

Prep Newsletter

Term 2, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,



It is amazing that we are already in Term 2! It has been so pleasing to see how well our Prep students have settled back into school. This term our students will continue to consolidate their understanding of familiar school routines. We will also build on these routines, with the addition of new programs, including PMP (Perceptual Motor Program), Play Is The Way, I.C.T. and a visit from the Life Education Van. We are also excited about our 50 Days of Prep celebration next week!

Important Dates:

- Monday 26th April– Curriculum Day (no school)
- Friday 30th April – HALF PARTY (50 days of Prep)
- Monday 14th June – Queen's Birthday Holiday (no school)
- Monday 21st June & Tuesday 22nd June - Parent Teacher Interviews
- Thursday 24th June – Taskworks Incursion
- Friday 25th June - End of Term 2:30pm



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Reading

Please continue to listen to your child **read their take home book and revise the M100 words/alphabet every night**. The children are progressing through the M100 words at their own pace and receive a certificate when they have achieved each list. Just a reminder to send their folder each week for a test! In addition to this, we encourage you to make use of Reading Eggs at home. You have already received your login details but please let us know if you need assistance accessing this program.



P.M.P.

This term the students in Prep will be participating in the Perceptual Motor Program (P.M.P.). This program assists in the development of children's motor skills, balance and coordination, which has benefits across all learning areas, including reading and writing. Thank you to the many parents who have volunteered to assist us run this program each fortnight.

Play is the Way:

This term your child will participate in the Play is the Way program each week. This school wide program assists your child to develop their social and emotional skills using guided play, classroom activities and an empowering language. The focus in Prep is on 'The Golden Rule: Treating Others As You Would Like to Be Treated.'



Science

The unit of study for this term is "On The Move" and our students will examine various ways that humans and toys can move. We will explore what parts help them move and introduce vocabulary such as push, pull, bounce, slide, roll and spin. This will culminate in an incursion towards the end of term when 'Taskworks' come to visit. Students will have hands on experiences learning about 'forces'.



Tissues

We are asking all children to bring along a box of tissues for the grade to use for term 2.

No nuts



As we have staff and children at Clarinda who are highly allergic (anaphylactic) to peanuts 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 any food.

Hats

Please note: The children **are not** required to wear hats in Terms 2 and 3.

We look forward to meeting with you later this term and discussing your child's progress at our parent teacher interviews. In the meantime, as always, please ask us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the term ahead and thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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The Prep Team