



Prep Newsletter

Term 4, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,
 The year is flying by and it is hard to believe we are now in Term 4! With the end of the school year fast approaching there is still a lot to look forward to, such as our School Concert, an excursion to Chesterfield Farm, our Swimming Program and our 125 Year Celebration. Keep an eye on Dojo and Compass in coming weeks for updated information regarding these events.

Other Important Dates to Remember:

- Wednesday 9th Oct** - Whole School Concert
- Friday 25th Oct** - Prep Chesterfield Farm Excursion
- Monday 4th Nov** - Student Free Day (No School)
- Tuesday 5th Nov** - MELBOURNE CUP DAY
- Wednesday 6th Nov - Friday 8th Nov** - Whole School Swimming Program
- Saturday 16th Nov** - 125 Years Celebration 10:30-12:30
- Friday 20th Dec** - Last Day of Term! 1:30 Dismissal

Swimming

Children are required to be able to independently dress and undress themselves, so please prepare them for this. Parents with WWC 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.

Hats

Please note: The children are required to wear a hat in Term 4. Please ensure you have sent a named hat to school.



Excursion to Chesterfield Farm

We are very excited to have our first excursion on the Friday 25th October. Please 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.

Curriculum Focus

Literacy

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 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.

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.

We are happy to clarify any of the information if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

The Prep Team - Katie Young, Kellie Williams & Sophie Loveday



