



Prep Newsletter

Second edition Term 1

Dear Parents,

We are almost halfway through the term! It has been a very busy first month, the children have settled in very well and lots of learning has already taken place!

... Important dates ...

Friday March 3rd: Curriculum Day

Students are NOT required at school on this day.

Thursday March 16th: School Photos

Bring your smiles along to school!

Thursday March 30th: Easter Hat Parade

More details to follow.

Friday March 31st: Last day of Term!

Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm on the last day of term.

What's been happening in Prep?

Literacy:

In Literacy this term we are learning the following letters and their sounds.

Ss Mm Tt Bb Aa Rr Oo Ee

It is very important that students can recognise the name and sound that each of these letters make by the end of term. Please encourage your children to log onto Reading Eggs at home. This is an excellent program that reinforces concepts taught in the classroom as well as extending students who are ready to move onto the next level in their learning. We recommend a minimum of 45 minutes to one hour of Reading Eggs each week.

Numeracy:

Our main focus for Numeracy this term is Number. Students are learning numbers 1 to 10. They need to be able to recognise the name, numeral and quantity for each number. We will also be learning about Patterns, 2D shapes, Location / Positional Language and Length. Maths Seeds and Mathletics are wonderful programs that reinforce the skills we learn in class! Your child's passwords are stuck on the inside cover of their Word List Book!



Class snapshot

Thanks to everyone who attended the Prep BBQ last week! It was a great success 😊

What's been happening continued...

Integrated Studies:

Our Integrated unit this term is called 'Our Classroom Community'. The children have been learning all about our five school values of Resilience, Working Together, Excellence, Respect and Integrity. We have also been learning about how to be a good friend and how to make new friends. Social skills are very important for children. Teachers have been working with their class to develop these skills through role play and structured group activities.

Buddies

The Prep children met their Grade 4 Buddies a few weeks ago, they were all very excited! We will meet our Buddies once a fortnight and the Grade 4s get to visit the Preps on the playground once a week. OSPS' buddy system is intended to connect and build friendships between younger and older students.

Show and Share

Show and Share will begin this week. Students are to bring ONE item to share per week on their allocated day. A roster was sent home last week, please see me if you have any questions.

Morning Reading / Word Lists:

A big thank you to all of the mums and dads that have been able to stay and read with the children. It's been great to see students practising their word lists with other parents too. Please remember that it is more valuable to their learning that students take their time and are able to read their sight words confidently before moving on to the next list.

Reminders

- Late Arrival & Student Absence: If your child is late for school please make sure you go to the office BEFORE you come to the classroom to obtain a sign-in pass. Any time after 9.00am is considered late. Furthermore, written notification (email or note) is required for all student absences, either in advance or after your child has been away.
- Wednesdays: Starting from this week, students are required to come to school on Wednesdays, our mid-week breaks are over!
- Please ensure ALL of your child's belongings are clearly named!

Other Notes

Birthdays

If your child is celebrating a birthday you are more than welcome to bring along some treats or a birthday cake to share with the rest of the class. Please be aware some children have allergies.

Green Reader Bags

Please make sure your child keeps everything in their reader bag, their word list book, their yellow reading diary and of course their book!

Thanks for all your enthusiasm and support throughout the first month of school. If you ever need to speak to us, please do not hesitate to email your child's classroom teacher.

Enjoy your week!

The Prep Team 😊

