

## Prep Term 3 Newsletter 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3!

We hope you all enjoyed the school holidays. The children have enthusiastically shared many holiday stories and have illustrated/written about them in various ways, including using their senses. They have settled back into school and they are noticeably more confident within the school environment. All programs and curriculum planned for the term are outlined below.

### PYP

#### What is the PYP?

'The International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme is a curriculum framework designed for students aged 3 to 12. The PYP transdisciplinary framework focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both at school and beyond. Informed by research into how students learn, how educators teach, and the principles and practice of effective assessment, the programme places a powerful emphasis on inquiry-based learning.' The PYP website is below if you wish to find out more information. <https://www.ibo.org/programmes/primary-years-programme/what-is-the-pyp/>

This term we have designed a unit with a central idea that 'Living things and non-living things interact to form healthy environments.' **Below are some key questions we will explore throughout the term...**

- What are living and non-living things? How do we know?
- How do they both interact in our world?
- What features do living things have to help them live and survive in our world?

### English

#### Reading

This term we will continue with whole class shared and modelled reading with a focus on non-fiction texts. We will continue with reading groups with each group having a focus to meet their needs e.g. comprehension strategies, re-reading, word endings, stretchy snake

#### Writing

This term the students will focus on adding detail to their recounts and using non-fiction texts as a prompt to write new information and inquiry-based ideas. The children will begin to edit their work, by rereading their writing and including simple punctuation. We will begin investigating WOW words and how these add power and interest to our writing.

#### Speaking and Listening

The children will be encouraged to use specialised vocabulary to discuss topics e.g. living and non-livings. They will develop their questioning skills through simple data collection and inquiry-based learning.

### Mathematics

Through our PYP we will be investigating mathematical strands of Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. The children will further their mathematical skills through hands on authentic experiences using concrete materials. Our mathematics program this term incorporates addition and subtraction, sharing, data collection, measuring with non-standard units, comparing and ordering the duration of events, features of a clock and classifying 2D and 3D shapes.

### Important Dates for Term 3

31<sup>st</sup> July 100 Days of Prep

2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> August 3 Way Conference  
(Please book on compass if you haven't already)

27<sup>th</sup> August Mad About Science  
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**Note: Learning tasks will continue to go out throughout the term.**