

Prep Term One 2024 Newsletter




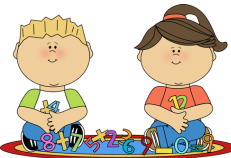

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome to Term 1, 2024! The students have all settled in so well in the first few weeks of school. It has been a very exciting start to the year and we cannot wait to share all of the amazing things that are coming up with you all. Keep up to date with all our news via Compass, Facebook and the weekly newsletter.

Regards, The Prep Team

Amy, Sam and Tracey

What are we learning in Term One?

English	Mathematics	Inquiry
<p>In Term 1, Prep students will be focusing on developing their writing skills.</p> <p>In writing this term we will be focusing on recounts, the children will participate in a range of exciting experiences that we will then write about. We will be introducing students to the structure of an information report where they will be encouraged to research a topic that interests them.</p> <p>In reading we will be focusing on learning how to use a book correctly and begin to develop their letter and sound skills.</p> <p>In Speaking and Listening, students will participate in daily reflections, focusing on understanding different forms of language.</p> 	<p>This term, Prep students will learning about numbers to 10. We will focusing on counting 1:1 using the point, push, say strategy. We will be encouraging students to recognise the numeral, the number name and be able to represent these numbers as a collection.</p> 	<p>This term, Prep students will participate in activities to build on their awareness of their personal identities. We are focusing on getting to know our classmates and their likes and dislikes. We are highlighting to students that everyone is different and that's okay.</p> <p>We will also be focusing on healthy foods that help to fuel our body. We will be discussing how our body changes and how eating these healthy foods helps us to grow.</p> 

Investigations

Our Prep students are extremely lucky to have investigations incorporated into their learning. Tuesday-Friday mornings students get to participate in a range of rich learning experiences.

Investigations is an evidence based pedagogy which uses play-based learning, investigative learning and inquiry based learning as key educational tools. These experiences help to develop the students literacy and numeracy skills.



What's happening in Prep?

Important Dates

22nd of February

Information night & Picnic

11th of March

Labour Day

28th March

Term 1 ends and whole school assembly

Literacy – Reading and Writing

Weeks	Topic	What you can do at home to assist your child's learning
3-5	Recounts	Ask your child to draw a picture or write some words about an experience they may have just done at home such as going to the park, pools, grandparents house etc.
6-9	Information reports	Ask your child to write or draw some facts about a topic that interests them. This could include an animal, sport, pop star etc.

Mathematics

Weeks	Topic	What you can do at home to assist your child's learning
3-9	Exploring numbers to 10 and collecting and representing data	<p>Ask your child to count objects around your home. They may count how many pairs of socks they have or how many bananas you have at home etc.</p> <p>You may also give them a number between 0-10 and they need to collect that many things from around your home.</p>

Inquiry

Weeks	Topic	What you can do at home to assist your child's learning
3-9	Shaping Identity	<p>Discuss your child's likes and dislikes this makes them who they are and this highlights how we are all different.</p> <p>Talk about healthy food with your child and go on a scavenger hunt at home to see what healthy food you have.</p>