

# PrepNews

TERM 2 2024



## Dear Parents,

Firstly, let's give our preps a massive round of applause for absolutely "nailing" their very first term of school! They are truly little superstars, and we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them. It's been wonderful to see them "come out of their shells," revealing their unique personalities that make our classroom such a vibrant, happy, warm and inviting learning environment.

As we step into Term 2, we reflect on the first term and re-establish routines, revise set expectations, and continue to build our connections. We have the opportunity to build upon the foundation laid in the previous term while continuing to learn and grow. This term, while we'll keep the warmth of familiarity guidance and support, we aim to challenge our preps just a little bit more, encouraging them to persevere through difficulties, take learning risks, and embrace the valuable lesson and motto that "**mistakes are great; they help you learn**".

Lastly, the Prep team want to thank you all for your open communication, trust and support. Just a friendly reminder, we have an open door approach and welcome you all to come and see us if you have any questions, concerns or just want to touch base.

## Preps Weekly Schedule

<b>Monday</b> Avril & Miss Owen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Science and Technology</b></li><li>• <b>Buddies</b></li></ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> Avril & Miss Owen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Canteen</b>– counter sales</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> Avril & Mr. O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>PMP</b> (wear shoes they can take on and off easily)</li></ul>
<b>Thursday</b> Avril & Miss Owen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>PMP</b> (wear shoes they can take on and off easily)</li><li>• <b>Library</b>– library bags to borrow books</li><li>• <b>Art</b></li></ul>
<b>Friday</b> Avril & Miss Owen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Assembly</b> (see dates to the right)</li><li>• <b>Canteen</b>- Lunch Orders / counter sales</li></ul>

## Helpers

- **PMP**– If you are available to help on either a Wednesday or a Thursday (9:00-10:00am) please add your name on the parent helper list located on our door.
- **Classroom Helper**- We will also be inviting parents/grandparents to come help in the classroom. In the coming weeks we will put up a roster near our front door. Please feel free to add your name to a session. Please note the times will vary depending on the week.
- **Excursions**– This term we are excited to share that we will be going on 4 local walking excursions (see dates to the right). We will need parent helpers to come explore with us. Please see the teachers if you can help.
- **Canteen Helpers**- Canteen helpers are needed on Tuesday and Friday. Please contact the office for more details.

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.

## What's On?

### Term 1

#### RPS Term 2 Date:

#### Week 4

**Tue 7 May**—RPS The Eras Tour' School Performance 2024

**Fri 10 May**– Excursion to Research Oval

**Fri 10 May**– Assembly

#### Week 5

**Tue 14 May**- Research PS Open Day

**Fri 17 May**– Excursion to Research shops

#### Week 6

**Tue 21 May**– Junior School Athletics

**Fri 24 May**- Curriculum Day

#### Week 7

**Fri 31 May**– Assembly

#### Week 8

**Mon 3 June**– Water Watchers Incursion

**Fri 7 June**– Excursion to Research CFA

#### Week 9

**Mon 10 June**- Kings Birthday

**Fri 14 June**– Assembly

#### Week 10

**Tue 18 June**-School Photos

**Fri 21 June**-Excursion to Research Aqueduct

#### Week 11

**Fri 26 June**- Assembly & Last Day of Term 2:30pm Finish

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## Term 2 Curriculum Overview

### English

In **Reading**, our preps will continue expanding their repertoire of high-frequency words, empowering them with the tools they need to unlock a multitude of simple texts. In phonics, they will focus on the sounds and relationships of the letters S, I, T, P, A, R, N, H, and D. We'll also focus on refining the mechanics of reading, including decoding skills and the crucial practice of one-to-one pointing. The preps will be introduced to comprehension strategies to support them in understanding, interpreting, and connecting to texts. Please continue to support your child with reading at home. We strongly encourage reading a text each night. Please remember to log them in your child's Home Reading Journal, this is where we will also include some notes for you to read.

In **Writing**, there will be a continued focus on fundamental handwriting skills, honing in on letter formation and spacing. A highlight of our writing sessions this term will be our weekly "diary" entries, where preps will have the opportunity to recount their weekend adventures. This will help foster creativity and self-expression but also encouraging them to attempt writing familiar words and construct simple sentences. We will support them to transfer their knowledge of the "Magic Words" and known letter sounds into their writing.

In **Speaking and Listening**, later in the term, our preps will take part in a special "show and share" session. They'll share cool facts about their favourite place, tying into our integrated topic, "*Me and My Environment*." Very exciting! More details to come closer to the date!

### Numeracy

In **Number**, the preps will focus on the specific properties of the numbers 1-10. They will also begin to look at ordinal numbers and place numbers in their corresponding spot (before, in-between or after). We will also be introducing Math Seeds, your child can access this program at home using their Reading Eggs Login.

In **Measurement**, we will explore time, looking at days of the week and the four seasons. Later in the term we will be experimenting with length.

### Integrated Studies

In **Geography**, this term we will be exploring the unit, '*Me and My Environment*' where the students will investigate the origins and significance of names, features and places in their local area, and explore our connection to them. They will delve into historical, cultural, and geographical factors shaping these places, fostering a deeper understanding of our local community. As part of this unit, the preps will be participating in 4 local walking excursions (see dates and location on the previous page).

In Project Learning (**Creative and Critical Thinking**) 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 have a focus on bio-science, including planting bulbs around the school. We will also be diving into the world of weaving, creating a variety of different pieces.

### Specialist

In **PE** we will continue participating in our Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) where they will work on a range of movement activities aimed to improve their eye/hand and eye/foot coordination, fitness, balance, locomotion and eye-tracking skills. We will be promoting enjoyment of movement and exercise. The Preps will also participate in the Junior School Athletics Day.

In **Science** this term, we will be exploring Earth's resources by taking a closer look at minerals, rocks, soil and water. Students will identify how these resources are used at school and home, along with how to conserve them.

During **Library** sessions, Prep students will explore the features of a story, how characters are introduced and how stories begin. This is a friendly reminder that library books are on loan for 2 weeks.

In **Art** during Term 2 the Preps will continue to investigate the art elements of colour and line through a variety of mediums. There will be a focus on the colour wheel, and primary and secondary colours.

*Love, the Prep Team!*