



# Manorvale Primary School

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## Prep News

Term 2, 2021.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back for the second term of the year. We are looking forward to an action packed and productive term. We are very proud of how the students have settled into the routines of school. Some students will be participating in swimming each Wednesday this term. Students remaining at school will be learning about water safety. All of the students will have the opportunity to go on their first school excursion. Details will follow soon. Our goal for the Prep students this term is to only be away if we are unwell and to be at school on time to avoid having to get a late pass.

### Dates to remember:

19<sup>th</sup> April – Term 2 begins  
21<sup>st</sup> April – Swimming – each Wednesday of the term for those participating.  
3<sup>rd</sup> June – Eco Linc Excursion  
9<sup>th</sup> June – Queen’s Birthday Day Public Holiday - No school  
21<sup>st</sup> June – Curriculum Day. Student free day.  
25<sup>th</sup> June – Last day of term 2.30pm finish.  
12<sup>th</sup> July – Term 3 commences

### Hats

Students will not require hats when playing outside from May 1<sup>st</sup> through to the end of August.



### Take Home Reading

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

It is also expected your child read at least one book each night and fill in the ‘yellow reading diary.’

\*\* Reading Eggs. Every student has a Reading Eggs account. Log in details were sent home earlier in the year. If you have misplaced your child’s details please contact the classroom teacher and these will be sent home again. Work through the activities at your own pace.

### Specialist Program

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

Mathletics will be used later in the year, please wait for instructions from your child's classroom teacher.

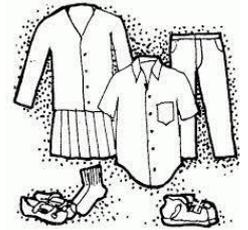


### Attendance

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 late you must sign your child in at the office. It is important that students come to school every day so their academic, social skills and understanding of routines 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 from 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](http://pp.campaustralia.com.au) or by calling 1300 105 343.

### 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 currently operating on Wednesday afternoon at the Grade 1/2 gate.



### Curriculum Learning Focus Areas:

#### English

- Letters are symbols that represent sounds.
- Concepts about books and how they work.
- Reading and writing commonly used words.
- Pointing to the words when we read and using different decoding strategies.
- Handwriting – correct starting points and formation. Sitting letters on lines. Correct pencil grip.
- Speaking in full sentences.

#### Mathematics

- Making, recording and matching numbers and words.
- Counting to and from 20. Counting beyond 20.
- Days of the week, linking familiar events to days of the week.
- Using the language of location – in front of, behind, under, over, beside, next to, etc.
- Comparing the length of objects and using language such as long, longer, longest, short, shorter, shortest.

#### Inquiry

Our inquiry unit this term is titled "Our sustainable world." We will be exploring actions we can take to help sustain the environment. We will learn about the weather, ways to stay warm in winter and cool in summer, growing plants, and sustainable and responsible rubbish disposal. Our inquiry unit is also going

to be enhanced by a free excursion to Eco Linc in Bacchus Marsh. Details to follow soon.

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 was your favourite activity today? Why?
- When did you feel most proud of yourself today?
- What did you learn today?
- What/where did you play at recess? Who did you play with outside today?
- Who/what made you smile or laugh today?
- If I called your teacher tonight, what would she tell me about you?

*Kind Regards,*

*Mrs Siomos, Mrs Parr and Mrs Bates.*