compare and order several shapes and objects based on length, area, volume and capacity using appropriate uniform informal units. They will also recognise and classify familiar two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional objects using obvious features and investigate the effect of one-step flip, side and turns.

To consolidate learning, students are encouraged to use Mathematics tasks at home, read the time on the clock, count coins and have general conversations about maths.

P.E.

The Prep students have further developed their ball skills, balance and dodging in minor games in second term. In Term 3 they will begin some Athletics events – sprinting, long jump and shot put with a bean bag. They will learn how to skip with a skipping rope, both skipping on their own and group skipping. Through hitting activities such as Tee ball the students will play modified games.



Grade 1 & 2 students will begin the term by developing their Athletic skills such as Sprinting, Shot Put and Long Jump. They are going to be introduced to Lawn Bowls by an experienced player through funding from 'Sporting Schools' - a government program. After several games of Bowls they will learn the skills and play some Volleyball games.

Music

Welcoming all performers to an exciting Term 3!

Our focus for the term is the annual concert and students will be learning their class song and the whole school finale. It is such a pleasure to see so much enthusiasm among the students within the classroom and we are looking forward to sharing it with all of you in the school community. The concert is a time for students to work together to create a performance by learning to sing, dance and act at the same time.

I have again made a website for this year's concert, which includes lyrics, music and choreography videos for students to practise with. Please encourage your child to practise as much as possible to ensure that the concert is a huge success and a lot of fun. There will be a DVD of the concert available for purchase so watch out for more information on how to order your copy.

The website address is: <https://howdenamyr.wixsite.com/mpsconcert2017>

The concert titled 'Moorabbin Mystery Inc.' is to be held on Thursday 14th September at the Kingston Arts Centre. Tickets will be available for purchase in August. Please book and pay for your concert tickets through the Qkr app – our preferred method of payment. Tickets will be issued to your child to bring home.

This term we will also be continuing our learning to create and play melodies using the Kodaly method of music education.

Happy Singing!

Miss Howden 

Art

We finally completed our canvases for the Art show and they look amazing! The children really enjoyed exploring different painting techniques and did an outstanding job. Well done everyone!

We have another busy term ahead with a little work to complete from last term. The theme for our prep 1 & 2 students is ALL ABOUT ME which follows on from our portrait drawing last term. Students will explore different materials and will reflect on their experiences and observations to express their ideas and create artworks about their lives. They will be able to identify the elements of Art; line, shape, colour, space and texture and understand that shapes and lines help them draw.

Looking forward to a creative term!

Maria Kakavoules

Science

Our Preps will complete their topic of Sense by investigating Sight and the eye.

Grade 1 & 2 students are continuing to study Chemistry through observing physical changes to everyday materials and foods such as cooked and un-cooked Spaghetti.

During the term the 1/2 students will have Science students from Monash University visit them for 4 weeks to pass on their scientific knowledge!!!

All the junior students will then beginning a Robotics coding program with our Bee Bots. They will be discovering, learning about robots and how to code along with working out how to program these mechanical beetles.



Homework

Preps: will continue to work on their sight words and take home readers.

1/2's: The Grade 1/2s have new homework this term. Please refer to the activities and expectations listed in the note glued in you child's homework book.



Inquiry/Sustainability

Preps: Our Inquiry and Sustainability will be linked together focusing on fairytales and using the story Jack and Beanstalk to plant seeds. We will focus on the energy used to help plants grow.

1/2s: will be learning about waste and exploring what happens to waste when it is disposed of in different ways such as landfill, recycled, composted, reused or littered. Students will learn about current environmental campaigns.