

Prep Term 1 Newsletter 2026

A warm welcome to all parents and families to Prep 2026. There are many exciting events that happen in Term 1, within our school community. Thank you for helping to make the children's transition into school happy and positive. We look forward to working together throughout the year. Please see us if you have any questions and don't forget to follow the Holy Trinity Primary School Wantirna South Facebook Page and Instagram Page, it is regularly updated with pictures and videos of learning and activities.



Literacy

In Reading we use an evidence based phonics program. The children learn about the connection between letters and sounds in both speech and writing. The writing program will be connected to reading with students learning letter formation at the same time as they are exposed to the letter name and sound. They are also exposed to a variety of books and will learn about vocabulary and comprehension.

Reading at Home

Children will bring home a reading diary. This term you will be reading to your child and they will draw a picture of what they have listened to. Some weeks they will also revise letter formation. Each term will have a different diary. When the students start bringing home books they will be reading decodable texts that match the teaching in class.



Mathematics

We will begin the term learning about patterns, with an emphasis on two and three part patterns. The children will then learn about time - they will be ordering events, learning the days of the week and ordering events in books. The Counting and Place Value Unit will cover reading and writing numerals, matching and counting collections and adding up to 10, counting forwards and backwards from any starting point and making. The final unit is Location and the children will describe the positions of objects.

Religion

We will begin the year with a focus on, 'Praying to Jesus/God'. In this unit students learn about prayer as talking to and listening to God. They are introduced to the prayer space and the objects and symbols that make up this space. They learn some of the behaviours and actions of prayer, including making the Sign of the Cross. In this unit students are also introduced to the image of Jesus Christ. We will then continue the term with the unit, 'Following Jesus, Loving and Serving'. In this unit, we will explore the parable of The Lost Sheep and learn about the Lenten season and Holy Week.



The Five Senses Unit

Students will begin the year with a topic, 'The Five Senses' Within this unit they will be exploring how their bodies help them understand the world. They use their eyes to see colours and shapes, their ears to hear different sounds, and their noses to smell interesting scents. They also use their hands to feel textures and learn about their tastebuds. These fun activities help them notice, describe, and make sense of what is happening around them.

Parent parking

Just a reminder that the school carpark is only to be used by school staff members. The front of the school is **strictly a 2 minute** pick-up zone and **NO u-turns are permitted**. Parking inspectors visit frequently and have a camera in the back of the car as they drive past. They **will issue fines**, many parents have been

finished. If there are no parks in the bay please do another lap around the block. Parking is available on side streets however please be mindful of the neighbour's driveways.

Ordering Lunch Wednesdays and Fridays

Classroom Cuisine is an option for ordering your child's lunch on Wednesdays. Please check the newsletter for details of when it is resuming and cut off times for ordering. Click here to place orders.

<https://classroomcuisine.com.au/>

Subway can be ordered for Friday lunches. It will also be resuming soon. Please ensure that orders are placed no later than 3pm on Thursday afternoon to ensure lunch delivery to the classroom. Please click below and place orders using the canteen hub app. <https://app.canteenhub.com.au/>

Blue Take Home Pouch:

It is very important that your child brings this to school each day and it will be sent home every afternoon. Notices, library books, take home reading journals, invitations and books all go in the blue pouch. Thank you to all the families who have been bringing these to school everyday so far!

Specialist Times

Italian/Performing Arts - Monday

Digitech - Tuesday

Visual Arts - Thursday

PE - Thursday

Birthdays and Other Special Occasions

Your child is welcome to bring something to share with the other children on their special day. Due to our school policy, **no food is allowed to be shared or handed out**. If you would like to bring something, we encourage you to bring a small toy or object e.g. stickers, pencils, bouncy balls etc. **Our no food policy includes Easter and Christmas treats.**

Fostering Independence

As we begin the second half of Term 1, in order to begin developing the students' independence at school, we encourage you to say "**goodbye**" at the classroom door. We will assist your child with their before school routine. We really appreciate your understanding about letting your children enter the classroom by themselves.

Important Dates - Term 1

Please check the newsletter to be informed of upcoming dates of events

We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning. Please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Kind Regards,

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