



Prep Newsletter Term 4, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We cannot quite believe it but here we are in Term 4, with only a few weeks left of the 2021 school year. We are so proud of our Preps, and the work and growth they have achieved during this disrupted school year. You have done an amazing job juggling teaching with all of your other responsibilities. Please let us know if you have any specific concerns about your child and the impact of remote learning on your child either academically or emotionally.

With the end the school year fast approaching there is a lot of fun, scheduled on the calendar, such as a Book Fair, Book Week Dress Up Parade to name a few, but at this stage we are uncertain about which events we can proceed with, as we still need to adhere to Government restrictions.

Keep an eye on Dojo and Compass in coming weeks for updated information regarding these events, as well as for advice in terms of having parents volunteer on site for programs such as Reading Circles and PMP (Perceptual Motor Program).

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Important Dates:

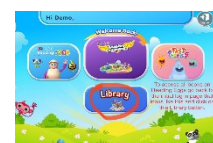
Monday 1st November - STUDENT FREE DAY

Tuesday 2nd November - MELBOURNE CUP DAY (No School)

Friday 17th December - End of Term 4 – Early Finish 1:30pm

Literacy

We are pleased with the progress the Preps have made in reading during remote learning and thank you for the efforts you have made. During the first few weeks of Term 4, the Preps will be undertaking an 'Author Study' on Julia Donaldson. Later this term they will learn about the features of persuasive texts.



It is vital that you continue to listen to your child **read daily and revise the M100 words/alphabet every night**. Please remember to ask your child to retell the story once they finish reading their book to develop their comprehension skills. We also require you to make use Reading Eggs at home this term as we have decided not to allow the daily swapping of take home books in our efforts to minimise the use of shared resources.

In Writing, your child will learn how to write a narrative, using Julia Donaldson stories as inspiration. You might like to assist your child become more familiar with her work by borrowing some of her books from your local library if open. The Preps will also learn how to include persuasive language in their written work later in the term.

Maths

In Maths your child will consolidate their understanding of counting forwards and backwards by 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s. They will also learn about Subtraction, Sorting 2D and 3D shapes, Groups/Sharing, Time and duration, Counting, Doubles and Patterns. Please ask if you would like more detailed information about any of these areas.

No nuts

Remember: As we have staff and children at Clarinda who are highly allergic (anaphylactic) to peanuts and other nuts, we continue to 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** required to wear a hat in Term 4.

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

Kind regards,

Katie Young, Kellie Williams and Sarah Matti
The Prep Team