

Prep Newsletter

Term 2, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed a restful holiday. It's amazing how quickly Term 2 has arrived! Our Prep students have returned to school smoothly and are continuing to build confidence with familiar routines. As the temperature begins to drop, please dress your child in layers to help keep them comfortable throughout the day. We also kindly ask that each child brings a box of tissues for classroom use this term. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home to support everyone's wellbeing.

To support independence, we ask that families remain outside the classroom in the mornings. Please encourage your child to walk in from the line and take responsibility for carrying and unpacking their own bag. This is an important skill at this stage of the year. If your child finds this challenging, please let us know so we can support them. You are very welcome to check in briefly with the teacher at the line each morning. We look forward to connecting with you later in the term during parent-teacher interviews to discuss your child's progress.

Dates to Remember

- Friday 1st May: 50 Days of Prep Party/Dress Up Day
- Tuesday 19th May: Open Night
- Tuesday 26th May: Curriculum Day (No School)
- Monday 8th June: King's Birthday Public Holiday
- Friday 26th June: End of Term 2:30pm (Early Finish)

Attendance - Why going to school is important

Going to school every day is an important part of your child's education. Children and young people learn new things at school every day, connect with friends, have fun and develop good habits that help them to succeed. Attending and participating in school will help your child:

- develop important skills and knowledge to help them learn
- develop social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and team-work
- establish friendships with peers which help develop self-esteem and a sense of belonging.

There is no good number of days for missing school. Being away from school for 1 day a fortnight adds up to missing 4 whole weeks of school a year. Where possible, you should avoid your child missing school, for example, make appointments for your child outside of school hours and if possible, keep family holidays to outside term time.

However, if your child is sick they should stay at home to stop the spread of the illness to other students and staff. If your child is away the reason needs to be added to Compass.

By attending school consistently when healthy, students give themselves the best chance to learn, grow, and succeed.

Reading

Please continue to read with your child each evening using their take-home books and practise the alphabet, high frequency words and phonics homework. We also encourage regular use of the Reading Eggs app at home, particularly the Fast Phonics component. If you need help with any of these homework tasks or with accessing the program or if you require login details, please get in touch.

Numeracy

This term, students will begin exploring addition and subtraction. They will also continue to strengthen their understanding of these concepts through participation in our whole-school Clarinda Calculators program each week. Later in the term students will be studying units of work on Time and 2D and 3D Shapes.

Wellbeing

Students will continue to engage in the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships and Play is the Way programs each week. These whole-school approaches support the development of social and emotional skills using guided play, classroom activities and an empowering language. In Prep, there is a strong focus on “The Golden Rule” — treating others the way we would like to be treated.

*Please remember that we have several students allergic to **milk, nuts, (including Nutella) and egg.** For the safety of our students, we ask you to serve these foods at home and refrain from sending them to school.*

As always, please speak to us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the term ahead and thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Katie Young, Kellie Williams and Grace Bridges