

Prep/One News

TERM 2 2020

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that Term 1 is almost over... it has been fantastic to see the children bursting with enthusiasm and excitement for learning **and** so eager to play with their friends. What a great start to 2020!

Next term there are lots of exciting things planned, making it, as usual, another fun filled and busy time for us all. Please check the list to the right to make sure you do not miss anything.

We do remain hopeful that these activities may still go ahead so have decided to include them in this newsletter. However, we will follow School Council and Department advice when deciding to postpone or cancel events. At present all excursions, incursions and camps are not running until further notice.

Term One Highlights...

The Year Ones enthusiastically embraced the 'Start Up' program in the first few weeks of school where they established clear rules and expectations as well as choosing marvelous Molly the Meerkat as their class mascot because meerkats are brave, they look out for each other, they stand tall, work together and are curious.

The Preps have certainly settled amazingly well into the complex routines and expectations of school life. Thanks to their Year 5 and Year One buddies for helping make transition to school such a positive experience. They are all showing true "Learning Power". Look out for the arrival of our mascot after the holidays. He will be helping us to learn with his amazing strength and other special qualities.

It is amazing how much we managed to fit into first term. Here are a few photos to remind us of... Harold's Visit, Kaboom Sports, Maths Communityday, When I Grow up and of course PBL and PMP! Thank you so much to everyone who helped with PMP. We really appreciate it! We really had fun and learned a lot!



Project Based Learning

We have all been really enjoying Project Learning time and would love your help to top up our supplies. If you have any spare wool, small pieces of fabric, plastic containers and lids, (margarine, ice cream etc) please send them along to school. **In particular we desperately need small pieces of wood that can be glued or nailed by the children.**

What's On?

Term 2

April 13th (week beginning)

Easter Bunny visits P/1

April 25th

ANZAC Day

April 27th

Curriculum Day

May 4th (week beginning)

Mother's Day Stall

May 13th

Excursion to Puffing Billy

May 22nd

Simultaneous Story Day

"Witney and Brittany Chicken Divas"

June 3rd

P/1 Athletics day

June 12th

Teddy Bear's Picnic

May Thursday 25th

Education Week open afternoon, 2.00pm - 3 pm.

June 22nd (week beginning)

Avril on Long Service Leave

Reports available on Compass and Learning Journals sent home

Mailbags It is great to see so many children remembering to bring their mailbags to school. This ensures that you do not miss any important notices, as well as being a safe place for their home reading books. If mailbags have gone 'missing' please replace them from the office.

Year One Motto

In Year One we will be Helpful, Friendly, and respectful students who look after each other. We will work as a team and always give our personal best!

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Term 2 Curriculum Overview

Excursions Incursions

We are really excited to have planned an excursion to Puffing Billy for Term 2 and we hope that at some stage it can still go ahead. There are so many things that we can learn about, engines, transport, history etc as well as having an amazing experience.



We hope that we are able to include the “Mindful Monkey incursion that was postponed in term 1.

We are also looking forward to having a special week with our teddies, culminating in a fabulous ‘honey sandwich’ making and eating picnic as well as having a P/1 Sports Day whilst the rest of the school has their Athletics Sports.

Maths

In Prep maths this term we will continue to explore patterns and the classification of objects as well as discussing time and length. We have begun to focus on the properties of the numbers 1 to 10 and now that we have met Zina, Zola and Number Cruncher we look forward to all their maths challenges on the computers.

In Year One we have been consolidating our knowledge of place value and improving our skills with skip counting. We are using a hands on, problem solving approach to addition and subtraction. We will also be learning more about length and time.

English

In Preps some of the children have started to remember their “golden words” and are excited to find them in many of the stories and rhymes that we share in the classroom. It will be exciting to see them beginning to progress from the repetitive texts and begin to establish a range of strategies to help them when they get ‘stuck’. We will begin more detailed learning focusing on specific letters and blends this term. The children have been fantastic at remembering to bring their take-home books and have really enjoyed reading them. The children are just beginning to write about their experiences and are very excited when they can read their own writing to their friends.



In Year One the children will continue to develop their reading skills and to enjoy reading ‘harder books’. Their fluency and comprehension improves daily! This term we will focus on reading traditional tales, focusing on rhyming patterns as well as reading and comprehension strategies. (Finding the main idea and recalling facts and details). In writing we will be focusing on correct letter formations, more interesting ways to begin a sentence, using a range of connectives as well as trying to accurately use punctuation. We are continuing to work on vowel sounds and adding suffixes to help improve the children's spelling.

Project Learning. (Creative and Critical Thinking)

In Project Learning time our art experiences will include vehicle making, constructions and weaving experiences as well as using a range of interesting drawing materials. And making a tissue paper collage.

In Science we will be learning about light and sound as well as following the children's passion for digging, drawing and searching for rocks, (gold) in the school ground.

We will be recording the growth of our daffodils... let's hope they all flower!

It is great to see the children developing their thinking, problem solving and inquiry skills as well as their social skills during the many self managed activities that they enthusiastically participate in.



School Values and Community Champions

In Term 2 we are really looking forward to introducing the school's new values, Respect, Community, Ambition and Confidence and being able to reward all our amazing “Community Champions”!

Avril and Mark