



Prep Newsletter

Term 4, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's hard to believe how quickly the year has gone, and we have already arrived at Term 4! As we make our way towards the end of the school year, we have lots of exciting experiences still to come, including our Chesterfield Farm excursion, Whole School Production "Roll the Dice" and our Prep Christmas Concert. Please keep an eye on Dojo and Compass over the coming weeks for important updates, information and reminders about these upcoming events.

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 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.

Other Important Dates to Remember:

Friday 16th October - Prep Excursion to Chesterfield Farm

Monday 2nd Nov- Student Free Day (No School)

Tuesday 3rd Nov - MELBOURNE CUP DAY

Tuesday 17th Nov - Whole School Production "Roll the Dice"

Thursday 3rd Dec – Prep Christmas Concert at 3pm

Thursday 17th Dec- Last Day of Term - 3:30pm Dismissal

Friday 18th Dec – Curriculum Day

Hats

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

Reminder: No Nuts or Eggs at School:

We have students and staff with severe (anaphylactic) allergies to peanuts and eggs. To help keep our school community safe, we strongly recommend that these foods are not included in your child's lunch or snacks. This includes spreads such as Nutella and peanut butter, as well as other products that may contain nuts or eggs. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and inclusive environment for everyone.



Curriculum Focus



Literacy

During the first few weeks of Term 4, the Preps will be enjoying an Author Study on Julia Donaldson. Later in the term, they will also explore the features of persuasive texts and learn how authors use persuasive language to share their ideas.



At home, it is important to continue listening to your child read each day. After they have finished their book, encourage them to retell the story in their own words. This is a great way to support and strengthen their comprehension skills. We also encourage families to continue using Reading Eggs at home.



In Writing, the Preps will be learning how to create their own narratives, using Julia Donaldson's wonderful stories as inspiration. You may like to visit your local library and borrow some of her books for your child to enjoy at home. Later in the term, the children will also begin exploring how to use persuasive language in their writing.



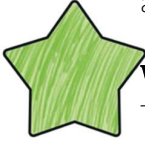
Maths

In Maths, the Preps will continue to build and consolidate their understanding of numbers. They will also explore Location, learning about positional language, reading simple maps and following and giving directions.



Later in the term, our focus will shift to Measurement. The children will investigate capacity, length and mass, as well as learn how to represent and interpret data in different ways.

Please feel free to ask if you would like any further information about the Maths learning areas we will be exploring this term.



Wellbeing

This term in Wellbeing, our Preps will continue to develop their understanding of positive relationships, emotions, personal safety and respectful interactions. We will explore fair and friendly play, including others, supporting our friends and making safe choices when playing in the yard.



We will also continue to build independence through our daily routines, including transitions, lining up, organising our belongings and following classroom expectations. The children will learn about body safety, safe and unsafe secrets and how to seek help from a trusted adult.



Later in the term, we will focus on understanding and managing emotions, exploring different feelings and practicing strategies to help us cope and feel calm.



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

Kind Regards,

The Prep Team - Katie Young, Kellie Williams & Grace Bridges



