

# Prep Newsletter

## Term 4, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's hard to believe, but here we are in Term 4! We are so proud of our Preps, and the work and growth they have achieved during this year. With the end of the school year fast approaching there is a lot of fun, scheduled on the calendar, such as our Swimming Program and our excursion to the Melbourne Zoo. Keep an eye on Dojo and Compass in coming weeks for updated information regarding these events.

### Other Important Dates to Remember:



**Tuesday 11th Oct - Whole School PPD Day** (Students NOT required at school)

**Monday 31st Oct - Student Free Day**

**Tuesday 1st Nov - MELBOURNE CUP DAY**

**Wednesday 2nd Nov - Friday 4th Nov - Whole School Swimming Program**

**Thursday 8th December - Xmas Concert 6pm**

**Friday 9th December - Prep Excursion to Melbourne Zoo**

**Friday 16th December - Junior School House Athletics Carnival (9-11am)**

**Tuesday 20th Dec - Last Day of Term! 1:30 Dismissal**

### Curriculum Focus



#### Literacy

We are extremely pleased with the progress the Preps have made in reading and thank you for the efforts you have made to assist your child with reading at home. 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 of Reading Eggs at home this term.

In Writing, your child will learn how to write a narrative, using Julia Donaldson stories as inspiration. You might like to assist your child to become more familiar with her work by borrowing some books from your local library. 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 money and counting coins, directional language and data representation and interpretation. Please ask if you would like more detailed information about any of these areas.

### **Swimming**

Swimming will commence on Wednesday 2nd November. Children are required to be able to independently dress and undress themselves, so please prepare them for this. Parents are welcome to meet us at the pool to watch their child swim. Participation in the program is highly recommended, particularly for those children who do not take part in private lessons. For children who participate in a swimming program outside of school, the experience of travelling to the pool by bus with their peers, changing themselves, looking after their belongings and of course consolidating the water skills they are already working on, makes their involvement very worthwhile.

### **Melbourne Zoo Excursion**

We are very excited to have our first excursion on the Friday 16th December. Please look out for a message on Compass soon and ensure that you have finalised payments as soon as possible. We will be sending a reminder notice home closer to the date to remind you of what you need to bring on the day.

## Hats

Please note: As of 1st of September, the children are required to wear a hat in Term 4.

## No NUTS at school:

As we have students and staff who are severely allergic (anaphylactic) to peanuts and other nuts, we strongly recommend that you do not pack any nuts in your child's lunch. This includes spreads, such as Nutella and Peanut Butter, and any other products that may contain nuts. We appreciate your assistance with keeping our school a safe place for these students. Please also talk to your children about not sharing any food.

As always, we are happy to clarify any of the information in this newsletter if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support this year!

Katie Young, Kellie Williams and Theo Kokkalis  
The Prep Team

