

# PREP NEWSLETTER

## TERM 2 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is amazing how quickly time has flown by, we cannot believe we are almost half way through the year! The children have been working hard learning new sounds, reading new books and learning about a variety of Maths concepts. Term 2 will be a very busy one for the Preps, with some exciting events coming up (see below) as well as teachers conducting a range of in-class assessments to write our first school reports. Your child's report will come home at the end of Term 2.

Thank you for continued support, and please speak to us if you have any questions!

Kind regards,

*The Prep Team – Erin Beissel, Nicole Henderson, Cheryl Marikar and Anne Ziogos*

### What's on in Term 2?

- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May – 50 Days of Prep
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – PACC Mother's Day Stall
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Responsible Pet Safety Incursion
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Grandparents Morning 9-11am
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Education Week Rotations
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – School Open Night 6pm – 7:30pm
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Open to Learning 3pm
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Labour Day, no school
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Curriculum Day, no school
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Taskworks Excursion
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Parent-teacher Interviews
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Parent-teacher Interviews
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Last Day of Term 2, 1:30pm assembly

### 50 DAYS OF PREP

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May the Preps will celebrate 50 Days of School, which is half way to 100 Days – that means we are going to celebrate with a HALF PARTY and lots of fun "half" activities. The Preps can dress in 'half' outfits and bring party food to share for lunch. Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions.

### Taskworks

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June the Preps will have their first school excursion to Taskworks, where they will work with a range of machines and activities to explore our Science topic around forces and movement.

Stay tuned for more information!

### Specialist lessons for Prep II:

| Monday  | Tuesday | Wednesday  | Thursday | Friday      |
|---------|---------|------------|----------|-------------|
| Art     | P.E.    | Technology | PMP      | Play is the |
| Library | Greek   | Science    | Music    | Way         |

### **8:50am start time**

Please remember to arrive on time. As you can appreciate our days are very busy and the day is timetabled to maximise teaching and learning time. The first bell rings at **8:50am**, and this is the start of our day.



### **Purple Folders**

Please continue to check and empty the Purple Communication Folder each night and return to school each morning.

Don't forget that you are able to communicate with your child's teacher by sending a **message on ClassDojo** or **planning a time to meet** with your child's teacher. Also, a reminder that student absences from school must be reported directly to the school office (call 9544 3231) not sent via ClassDojo.

### **At home reading**

Please continue to hear your child **read their take home book and practise the Alphabet or Magic 100 Words every night.**

The children are progressing through the Magic Words and receiving certificates when they have achieved each list.

Just a reminder that your children can be tested once per week, when they bring their folder to school, but will be tested a minimum of once per fortnight.



Strategies your child can use to help them read new words are:

**Eagle Eye** – looking at the picture clues

**Lips the Fish** – look at the first sound of the word

**Stretchy Snake** – stretch and blend the sounds in the word

**Chunky Monkey** – break big words up into smaller chunks

Don't forget! **Reading**

**Circles** is each morning at 8:50am, and we need lots of parents to attend. If you would like to volunteer please present a valid Working with Children Check to the school office.

### **REMINDERS**

**Hats** are not required in Term 2 and 3. We will wear hats at school again in Term 4.



Please bring a **box of tissues** to share with your classroom for Term 2.



**No nuts are allowed at school.** 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. We know you will assist us and take care when preparing your child's snacks and lunches. Please also talk to your children about not sharing food with others when at school.



## **Play is the Way**

This we are beginning a new school-wide behaviour education program called 'Play is the Way'. We will spend a few weeks focussing on different core virtues that helps us govern our own behaviour.

To begin with, we are all learning the Golden Rule:

***Treat others as you would like them to treat you.***