



# PrepNews



TERM 3 2024

## Dear Parents,

What a fabulous start everyone has made Term 3! It is incredible to see how much the kids have grown in height and maturity; as well as in their learning.

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

## Weekly Schedule

<b>Monday</b>	Buddies , Science and Technology . Balance gym.
<b>Tuesday</b>	PE Prep B Canteen counter sales
<b>Wednesday</b>	PE Prep O
<b>Thursday</b>	Assembly (see dates to the right) Library– Please return books to the tub in the classroom Art
<b>Friday</b>	Lunch Orders and Counter sales

## Parent Helpers

This term we will be beginning our parent helpers' program in the classroom. You will be able to assist with a range of maths and reading activities as well as during PBL. Please look out for the rosters placed outside the classroom on the right hand side of the door and add your name if you are able to help.

We will also be looking for volunteers to help on the walk to Balance Gym as well as for our excursion to the zoo at the end of the term. Please let us know if you are available.

Please note that any helpers MUST obtain a 'Working with Children' check and complete relevant paperwork available at the office. Thank you!

## Parent Teacher Student Conferences 12th September

These conferences are such an exciting time for us all! We all get together to share your child's achievements, opinions, wonderings and goals. They are scheduled for ten minutes each and can be booked online via Compass once they have been uploaded. It is a pupil free day with no regular classes scheduled.

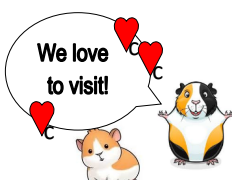
## K'Gari Project

Hopefully by the time you read this we will have successfully planted an area of the school ground with a variety of indigenous plants as well as planting our choice of two fruit trees along the school fence line. If you get a chance check out your child's plant so that you can help them maintain it over the years.

## Guinea Pigs

Don't forget to add your name to the roster if you would like to host our cute little guinea pigs Pickles and Nugget for a weekend sleepover at your house. The kids really enjoy the experience and we promise that they are NO trouble! (Well hardly!)

Thanks to everyone who has already survived a visit!



## What's On For Term 3?

### 100 days of School

#### Celebration

Friday 2/8

### Balance Gym

Monday 29/7, 5/8,12/8,  
19/8, 26/8 all 1.45-2.30pm

Chickens arrive 12/8

Book Week Dress Up Parade  
22/8

Book Week 'Show' 29/8

Curriculum Day 30/8

Parent, Teacher Student  
Conferences 12/9

Alteration to school day.

### Whole School Zoo Excursion

17th September

### Assembly Dates:

- **Week 3– Thursday 1/8**
- **Week 6– Thursday 22/8**  
**Book Week Parade**
- **Week 8 Thursday 5/9**  
**Prep 'In the Spotlight'**  
**performance**
- **Week10 Thursday 19/**

### Term 3 Ends

Friday 20th September at  
2.30pm



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## Please help your child to remember .....

- To change their reading book each morning
- To bring their 'Mailbag' with their Magic Word book and reading log to school every day
- To put the library book that they are returning into the library book trolley
- To put their lunch order in the tub provided
- To stay with us at the end of each day until they are picked up
- That at school we do NOT share or give money to another student and that we do NOT give 'presents' to others. While these actions may be kind and well intended as you can imagine they can often lead to problems when some students miss out or when the 'gift' is withdrawn etc.



## Term 3 Curriculum Overview

This term our main focus is to build upon the skills that the students gained during the first two terms AND WOW how far have they come!.

In **Maths** this term we will continue to focus on the properties of the numerals 0 to 10, encouraging the students to readily see a number without counting and to combine them. We will begin to introduce the strategies of doubles and counting on to solve problems. We will continue to count backwards and forwards from given numbers and consolidate counting by 2s and 10s. We will have a range of experiences with shapes and length as well as beginning to collect and share our own data.

In **English** we will continue to support each student to further develop their oral reading skills particularly during our weekly 'Guided Reading' sessions. We will continue to develop a range of comprehension strategies as well as focusing on phonetic knowledge and word building using letter sound combinations that they know. We will be focusing specifically on c, k, ck, g, r, l, and vowels e, o, and u. We will encourage the students to write about their experiences and ideas by using known words and listening to and trying to write the sounds that they can hear in words. We will also be beginning more formal Speaking and Listening activities. Each child will present to the class information about their favourite animal during 'Show and Share'. (More details about this will follow)

## Project Learning (Creative and Critical Thinking)

In Project Learning the children will be encouraged to further extend their ideas, to think creatively and solve a range of problems, as well as working 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. We will have a specific focus on living and non living things.

This term in **PE**, our Prep students will be developing their fundamental motor skills, including throwing, catching, kicking, and ball bouncing. We'll be focusing on making these activities fun and encouraging fair play so that everyone can enjoy learning and playing together. We're looking forward to seeing our young learners grow in confidence and skill throughout the term.

In **Science** this term, students will be having fun with experiments to discover if a bubble, fizz or bang is a chemical or a physical change. During Week 5 (12-16 August), we will be celebrating National Science Week. This year's school theme is *Species Survival – More Than Just Sustainability*.

During **Library** sessions this term, we will be exploring the magic of reading stories and their amazing power to transport you into another world in the lead up to 'Children's Book Week'. There will be a **whole school dress-up day** on Thursday 22nd August and a live performance of 'Maybe A Miracle' by the theatrical group Perform Education on Thursday 29th August.

In **Art** this term Prep classes will begin the term making Art inspired by the Olympics. They will then focus on the Art Elements of colour and shape.

Don't forget that if you have any issues at all please feel free to chat with us!

Looking forward to another wonderful term of fun and learning,

The Prep Team!