

PREP HOME LEARNING

Dear Prep Parents/Guardians,

We understand that this Term will come with its challenges, but appreciate your support in bringing continuity to your child's learning at home. Our role is to offer as much assistance to you and your child in their learning as we all embark on this new teaching and learning adventure. We ask you to be patient with the process (and us!) as this is completely new to everyone. Keep in mind that the learning program we provide is only a guide, so please do not feel pressured to follow it exactly, only complete it in a way that suits you and your family's circumstances. We encourage you to help your child engage with one literacy-based activity and one numeracy-based activity each day. We will provide you with explicit instructions and the resources you will need in order to do this.

Home learning will be continued through the app 'Seesaw'. We would like your child to have access to this via a device at home (computer, iPad or Smart Phone). If this is an issue, please talk to your teacher directly. Most children will have instructions how to login to the app in the **back of their reading journals**. If it is not in this place you will find it loose inside their reader folder or in the plastic pocket some parents collected after the children's last day. If you cannot locate your Seesaw code it can be emailed to you- please email your teacher directly.

Via Seesaw, we will be posting daily videos and activities for your child to complete and would love to see you post their work, record voice memos and communicate with us via this app (please see Seesaw instructions below to help you to do these things).

We understand that physical resources may be limited at home so we have done our best to create a learning program that allows your child to use the resources they have around them. Some resources they will need to use include paper, pencils, grey lead (one has been provided in their reader folder), their handwriting books, literacy books, story books and toys around your home. We will incorporate some activities that may require you to print something out if you have access, however we will also provide alternatives for your child to complete the activity without printing it.

Below is a timetable as a guide for how a day in Prep would run. We would like to stress that this is just a guide. We understand that everyone's home lives will differ throughout this time, so appreciate your patience and positivity in doing the best you can to help your child's learning continue. We encourage you and your child to create a home learning timetable, so students can see how their day may look. You may like to follow the timetable below or make some amendments. Try to include when they will have breakfast, snack, recess, lunch etc so the day is broken into small achievable blocks like a school day. This will

help your child to not feel overwhelmed by the change to their routine. Don't forget to dedicate time for free play, time outdoors and quiet independent reading.

Each session should be approximately 30 - 60mins including listening to the instructions, completing the task, and uploading work samples, if necessary, so you can receive individual lesson feedback from your classroom teacher. Tasks that we would love to see an uploaded response for will be indicated on the activity description.

We will be available online (for feedback, discussion and lesson outlines) from **9.30-11.30am each day**. When work is submitted after this or emails are sent, we will endeavour to give feedback in a timely manner and respond before 4pm each day ready for the following day's learning. Please reach out to talk through any issues that arise or for learning support.

How can I contact my teacher?

Compass - If you are needing to contact your teacher, you are welcome to email them through Compass or see their email below.

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Seesaw - Through 'Student Announcements'

Phone - If you would like to speak to us directly, feel free to email your classroom teacher to arrange a time for us to give you a call to discuss any issues or concerns.

As this is new for everyone, including teachers, we would value your feedback after spending some time using Seesaw. Please keep in mind that we are learning along the way too. Thank you for your support so far.

Most importantly, please stay safe, healthy and enjoy this time together as a family.

Best wishes,

Kaitlin Moskovic, Kate Seyer, Annaliese Hughes, Chloe Woods and Emma Webb

Let's **PREP** ourselves for a wonderful day 😊

Good morning!

We have put together a sample timetable for what your day might look like. All families are different, so please do what works for you.

Let's start by getting up, getting dressed and having some breakfast. Breakfast is super important for a happy and healthy body ready for a day of learning.

We would also love for you to start the day with a bucket filler! Help Mum/Dad in some way this morning - this could include making your bed, putting away your dishes, cleaning up your toys etc.

Let's get learning!

Approx Times	Activity	Resources
10 mins	Morning routine Counting forwards and backwards to 20 Letter sounds A-Z - go through each letter of the alphabet, identify the letter and what sound it makes. Try not to go through them in alphabetic order, random is best for optimal learning. Days of the week song Sight words	All morning routine activities will be stored on our Seesaw ' Blog ' to be easily accessed each day.
40 mins	Literacy Block! This will usually include reading a story and a text response, writing or speaking and listening. <u>Activity:</u> Please see Seesaw for today's activity!	Please refer to Seesaw to complete these activities.
Snack		
Recess Let's get outside! You could play with your pet, go for a walk or kick a ball with someone in your family. Enjoy the sunshine and move your body.		
10 mins	Brain food and story Listen to the story on Seesaw read by one of the Prep teachers and have a discussion with someone in your family. What happened in the story? What was your favourite part? Who was the main character?	Please refer to Seesaw to see one of the Prep teachers read a story.

Approx Times	Activity	Resources
30 - 45 mins	<p>Maths</p> <p>Let's start by doing some counting, identifying or writing numbers to 20.</p> <p><u>Warm up activity/game (example):</u> Tell Mum/Dad about Teen numbers - what are they? Can you write them? Can you put them in order?</p> <p><u>Challenge:</u> Get Mum/Dad to choose a teen number at random. Can you write it? See if you can identify what number come before it and what number comes after?</p> <p><u>Activity:</u> Please see Seesaw for today's activity!</p>	Please refer to Seesaw to complete these activities.
Lunch Eating time		
<p>Lunch playtime</p> <p>Time to move our bodies again! Handstand competitions, hopscotch, running races, totem tennis, bike ride, dancing, yoga (Cosmic Kids Yoga on Youtube is great for a rainy day) - what will it be today?</p>		
1 hour	<p>Investigations</p> <p>We would love for you to use this time to complete a hands on activity. This could include colouring, drawing, creating, building, imaginative play, dress ups, dancing, cooking, science or exploring something new.</p> <p>There will be some challenges for you to complete and we would love for you to upload a photo to Seesaw. Your siblings can join in too!</p> <p>Our Specialist teachers will also be uploading weekly activities to complete each Monday. These can completed in the afternoon as part of your Investigations block. (See example below)</p> <p>Music Mondays with Mrs Morrissey Tune in Tuesdays with Pam Wacky Wednesday Art with Mrs Waddell Interesting Indonesian on Thursdays with Bu Rumble Spectacular Sports on Friday with Miss Duckworth</p>	Please refer to Seesaw to see an activity grid for inspiration.

Week One at a glance!

Please see Seesaw each day for daily instructions for activities and to see your Prep teachers :)

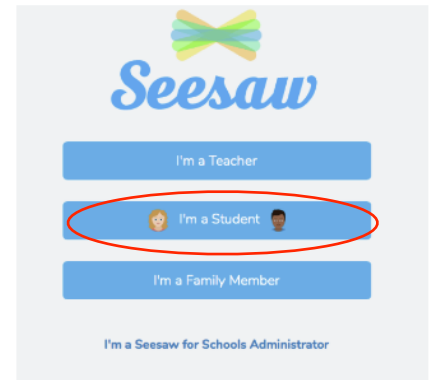
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Session	Easter Monday	Curriculum Day	Morning Routine Setting up my home workspace	Morning Routine Making alphabet cards	Morning Routine Letter li
Break					
Middle Session			Story & Brainfood Making number cards 1-20	Story & Brainfood Patterns	Story & Brainfood Patterns
Break					
Afternoon session			Investigations	Investigations	Investigations

Seesaw instructions


Each student has a unique Home Learning Code to access Seesaw. When signing in with their Home Learning Code, students can post to their journal, respond to activities, and view class announcements. Students do not see the work of any other student in the class.

How Do Students Use Home Learning Code?

1. Students go to **<https://app.seesaw.me>** on a device. Or install the Seesaw Class App on an iOS or Android device.
2. Students tap "I'm a Student".
3. Students scan their code using Seesaw's built-in QR code reader or type in their text code to access their Seesaw account.
4. Post to your journal, respond to activities, and view class announcements.
5. Remember, this code is like a password. Keep it safe!



How can I post a photo?

1. Make sure you are logged into Seesaw
2. Take a photo on your device
3. Press the upload button  and select Seesaw and click the green tick.

How can I respond to an activity?

1. Tap the Activities tab: read the instructions and watch any videos or follow links that are provided.
2. Tap the green **+Add Response** button.
3. Select a Creative Tool for the activity...
4. Create the post, then tap the **green check**.
5. Edit the post to add voice recordings, drawings, text labels, or captions.

