

Prep Newsletter

Term 4, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are so proud of our Preps, and the achievements that they have made this year. With the end of the school year fast approaching there is still a lot to look forward to, 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 10th Oct - Whole School PPD Day (Students NOT required at school)

Tuesday 31st October – Thursday 2nd November – Swimming Program

Monday 6th November- Student Free Day

Tuesday 7th Nov - MELBOURNE CUP DAY

Friday 24th November- Prep Excursion to Melbourne Zoo

Thursday 7th December - Xmas Concert 6pm

Wednesday 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 encourage you to make use of Reading Eggs at home.

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. There will also be a maths unit focus on 'Measurement'. Your child will learn about capacity, length, mass and data representation and interpretation. Please ask if you would like more detailed information about any of these areas.

Swimming


Swimming will commence on Tuesday 31st October. 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 24th November. 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: The children are required to wear a hat in Term 4.



No NUTS, Kiwi Fruit or Eggs at school: As we have students and staff who are severely allergic (anaphylactic) to **peanuts, kiwi fruit and egg**, we strongly recommend that you do not pack these items 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,
The Prep Team - Katie Young, Kellie Williams & Sophie Loveday