



## Prep 2018 February Newsletter

### A warm welcome

The Prep team would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new 2018 Prep families. The students have had a terrific start to their first school year and are all very excited about their new classrooms and learning programs.

### Our learning program

In our classrooms we have been very busy learning all about the class expectations and school routines. The children have enjoyed exploring their new learning environments as well as making new friendships with their fellow Preps. The children have begun their investigative learning in the mornings and are enjoying learning about the different roles of the; focus child, reporter and photographer. Here are our learning intentions for the first three weeks:

<b>MATHS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are learning to read, write and make numbers.</li> <li>We are learning to look at collections.</li> <li>We are learning to match the numerals to written words.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are learning that numbers are everywhere!</li> <li>We are learning to subitise numbers.</li> </ul>
<b>READING</b>	<b>WRITING</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are learning three ways to read a book.</li> <li>We are learning to read to self.</li> <li>We are learning to recognise good fit books</li> <li>I can recognise the letters M, A, T and S</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can show you my ideas using pictures.</li> <li>I can write my name.</li> <li>I can write.</li> <li>I can write the letters M, A, T and S</li> </ul>
<b>SPEAKING &amp; LISTENING</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can put up my hand if I have something to share.</li> </ul>	

## **Grade 5 Buddies**

The Preps have thoroughly enjoyed meeting their new Grade 5 buddies and the senior students have certainly been very caring and patient with our new school members. Last week the Preps enjoyed eating both their snack and lunch with the Grade 5's who then supported them in the school yard. This week we are encouraging the Preps to play more independently when outside, however, our buddies are never too far away!

## **Hats**

Term 1 is a Sun smart Term and all students are expected to wear a hat at all times when outside. The Preps are encouraged to leave their hats in their lockers at the end of the day in order to ensure they have one at school at all times. Please ensure your child's hat is clearly named.

## **Readers**

Readers were sent home last week and all students were very excited to share their very first reader with their families. Readers are to come to school every day and we do encourage parents to come into the classroom each morning to change readers over. Please see your child's classroom teacher for further details.

## **Canteen**

Our school canteen is open Thursday and Fridays for lunch orders as well as snacks during recess and lunch. If you are sending your child to school with money please see your classroom teacher regarding their canteen procedure.

## **Dates to put in your diary**

Family Fun night: Wednesday March 14th

School Photos: Tuesday March 6th (Preps are first to be photographed so it is really important to be on time.)

Prep Family Picnic: Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup>

Finally, please remember that starting this week all Preps will be enjoying Wednesdays off until the week beginning the 5<sup>th</sup> March. During this period, please ensure that you bring your child into school for their Prep evaluation at their allocated date and time. Please speak to your classroom teacher if you have any queries.

The Prep Team