

# PrepNews

TERM 2 2025



## 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, revisit set expectations, and continue to build our connections. We have the opportunity to build upon the foundation laid in term one 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.

## Helpers

- **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.
- **PMP-** If you are available to help on either a Wednesday or a Thursday 2:30– 3:30 please add your name on the parent helper list located on our door.
- **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 2

#### Week 3

**Thu 8 May**—Healesville Sanctuary

#### Week 4

**Tue 13 May**— Research Primary's Open Morning 9:30-11am

**Thu 15 May**— Assembly

#### Week 5

**Mon 19 May**— Henny Penny Drop off

**Tue 20 May**— Junior Athletics Day

#### Week 6

**Fri 30 May**— Henny Penny Pick up

#### Week 7

**Thu 5 June**— Assembly

#### Week 8

**Mon 9 June**— Kings Birthday Holiday

**Tue 10 June**— Curriculum Day (no students at school)

#### Week 9

**Tue 17 June**— School Photos

**Thurs 19 June**— Assembly

#### Week 10

#### Week 11

**Fri 4 July**—Assembly & Last Day

## Term 1 Highlight Snaps



Cooking with Janice



Mindful Monkey



Hands on Learning



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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 C, K, CK, E, H, G, O, H, U, L, F, B, J and Y. 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 animal, tying into our integrated topic, '*Is it Alive?*'. For more information and your child's allocated time please see the attached sheet.

### Numeracy

In **Number**, the preps will focus on the specific properties of the numbers 5-10. 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 be exploring the concept of time by learning about the days of the week and the vocabulary related to different times of the day, and connecting these to familiar daily events.

### Integrated Studies

In **Science**, we're diving into our exciting unit, '*Is It Alive?*'. Students will become young scientists as they explore the differences between living and non-living things and learn what plants and animals need to survive — air, water, food, and shelter. We're thrilled to be heading off to Healesville Sanctuary, where students will see a range of animals up close and find out how each one meets its needs in the wild. They'll also be encouraged to think about how they care for pets or plants at home. Back in the classroom, students will get their hands dirty planting seeds and bulbs, learning how to nurture them as they grow. It's sure to be a term full of wonder, curiosity, and life!

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, living and non-living. This will include planting and growing a range of seeds and bulbs.

### Specialist

This **PE**, Prep students will be getting ready for our Junior School Athletics Day by developing their fundamental motor skills. They will also take part in the Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) twice a week on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, focusing on coordination, balance, and movement skills.

In **Science and Technology**, students will embark on a journey to uncover what is beneath our feet. They will investigate the Earth's surface and discover how fossils are created when living things are buried and preserved over time. Through the unit Beneath Our Feet, students will examine different types of fossils and learn how these ancient remains provide valuable clues about what the Earth looked like in the past and the plants and animals that once lived there.

In **Art** this term the Preps will investigate the art elements of Colour and Line. They will learn about the colour wheel and primary and secondary colours, and create artworks using different styles of lines.

In **Library** Prep students will take part in engaging library sessions where they explore different areas of the library and enjoy a variety of books. These sessions are designed to encourage students to borrow books to take home and to nurture a love of reading.

### Preps Term 2 Weekly Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Avril & Miss Owen	Avril & Miss Owen	Avril & Ms M	Avril & Miss Owen	Avril & Miss Owen
	Library, Science,	PMP	Assembly (see dates)	Art
	Buddies		PMP	

**Love Prep Team**