

PrepNews



TERM 3 2026

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic start our preppies have made to Term 3! It is incredible to see how much the kids have grown over the holidays (and how many teeth were lost!). Our wonderful little rockstars have absolutely blown us away. They have settled back into the classroom so beautifully after the break. Every single day, they continue to show us how they are making their brains grow, and we know they will continue to rock the rest of the semester!

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

Weekly Schedule

Monday - PE, Science

Tuesday- Buddies (every second week), Library (Prep Z), Canteen counter sales

Thursday- Assembly (see dates to the right), Library (Prep O), Art (Prep Z)

Friday- Art (Prep O), Lunch Orders

Parent Helpers

Our classroom helpers program is back for the term, and we would love to have you on board! Grandparents are more than welcome to join the fun too, starting in week 4. If you are available to help out with Literacy groups or Maths groups, please check out the sign-up sheets right outside our classroom door. Just a quick reminder that **all** school volunteers must have a Working with Children Check and fill out the standard paperwork at the front office first. Thank you for helping us create a great learning space for the kids!

Parent Teacher Student Conferences 10th September

These conferences are where we all get together to share your child's achievements. They are scheduled for ten minutes each and will be available to be booked online via Compass shortly. There will be the option to book face to face or over the phone. If your preference is over the phone we know to call you at your scheduled time! This will be a **pupil free day** with no regular classes scheduled.

What's On For Term 3

School Production Rehearsal Dates

Production Dance rehearsal in weeks 1 and 2

All day rehearsal Tuesday 28th July

School Production

Tuesday 28th July

100 days of School

Celebration

Thursday 6th August

'We have rocked 100 days of school'. Bring 100 small things to school.

Book Week Parade

Thursday 27th August

Hats are back!

Tuesday 1st September

Parent, Teacher Student Conferences

Thursday 10th September

Assembly Dates:

- **Week 1– Thursday 16/7**
- **Week 4– Thursday 6/8**
- **Week 6– Thursday 20/8**
- **Week 7- Thursday 27/8**
- **Week 10- Friday 18/9**

Term 3 Ends

Friday 18th September at 2.30pm

Term 2 Highlight Snaps



FIFA and Sundae

Grandparent's Day

Bundoora Farm

PBL



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Reminders

- Throughout the term, we will continue to open our doors at **8:50 am, and parents can kiss and drop at the door**. There will always be a teacher at the door at that time, so if you have any issues at all, please feel free to chat with us!
- Please pack a spare set of underwear, pants and socks in your child's bag for wet weather or the occasional accident.
- As we head into cold and flu season, please keep your child at home if they are unwell to help reduce the spread of illness.
- We will continue encouraging good hygiene at school by washing hands regularly and remind the importance of covering coughs and sneezes.



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**, our learners are going to be incredibly busy exploring exciting new concepts in Maths this term! We will have fun using positional words like "behind" and "inside" to describe locations and mapping familiar areas, and searching for symmetry by folding everyday shapes. In our number work, the children will build wonderful skills by grouping large collections into tens, breaking numbers into smaller parts, and using counters to bring addition stories to life. It will be amazing to watch them grow as they practice taking objects away, comparing two groups to find the difference, and naming and sorting shapes by their features.

In **English**, students will be exploring the "who, what, where, and when" of recounts, before diving into story writing to create awesome narratives with characters, settings, problems, solutions. We can't wait to see them become little authors! Later in the term, we will be looking at information texts and reading and creating labelled diagrams. In Reading and Phonics, the kids are becoming absolute word-wizards, blending CVC, CVCC, and CCVC words with confidence. Plus, we are putting on our detective hats to boost comprehension by predicting what happens next, summarising stories, exploring characters' feelings, making personal connections, and adjusting our thinking along the way!

Project Learning and Integrated Studies (Creative and Critical Thinking)

This term, our Project-Based Learning (PBL) adventures are diving deep into geography through our exciting integrated unit, "Our Special Place," where students explore our school grounds while building a respectful connection to Indigenous perspectives on land and Country. By weaving geographic concepts with cultural knowledge, our little learners will investigate local weather, look closely at why places have names, and explore the beautiful book *Come Together* by Isaiah Firebrace to contrast the traditional four seasons with rich Aboriginal seasonal calendars. True to the spirit of PBL, this unit places a massive emphasis on active, hands-on learning, transforming our students into nature detectives who will map our school grounds, engineer seed bombs, and design vibrant nature mandalas. Most excitingly, children will connect directly with Indigenous perspectives by crafting unique moths and constructing their very own Aboriginal seasonal calendars and wheels.

This term in **PE**, Prep students will continue developing their fundamental motor skills through a range of fun and engaging activities. They will practise throwing, catching, kicking, punting and dodging while building confidence and coordination. A strong emphasis will also be placed on playing cooperatively, taking turns, and encouraging others as they learn to work together in games and activities.

In **Science**, Prep students are exploring daily and seasonal changes and how these affect living things. They will observe weather, track changes using symbols, compare day and night, and learn about diurnal and nocturnal animals. Students will also design and test a sun shelter, investigate the four seasons, and complete hands-on activities to show how people, plants and animals respond to environmental changes.

This term in **Art**, Prep students will explore the art elements of line, shape, colour, texture and space through drawing, painting, printing, and collage. They will create a Piet Mondrian-inspired heart cards using primary colours. Students will experiment with a variety of tools to make textured papers inspired by artist Clare Youngs and use these to create a dragonfly or butterfly collage. Later in the term they will also investigate the artwork of Gabrielle Tito, using paint and pattern to create colourful flower artworks and design 'monster hug' cards for someone special in their lives.

Looking forward to another wonderful term of fun and learning,

The Prep Team!