



# Prep Newsletter

## Term 4, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's amazing how quickly the year has flown, and here we are in Term 4 already! As we head towards the end of the school year, there are still plenty of exciting events to look forward to, including our Art Show, an excursion to Chesterfield Farm, the Swimming Program, and our Christmas Concert. Please continue to check Dojo and Compass in the coming weeks for updates and reminders about these events.

### Other Important Dates to Remember:

**Tues 14th October** - Art Show

**Friday 24th Oct** - Prep Excursion to Chesterfield Farm

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov** - Student Free Day (No School)

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov** - MELBOURNE CUP DAY

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Whole School Swimming Program

**Tuesday 2nd Dec** - Christmas Concert

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 continue to consolidate their understanding of numbers. They will also learn about positional language in our Location Unit as they are introduced to reading simple maps and giving directions. Later this term they will 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 or Eggs at school:** As we have students and staff who are severely allergic (anaphylactic) to **peanuts 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,

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