

# PREP NEWSLETTER— TERM 3

Welcome to Term 3. There's lots of fun to be had -- it's amazing to think that half of this year has already gone. We have learned so much but still have plenty to do!

## Literacy

As our Preps can now recognize most or all letters of the alphabet we will continue to focus on the different sounds each letter and combination of letters can make. This will help with their reading and their independent writing skills. Each week new sight words will be introduced. These words are important to know as they appear frequently in written texts. Please help your child to practise these regularly to help them become confident readers. It is great to see the enthusiasm with which all Preps read their take home books. Thank you to everyone who listens to their child read each night, and particularly to the volunteer mums and others who turn up each week to listen to and help change the children's books.

## Maths

This term we will be extending our knowledge of numbers and counting skills to 20 and exploring mass, capacity and shapes. Take the time to show your children how you use maths in everyday activities, eg. measuring ingredients, timing how long things take to cook, preparing shopping lists, using calibrated containers, using kitchen scales, tendering money, playing card and board games, telling the time, looking for patterns in the environment, reading house numbers and reading number plates. Some materials to have on hand could be: dice, dominoes, number cards 0 – 20, 100 chart, games such as UNO and Snakes and Ladders. Please continue to use the homework activities regularly as these reinforce the concepts we have covered at school.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Tuesday 25th July**

100 Days of School Celebration

**Monday 28th August– Friday 31st August**

Book Fair

**Friday 22nd September**

Last day of Term 3– 2:30pm dismissal.

**Monday 9th October**

First Day of Term 4

**Please remember to bring your blue homework folder to school each Friday so you can receive the weekly newsletter and keep up to date with special events throughout the term. The weekly newsletter also includes homework tasks and our new words to learn.**



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## **Integrated Studies**

This term we will be focusing on Geography and exploring places where we live. We will be identifying the features of the places where we live and recognising their similarities and differences. The children will also be asked to identify a place special to them and the ways in which they can care for these places. During the second half of Term 3 we will be studying Intercultural Understanding. The children will be learning about different families of the world and how their own families are different and similar.

## **Visual Arts**

In Visual Arts the activities will be based on three dimensional art works. A continuing focus this term will be on pattern and texture. Students will learn the art of weaving, repurposing materials such as cardboard off cuts and fabric. In this activity, students will continue to practice fine motor control and eye hand coordination. Students will also learn the technique of print making using a variety of found objects.

## **Music**

This term in Performing Arts the Prep students will focus on Music, Dance and Drama. Students will continue to develop their singing. They will explore sound by using a range of non-tuned percussion instruments. Students will learn dances with repetitive movements and have the opportunity to create their own dance moves when listening to music. They will take part in short skits where they can act out familiar stories and nursery rhymes. Students will also learn how to sing and dance to the 2017 Music: Count Us In song titled 'Shine Together'. This will be a major focus in preparation for a whole school singing event on November the 2nd. It will be a lot of fun!

## **Physical Education**

Prep students will continue to develop the Fundamental Motor Skills of kicking, throwing and bouncing a ball in Term 3. They will practise these skills through a variety of activities and games that use balls, balloons and bean bags. Students are always encouraged to have fun whilst developing their skills and fitness. They will continue to develop their understanding and awareness of personal space, listening to and following instructions and co-operative play.

## **Indonesian**

In Term 3 during Indonesian, we are continuing to focus on numbers and colours. We are going to play more Indonesian games and listen to more Indonesian songs relating to numbers and colours. We will also talk in Indonesian about our family and friends. The class will learn and spend time talking about days of the week. As a part of our cultural studies, we will cook some Indonesian food (nasi goreng – fried rice).