

Prep Newsletter - Term 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term Two. We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter and are ready for another action packed term. Our classroom doors open at 8:45am and we will be available after school for quick chats and messages on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please make an appointment with us for any longer discussions. Our email addresses are at the bottom of this newsletter.

Religion

During Term Two, the Religious Education topic we are learning about is called 'The World Around us. We will also learn about formal prayers. In *The World Around Us*, students explore the goodness and beauty of God's creation. Prayers and psalms of praise for creation and a commitment to care for our world, are introduced as ways of responding to this gift. We will also introduce the students to formal prayer focusing on our school prayer as well as the "Our Father".



Literacy

This term in Literacy, we will continue to learn about letter names and the sounds they make. We will be linking our reading to our writing and applying sound knowledge to spell words when writing. We will continue to read to the children exposing them to a variety of text types.

Reading At Home

Take home reading books are found in your child's Blue Pouch and will be sent home weekly. The books are decodable and the students have learnt the sounds that are found in the book. Many children will be able to decode the words by applying knowledge of the sounds they have learnt at school. Some books are labelled sharing and we ask you to read these with your child rather than your child read to you. There will be some words the children won't be able to sound out and they will have to learn to recognise. Rather than send home two books a week we would like you to get your child to read the book many times with the aim of no longer sounding the words out but reading them automatically and fluently. Please ensure that the Reading Log is filled in each night.

We also encourage the children to complete 10- 20 minutes of Matific activities each week. Your child's Login information can be found in the Term 2 Reading Diary.

Mathematics

In Term 2, we are using some new resources that have been developed to help reduce children's cognitive load and use retrieval practices to move learning to long term memory. Our first unit will focus on numbers to twenty and will continue to work on counting forwards and backwards by 1s, 5s and 10s. We will also be learning about the properties of 2D shapes and creating artwork using different shapes. After our Shape unit we will be focusing on place value using a range of hands-on activities.



Inquiry Based Learning: *Biological Science - Living things*

The Inquiry topic for this term is, 'Living things'. We will be investigating what living things need to survive and stay healthy. We will also be focussing on different animals and where they live.

Important Dates - Term 2	
Monday 15 April	First day of Term 2
Thursday 25 April	ANZAC Day public holiday
Friday 26 April	School Closure Day
Monday 6 May	School Closure Day
Tuesday 7 May	Cross Country
Thursday 9 May	Mothers Day Prayer Service & Activities
Friday 10 May	Mothers Day Stall
Monday 13 May	Holy Trinity Feast Day and incursion
Monday 20 May	School Photo Day
Monday 10 June	King's Birthday
Friday 14 June	School Disco -run by PA
Friday 28 June	Last day of Term 2
Monday 15 July	First day of Term 3

Regards,

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