



# Prep Term One 2023 Newsletter



## What's happening in Prep?

| Welcome to Prep!   | About EVPS   | Homework in Term 1  |
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| <p>Welcome to the first edition of our Prep Newsletter! We would like to take this opportunity to welcome each family to EVPS. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead with lots of fun and new learning taking place. We have included some important information about the term ahead. If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's classroom teacher.</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are a <u>nut and egg free</u> school. Please make sure your child's lunchbox is free of these items.</li> <li>Classroom doors open at 8.50am each morning. Formal learning commences at 9.00am. We encourage all students to be at school on time. If your child is late to school, please enter via the office and obtain a late pass.</li> <li>The end of day school bell rings at 3.30pm. Prep students are to be collected from their classroom door.</li> </ul>  | <p><b>Homework begins in Week 4 of Term 1</b></p> <p><b>Reading</b><br/>Students are expected to read each weeknight and record this in their yellow reading book. At school we are tracking the number of <u>weeknights</u> that students have read and we use this information to celebrate the number of reading nights that students have completed. Students are encouraged to read for enjoyment on the weekend, however these nights are <u>not</u> included in their reading night tally.</p> <p><b>Alphabet</b><br/>Students should practise learning the letter names and common sounds for approximately five minutes each night. Students should aim to know the name and most common sound of each letter by the end of Prep. Uppercase and lowercase letters can be found in your child's homework folder.</p> <p><b>Magic Words</b><br/>Students should practise reading their Magic Words each day. They will be tested on their words once a fortnight. It is important to practise your child's Magic Words with them for approximately five minutes each night. Learning their Magic Words should be an enjoyable experience. Children naturally progress at different rates and it is really important to encourage your child to achieve their <u>personal best</u>.</p> |
| Prep Rest Days   | Buddies  |   |
| <p>A friendly reminder that Prep students <u>DO NOT</u> attend school for the first four Wednesdays of Term 1. Students will attend school full time from Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2023. Your child's teacher will send home an interview time for <b>you and your child</b> to attend on one of the rest days. Interviews will go for approximately one hour.</p>   | <p>At EVPS, Prep students are paired with a Year 5 buddy. The Year 5 buddy is another trusted person to assist your child to settle into school life. We participate in a range of activities with our Year 5 buddy class, including community walks, arts and crafts and picnic lunches.</p>  |   |

## What are we learning in Term One?

| Literacy   | Numeracy  | Specialists   |
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| <p>In Reading, our Preps will be discovering the letters of the alphabet. They will learn and practise the <u>names</u> and <u>sounds</u> of letters. With your assistance, we will be encouraging our Preps to have a go at reading by looking at the pictures and getting their mouth ready for the first sound in words. We will also be exploring rhyming words by listening for words that sound the same.</p> <p>In Writing, we will be celebrating our Preps' amazing efforts to have a go at planning and composing their writing as they begin to form letters and words.</p> | <p>Our Prep Mathematicians will have a busy term of Numeracy learning adventures. Counting up to 20 and making collections will be a large part of their learning this term. They will also be exploring two dimensional shapes and units of measurement such as length, mass and capacity.</p> <p>At home, you can encourage your child to be a good mathematician every day by asking them to count things around your home, such as how many dinner plates are on the table.</p> | <p>During Semester One, our Preps will begin to participate in our wonderful specialist programs. They will attend sessions in the following subject areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical Education</li> <li>Digital Learning</li> <li>Visual Arts</li> <li>Library</li> <li>Science</li> </ul> <p>See your child's timetable in their homework folder for specific days and times.</p> |

# Daily Reminders

Green Reader Bags need to be brought to school **every day** with **home reader books and homework folders inside**. Make sure you check your child's Green Reader Bag each day for any important notices.

Students need to bring fruit to school **every day** to eat during our allocated fruit snack time. Only fresh fruit and vegetables are to be eaten at this time.



## Literacy and Numeracy Timetable

A number of parents have asked for guidance on ways they can assist their child's learning at home. For this reason, we have included a closer look at the topics we will be covering this term in Literacy and Numeracy. Please note: This is not expected homework. It is purely here for those parents who would like some ideas about activities they can do with their children. This is only a guide, as the topics we are covering each week may change slightly.

### English – Reading, Writing and Speaking and Listening

Prep students will explore a range of concepts in English this term. In Reading, they will build their knowledge of rhyming words, by identifying words that sound the same and moving into producing rhyming words. We will also work on using the first sound and the picture to read unfamiliar words. In Writing, students will take part in experiences to assist them with creating their own texts using pictures, letters and some familiar words. They will gain an understanding of concepts about print and using sentence starters to begin their writing. In Speaking and Listening, they will learn about using a clear loud voice when presenting to others and using full body language while listening to the speaker.

| Weeks  | Topic   | What you can do at home to assist your child's learning  |
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| Term 1 | Reading | Read stories at home with your child, discussing the characters, setting, problem and solution.<br>Give opportunities for your child to create imaginative stories either written or verbally.                         |
| Term 1 | Writing | Give opportunities for your child to participate in a variety of experiences.<br>Encourage your child to talk about past events and experiences using sentence starters. For example, I went, I saw, I have and I can. |

### How to support your child's reading

- Create a regular time and space for reading each night, preferably not just before bed.
- Encourage your child to read the text type that we are working on at school.
- Ask your child questions about the text they are reading.
- Ask your children to predict what will happen next.
- Clarify the meaning of new words. Try to work out the meaning and check in a dictionary.
- Ask questions about what is happening in the text and try to answer them.
- Summarise what they have read. Ask them to tell you about the characters and the events in the text.

## Mathematics

Prep students will participate in a broad range of activities in Mathematics this term. In Number and Algebra, students begin to learn about numbers by recognising numerals and making collections. Students will practise counting sequences forwards and backwards. They will work on the skill of subitising by recognising a number without counting it. In Measurement and Geometry, students take part in learning about two dimensional shapes by naming and sorting them based on their features. They will be involved in learning different units of measurement such as length, mass and capacity.

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| Weeks      | Topic   | What you can do at home to assist your child's learning  |
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| Weeks 4-6  | Number - Counting                               | Engage in counting activities that allow your child to show their knowledge of counting forwards and backwards from various starting points.<br>Provide your child with a range of materials to practise counting collections, by counting one object at a time. |
| Weeks 7-8  | Measurement and Geometry – 2D Shapes            | Looking around the house to identify 2D shapes e.g. the clock is a circle, a book is a rectangle<br>Drawing shape pictures and providing children with toys to create shapes   |
| Weeks 9-11 | Measurement and Geometry – Units of Measurement | Practicing holding something light and something heavy<br>Filling containers to show full and empty<br>Looking at the length of objects and comparing them e.g. sticks from the backyard   |

