PREP

term 4, 2026

WELCOME TO TERM 4

Can you believe our Prep students are almost at the finish line of their first year of school? What an incredible journey it has been for them, and for you as well! It's truly a bittersweet moment watching them grow, thrive, and now prepare to take that exciting step up into Year 1. We're so proud of all they've achieved and are confident that each of them will continue to shine brightly in the next chapter of their learning journey.



WEEKLY TIMETABLE

MONDAY

Prep O - Science & PE or PMP* at 12.30pm
Prep Z - Science & PE or PMP* at 11.30am

TUESDAY

Prep Z - Library
Prep O & Prep Z - Buddies
(alternates with Assembly weeks)

WEDNESDAY

Prep O & Prep Z - Literacy groups
(please ensure your child has their red mailbag)

THURSDAY

Prep O - Library
Prep Z - Art

FRIDAY

Prep O - Art

*PMP Dates: Oct 12, 19, Nov 9, 16, 23, 30

LEARNING AT HOME

Reading: At this early stage of their reading journey, regular practice really does make a difference and lays strong foundations for years to come. We know evenings can get busy, so on extra-rushed nights, Reading Eggs is a great way to squeeze in some valuable reading practice!

Maths: We're having so much fun exploring numbers, and you can keep the magic going at home! Try counting your steps, spotting numbers on letterboxes, or counting out ingredients while cooking dinner. Chatting about numbers during daily routines helps build your child's mathematical confidence!

COMING UP IN TERM 4

WEEK 2

Fri 16 Oct Pevan & Sarah Concert

WEEK 4

Mon 26, Tues 27, Thurs 29, Fri 30 Oct Prep Swimming
Wed 28 Oct Whole school photo
Thurs 29 Oct Assembly 9:15am

WEEK 5

Mon 2 Nov Curriculum Day
Tues 3 Nov Melbourne Cup Holiday
Thurs 5 Nov Prep Swimming (in lieu of 28/10)
Fri 6 Nov Whole School Community Day

WEEK 6

Wed 11 Nov Remembrance Day
Thurs 12 Nov Assembly 9:15am

WEEK 9

Thurs 3 Dec Assembly 9:15am

WEEK 10

Tues 8 Dec Step Up Day
Wed 9 Dec Prep Class Party
Fri 11 Dec Curriculum Day

WEEK 11

Wed 16 Dec *Little Builders, Big World* Expo 9:30am
Fri 8 Dec Christmas Carols; Last Day, 1:30pm finish

STEP UP DAY: TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER

On this very exciting day, Preps will meet their new classroom teacher and classmates for 2027. Some children may find the unknown a bit overwhelming and need extra time to get used to the idea, so we strongly encourage positive conversations about this massive milestone of moving up to Year 1. Please reassure your child that even if they are in a different class to some of their friends, they will still be able to play with them every day.

OUR LEARNING THIS TERM

LITERACY

Reading: Preps will grow as confident, fluent readers, decoding unfamiliar words and reading with increased accuracy, fluency and expression. In comprehension, we will connect texts to our own experiences and bring ideas together to deepen understanding.

Phonics: Now that we have learnt all letter sounds, we will explore plural -s, past tense -ed (e.g. rushed) and -ing (e.g. looking). We will continue to practise blending, segmenting and applying phonics when reading and spelling.

Writing: Preps will become information experts, writing information reports about shelters around the world using facts, labels, subheadings and topic-specific vocabulary. We will also keep strengthening handwriting and letter formation.

MATHS

Geometry: Spotting shapes in our environment and using them to create artworks.

Sharing: Exploring sharing with concrete materials, alongside our reading of "The Doorbell Rang".

Money: Christmas-themed money lessons later in the term.

Statistics: Collecting and sorting data to answer investigative questions.

Measurement: Exploring mass and capacity, with plenty of joyful water play.

INTEGRATED

Little Builders, Big World: Preps will become architects and engineers, exploring how shelters around the world are designed, materials used, how they suit different environments and climates, and what makes them strong and stable.

Building: In small groups, students will plan, design and build their own shelter.

Share our learning with us at the **Little Builders, Big World Expo on Wed. 16 December at 9:30am.**

WELLBEING

Friendships and including others: Prep students will continue to talk about what makes a good friend, how to build positive friendships, learning how to include others in play and to make everyone feel welcome.

Kindness and gratitude: Exploring ways to show kindness and gratitude through our words and actions.

Feelings and emotions: Continuing to recognise, name and talk about our feelings, and finding helpful ways to manage big emotions.

SCIENCE

Moving Objects: Preps will explore how and why objects move and investigate *push and pull*.

Shapes: Testing how different shapes move by rolling or sliding.

Forces: Discovering how forces such as wind and gravity can change movement.

Coding and robotics: Beginning to explore coding and robotics, including programming a Bee-Bot.

ART

Chameleon print: Using line, space, colour, shape and texture to make a marker foil print of a colourful chameleon, based on Eric Carle's 'The Mixed-Up Chameleon'.

Miro portrait: Investigating primary colours, line and shape through Miro's 'Sun Eater' portrait, then making our own.

Christmas ornament: Finishing the term by decorating a Christmas Tree Ornament.

PE

Fundamental movement skills: Prep students will continue to develop their fundamental movement skills (FMS) through engaging Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) activities. They will practise balancing, jumping, hopping, throwing, catching and coordinating movement through fun, hands-on activities.

Benefits: Building confidence, coordination, body awareness and enjoyment of physical activity.

LIBRARY

Reading: Prep students will keep building a love of reading and will listen to engaging picture books.

Sharing: Students will share stories together and will be encouraged to explore the library.

Borrowing: Choosing and borrowing books that interest them, and sharing at home with their families.