



Manorvale Primary School

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Prep News

Term 1, 2021.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new students and families to what is sure to be a wonderful year of Prep! Our Prep teachers are Mrs Mareeka Siomos, Mrs Rachel Parr and Mrs Julie Bates.

Dates to remember:

1st March - Preps start full time.
8th March - Labour Day Public Holiday
3rd-4th March - School Nurse visiting
12th March - School Photo day
1st April - Last day of term 2.30pm finish.
19th April - Term 2 commences

Specialist Program

Library/ICT - Mr. Giblin
Visual Art - Mrs. Metzner
Italian - Signora Maiorana
P.E - Mr. Saker

Hats

Students are required to wear a wide-brimmed hat every day from September through to end of April, regardless of the weather conditions. Manorvale has a "No hat, no play," policy. Any child without a hat will only be allowed to play under the covered walkways around the school.

Please ensure that your child's hat is clearly labelled with their name.

** Long hair - Please ensure that if your child has long hair that it is tied back off their face and remains tied up for the entire school day.



Spare clothing

Please ensure that your child has a spare set of underwear, including spare socks, and pants in their school bag in case of toilet accidents. On occasions, children will have accidents as they get used to the school routines, we hope that they never need the spare clothing, but we would like to be prepared. The uniform shop has a large amount of second-hand items at reasonable prices. The uniform shop is usually open on Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings. However, due to COVID restrictions, the uniform shop is not currently open. We will notify families when the uniform shop reopens.



Attendance

It is important that students arrive at school before the music begins (8.55 am) for a settled start to the day for the whole grade. If you do arrive after 9am you must sign your child in at the office. It is important that students come to school every day so their academic and social skills can develop. If your child is sick, then home is the best place for them, otherwise ALL children should be at school EVERYDAY.

Please note that school finishes at 3:15 pm. Please collect your child promptly at the prep gate or book them in to OSHC if you are going to be late. Staff are unable to supervise students after that time. Camp Australia operate our OSHC program and registrations can be made at pp.campaustralia.com.au or by calling 1300 105 343.

Lunch Boxes

Manorvale Primary School is a "Nude Food" school. Students are expected to bring food to school in reusable containers to cut down on rubbish. Please ensure all containers are clearly labelled with your child's name. We strongly encourage children to bring healthy snacks such as fruit or vegetable sticks and to eat these first. Please also send your child with a water bottle. Children have food at recess and lunch time. Please pack a little extra just in case, as your child gets used to the eating routines at school.



Take Home Reading

Children will start bringing home their "Take Home Reading Pouch" soon. (Blue tartan pencil case.)

Please read the books in this pouch with your child each night and fill in the 'yellow reading diary.'

It is an expectation that reading pouches come to school each Monday so the children can swap their books over.



Curriculum Learning Focus Areas:

English

- Letters are symbols that represent sounds.
- Concepts about books and how they work.
- Reading and writing commonly used words.
- What are the different strategies we can use to read new words?
- Handwriting - correct starting points and formation. Correct pencil grip.
- Speaking in full sentences.

Mathematics

- Counting forwards and backwards with and without concrete materials.
- Making, recording and matching numbers and words.
- Naming, copying, creating and describing various patterns.
- Answering yes/no questions.
- Naming common 2D shapes and their features.

Inquiry

Our inquiry unit this term is titled "In our Community." We will be exploring who makes up our school community.

Having trouble getting information from your child at the end of the school day?

Questions to ask instead of, "How was your day?"

- Tell me three things that went well today?
- What did you learn today?
- What was your favourite subject today? Why?
- When did you feel most proud of yourself today?
- What/where did you play at recess?
- Who made you smile or laugh today?
- If I called your teacher tonight, what would she tell me about you?

Notes:

** The school newsletter is sent home with the eldest child in the family every second Tuesday. The newsletter is also available on the school website.

** If you need to send a note to your child's teacher please ensure that your child knows the note is in their bag. Give it to them in their hand or lunch box so they will find it. Teachers rarely check bags for notes.

Thank you for all of your support in settling your children into the routines of school, we are looking forward to working closely with our Prep families throughout 2021.

Mareeka, Rachel & Julie