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Prep News

Term 3, 2021.



Dear Prep Families,

Welcome to third term. Term 2 was certainly action packed and we are very proud of how the prep students navigated their way through onsite learning, two weeks of remote learning and back to onsite learning. They showed great resilience as we made our way through constant changes to our learning situation. We were extremely disappointed to miss an opportunity for our first excursion but are excited to inform you that we will be participating in activities with Ecolinc early this term at school. There is also our 100th day of school celebrations to look forward to this term.

Again, our goal for the Prep students this term is to only be absent if unwell and to be at school on time to avoid having to get a late pass. In term 2, five Prep students had 100% school attendance and we would love for this number to increase in term 3.

Dates to remember:

12th July – Term 3 commences
21st July – Ecolinc incursion (free)
23rd July – Pupil Free Day –
Parent/Teacher conferences
2nd August – 100th Day of School
Celebrations
17th September – Last day of term
2.30pm finish.

Ecolinc Incursion

An educator from Eco Linc in Bacchus Marsh will be visiting our classrooms on Wednesday 21st July. The students will participate in the 'Be a Meteorologist' program.

This incursion is free for all Prep students.

During the session the students will be involved in making weather predictions and learn about the different equipment used to observe the weather.

Hats

Students will be required to wear hats for outside activities beginning September 1st.



** Due to the lockdown this will need to be rescheduled.

Specialist Program

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

100th Day of Prep

Prep students will celebrate completing 100 days of school on Monday, August 2nd. We have been counting up to this every day since we began the school year. The celebrations will take place at school with the students taking part in a ceremony and activities based around '100'. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have families onsite for our celebration, however we will be filming the event and sending you a link to watch the celebrations.

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 that 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 their classroom teacher and these will be sent home again. Work through the activities at your own pace.

WORD LISTS

This term students will receive a set of high frequency words to practise at home. Please ensure they are kept in their home pouch and returned each Monday.

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 or by calling 1300 105 343.

SPARE CLOTHING

Please ensure that your child has a spare set of clothing including: underwear, socks, and pants in their school bag in case of toilet accidents. On occasions, children will have accidents, we hope that they never need the spare clothing, but we would like to be prepared.



If your child borrows clothes from the sick bay please ensure they are washed and promptly returned to the school.

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.
- Reading stamina
- Inferring characters feelings
- Pointing to the words when we read and using different decoding strategies.
- Handwriting – using dotted thirds lined paper
- Writing recounts, explanations and reports.
- Speaking in full sentences.

Mathematics

- Counting collections.
- Ordering numbers
- Addition
- Capacity – comparing the capacity of different containers.
- Subtraction
- Weight – comparing weight of objects using language such as heavier, lighter, more, less
- Shape – revision of 2-dimensional shape and exploring the features of 3 dimensional shapes

Inquiry

Our inquiry unit this term is titled “Fairness and Friendship.” We will be exploring the importance of having and following classroom and family rules. We will consider appropriate actions in different places we might visit. We will also explore techniques to manage conflict and social skills to use when working in a team.

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 about the best part of your day. Can you tell me why it was the best part?
- Did you read or listen to anything interesting today?
- Who did you play with today? What did you play together?
- What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
- Did you help anyone today?
- What made you smile today?
- When did you feel most proud of yourself today?
- If I called your teacher tonight, what would she tell me about you?

Kind Regards,

Mrs Siomos, Mrs Parr and Mrs Bates.