



## Prep Term 2 Newsletter 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2!

We hope you all enjoyed the school holidays. The children have enthusiastically shared many holiday stories and have illustrated/written about their experiences. They have settled back into Term 2 and they are all very excited and eager to learn. It was great to see how many children continued with home reading and learning activities over the holidays. The programs and curriculum planned for the term are outlined below.

### English

#### Reading

The Early Years reading program continues. This incorporates whole class modelled and shared reading predominantly using narratives in big book form, small group guided reading sessions and independent reading. The reading program also engages the children in word work incorporating the Magic 100 Words, rhyming words, letter sound relationships and the structure of sentences.

#### Writing

The focus will continue to be on learning to write simple sentences in the form of recounts. The children do this by developing an understanding of the letter sound relationship, by learning high frequency words and applying onset and rime to spell words. The writing program incorporates teacher modelling, whole class shared writing and independent writing with teacher conferencing.

#### Speaking and Listening

The children engage in informal and formal speaking and listening opportunities that are integrated into all curriculum areas. Speaking and Listening opportunities include circle time, pair share, reflection time and class presentations.

### Mathematics

Our teaching this term focuses on the Victorian Curriculum dimensions of Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. The children will learn new mathematical skills through hands on authentic experiences using concrete materials. Our mathematics program incorporates group work and open-ended rich activities that encourage extension and provide support at each student's point of need.

### Inquiry

The Prep History Inquiry unit is titled "Special People, Special Places". Over the term the students will be exploring the concept of the past being different to the present with a focus on significant people and places.

- Who are significant people in our community?
- What do they do for our community?
- What are some important places in our community?
- Why are these places important?

#### Important Dates for Term 2

- 25/4 ANZAC Day
- 27/4 School Disco
- 6/5 Working Bee
- 11/6 Queen's Birthday

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Thank you for your ongoing support,

**Note: Learning tasks will continue to go out throughout the term. First semester reports will go out at the end of term.**

The Prep Team