

# Prep Newsletter Term 4 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is amazing that we are already in Term 4! The children have been working hard, learning new things and reading lots of books.

The Biology unit of study for this term is "Staying Alive" and students have been given a task to work on at home, which they will present at school between weeks 5 and 8. Please make sure you have read the show and tell notice so you know when your child is due to present in front of the class.

## Important Dates:

- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October- WOW (Walk or Wheels) Wednesday
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Prep Transition 2017 (no reading circles)
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Curriculum Day (no students at school)
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Melbourne Cup Day (no school)
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov - Swimming lessons
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Prep 2017 Transition (no reading circles)
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November - Prep 2017 Transition (no reading circles)
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November - WOW Wednesday
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Transition into 2017 classrooms
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Excursion to Chesterfield Farm
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Junior school athletics day
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Transition into 2017 classrooms / Reports sent home
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Last Day term 4, 12:00pm Assembly and 1:00pm dismissal

## Swimming

Swimming will commence on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of November. Children must be able to independently dress and undress themselves, so please prepare them for this. Parents are welcome to meet us at the pools to watch your child swim.

## Chesterfield Farm Excursion

We are very excited to have our first excursion coming up on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December. Please ensure that you have finalised payments by Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December. We will be sending a reminder notice home closer to the date to remind you of what you need to bring on the day.

## School arrival time

Please remember to arrive by 8:45am to be ready to commence reading circles. As you can appreciate our days are very busy and the day is timetabled to maximise teaching and learning time. As part of our reading program all children need to be in line by 8:45 am. Please make every effort to arrive and have your child in the class line on time.



## M100Words

As the children are progressing so quickly there are many students who are being tested in spelling the M100 words. The following is a timetable for when the children will be tested on spelling or reading the M100 words.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Golden Words	Red Words	Blue & Green Words	Orange & Indigo Words	Violet Words Pink/Purple/Aqua/Lemon/Lime <b>and ALL READING TESTS</b>



## Show and Tell

Show and tell will continue on Friday afternoons. We have sent home a schedule of when students will have their turn to present their item and what they should bring in that week.

As a part of our science unit, students will be presenting a talk "all about a pet". Please see the Show and Tell schedule for your child's presentation date. We are looking forward to hearing all about different pets!



## Hats

The children are required to wear hats in Term 4. Please make sure they have a hat at school every day.

## No nuts

As we have children at Clarinda who are highly allergic to peanuts (anaphylactic) and other nuts, we strongly recommend no nuts including all spreads **such as Nutella** and **Peanut butter** and any other products that may contain nuts. I know you will assist us and take care when preparing your child's snacks and lunches. Please talk to your children about not sharing any food.



Remember that we are very willing to help and answer any queries you may have but the mornings are very busy preparing for the day. Please make a time to see us after school and we can sit down with you and have a chat.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Elena Ziebell, Nicole Delany and Erin Beissel