

Prep Newsletter

Term 4, 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term Four! We can't believe how quickly the year has gone and that the children have almost finished their first year at school. This term is full of lots of exciting events and we are looking forward to sharing them with you.

Religion

To commence our Religious Education unit, we will be learning about 'God's Great Family'. Students will learn more about Jesus and his family, students will have the opportunity to make connections and create their own family trees. They will learn about God's people in the Bible and their messages including Abraham, Sarah, Mary, Joseph and John the Baptist. The following topic we will be covering is 'God is With Us', students will be learning about Jesus' birth and the significance of Advent in the Liturgical Year.



Literacy

We will continue to build on our reading skills this term, particularly focusing on phonics, phonological awareness, decoding and automatic sight-word recognition. In our storybook lessons, the students will be focusing on learning about books and developing their vocabulary and comprehension skills.

In Writing, we will continue dictation using the sounds and digraphs we have learnt to write sentences. The students will continue to write independently and use pictures for a stimulus. We are also beginning to learn the structure of narrative writing and the students will write simple narratives. Finally we are learning about information texts and they will be writing about different animals.

Knowledge Based Learning / General Curriculum



This term we have a very exciting unit, we are learning about physical sciences with a focus on movement. We will be investigating the various ways people and things move. This unit will be integrated with design technologies and the children will design and build things that move in various ways. There will be a parent afternoon on.

The students will be developing their knowledge about the lives of First Nations Australians. They will be learning sacred places, flags, care for country, storytelling, music, celebrations and respect.

Mathematics

In Maths this term, we are learning about data. The students will learn how to gather and represent data, after answering yes and no questions. The students will be continuing to develop their knowledge of counting and place value, including recognising money and ordering it according to value. They will continue to learn about measurement, including length, mass, capacity and time. Finally we will be building upon their knowledge of location and giving and following directions.

Respectful Relationships

This term in the Respectful Relationships units, we will be focusing on the topics 'Positive Gender Relations' and 'Gender and Identity'. These units are about playing and will build an understanding that boys and girls can play together and play fairly. They give strategies for how to play without rough play and

what to do if someone is rough. Students will learn strategies to assist with self-control. These units encourage children to be friendly and fair.

Homework

Children are expected to read for at least 10-15 minutes each night. Please ensure that the home reading diary is filled out and returned to your child's classroom teacher on their allocated days.

Important Reminders

As the celebration of Christmas is fast approaching and students celebrate the end of the year with gifts to each other, just a reminder that no food is allowed to be shared with students and this includes not sharing candy canes. As is the same with birthdays, small toys or items like pencils or balls are preferred.

Prep Graduation

Save the date! The preps are about to begin preparing for their prep graduation which will take place on the last day of term at 9am. We cannot wait to see you there!

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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