



Prep News

TERM 1 2024



What's On?

Term 1

Preps Begin Full Time

Monday 4 March

Assembly Dates:

- **Week 5 Friday 1/3**
Announce class SRC's
- **Week 7 Friday 15/3**
Kaboom Sport recount
- **Week 9 Thursday 28/3**
Final assembly &
Easter Hat parade

'Meat and Greet'

20 February

3:30– 4:30pm Open House

4:30– 5pm Parent Info session

Mindful Monkey Incursion

18 March

Lunch Order Friday dates

23 February / 8 March / 22 March

Parent Student Teacher Conferences Thursday 21 March

Prep **will not** be involved in these conferences and do not need to come to school on this day.

Term 1 Ends

Thursday 28 March **2.30pm**

Dear Parents,

What a fabulous start everyone has made to the school year! It is fantastic to see the children bursting with enthusiasm and excitement for learning **and** beginning to make new friends. Congratulations to ALL of you!

This term there are lots of exciting things planned. Please see the list on the right.

Weekly Schedule

Monday	Buddies
Tuesday	Science and Technology
Wednesday	PMP please try to wear shoes they can take on and off easily
Thursday	PMP please try to wear shoes they can take on and off easily Library– library bags to borrow books Art
Friday	Assembly (see dates to the right) Lunch Orders (every second week starting 9/2)

2024 Prep Teaching Team

- Avril who is at school every day.
- Miss Owen (Gemma) usually not at school on a Wednesday but not Monday until 4/3.
- Mr. O who teaches us PE and replaces Gemma on Wednesdays. Usually not at school on a Monday & Friday.

Parent Helpers

Don't forget, if you are available, you can volunteer to help with PMP sessions on a Wednesday and Thursday morning. Please note that **all helpers MUST** obtain a Working with Children card, complete relevant paperwork available at the office, and always sign in and out at the office.

Project Based Learning

To support PBL please send along any of the following ... spare wool, small pieces of fabric, boxes of any shape and size but particularly the smaller ones AND small pieces of soft wood that can be glued or taped.

Guinea Pigs



Now that our guinea pigs have returned to school after their long holiday they are looking for special places to visit over the weekends. Please add your name to the list inside the classroom if you would like to 'host' them. (They are no trouble!)

Incursions

We really enjoyed participating in the Kaboom Sports incursion where we learnt lots about the qualities of a great learner. During the Mindful Monkey incursion we will be learning how to use our senses, recognise our emotions as well as a range of calming breathing exercises.

Home Reading

We plan to begin the Home Reading Program by the end of February. Each child will have the following in their 'Red Mailbag', a book to record the books that they 'read', a scrap book with the Magic Words pasted into it, (updated as they achieve the next level) and their home reading text that is specifically targeted to their level. More relevant information will be sent home once we begin the program.

Morning and Afternoon Procedures

At the start of each day the children will (try to) line up in their 4 lines outside the main door ready to come into the classroom when the bell rings. (We have found that this helps eliminate some of the separation anxiety that can sometimes occur.) We will pop outside before the bell for a quick chat. Please feel free to ask any questions or share important information with us at this time.

After school we will usually take the children outside the room at around 3.20pm - 3.25pm. This avoids congestion with the other classes and makes sure that they are delivered safely back to you. HOWEVER please do not worry if you do not arrive until 3.30pm or a little after. Please remind your child that they MUST stay with us in the small area outside the door until they see you. A little wave to us to show they have been picked up would really be appreciated!

Lunches

We try hard to check that each child is eating their 'healthy, growing' food. Please let us know if you are concerned in any way.

Canteen Orders

There will be a Prep B and a Prep O tub inside the classroom where the children place their lunch orders on canteen days. If they have money to spend at 'counter sales' please check with them that they know where to find it.

Term 1 Curriculum Overview

This term our main focus is to set the kids up for success by helping them to establish meaningful connections at school as well as becoming familiar with the complex rules, routines and daily expectations.

In **Maths** this term we will explore patterns, classify objects and begin to focus on the specific properties of the numbers 1 to 10 as well as counting up to and beyond 100! We will experiment with capacity and mass.

In **English** we will examine words that rhyme and words that begin with the same sound. We will begin to introduce the high frequency words as well as formally teaching letter sound relationships. We will focus on 1 to 1 pointing in a text and begin to read simple repetitive books. (Very exciting!)

Project Learning (Creative and Critical Thinking)

In Project Learning the children are encouraged to follow their own interests, extend their ideas, think creatively, solve their own problems and work cooperatively together.

This term we will be providing a range of Maths, Science, Art, Dramatic play, as well as sensory experiences, for the children to explore and discover new ideas.

In **PE** we will be participating in our Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) where we will work on a range of movement activities aimed to improve eye/hand and eye/foot coordination, fitness, balance, locomotion and eye-tracking skills. We will be promoting enjoyment of movement and exercise.

In **Science** this term, we will be exploring what is inside the human body by taking a closer look at our bones and organs. The children will be making a replica of themselves to show their learning.

During **Library** sessions, Prep students will be sharing their feelings and thoughts about the events and characters depicted in the stories we read. As students have commenced borrowing, this is a friendly reminder that library books are on loan for 2 weeks.

In **Art** this term the Preps will investigate portrait drawing and complete a whole school collaborative artwork. They will be exposed to the art elements of colour and line through a variety of mediums.

For further elaboration on any of the above please consider attending the 'Prep Info Session' at 4.30pm next Tuesday, 20th February, during the 'Meet and Greet' evening.

Looking forward to a great term of fun and learning, kind regards...

The Prep Team!