

# Prep Newsletter

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Term 1

Dear Parents,

CONGRATULATIONS! We have nearly reached the end of your first term of school. I hope you are all incredibly proud of the transition students have made from Kinder to Prep. It has been a big term of learning new routines. Here is a newsletter to wrap up our last week.

### ... Important dates. ...

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Hat Parade**

Please arrive at school on time so that we can be at the hall by 9:15am ready for the parade. We can't wait to see your creative hats! You're all welcome to stay and watch the parade. Don't forget your cameras!

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Last day of Term 1**

Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April - First day of Term 2**

Normal 8:45am start.



### Important notes

**The OSPS Autumn Family Fete**

The Fete is on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of May from 10:00am - 4:00pm and we need volunteers throughout the day. Parents are asked to please donate 1 hour of their day to help successfully run their child's grade stall!

If you have not already booked a time here is how to do it:

1) Write your name on the hard copy of the helper's roster in your child's classroom and their teacher will sign you up online.

OR

2) Register online. Please scroll down and find your stall, click on it and choose a time. <https://signup.com/group/2765426260109>

**Lateness**

School starts at 8:45am (even though the bell rings a little earlier!). It is important you make every effort to come to school on time for morning reading. There are some days we don't get to listen to children read because of lateness!



## Class snapshot

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March we celebrated Harmony Day. We all looked great in orange. Remember: Everyone Belongs!

## Important notes continued...

### Morning Reading / Word Lists

Another big thank you to all of the mums and dads that have been able to stay and read with other children. 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. Please help your child get settled with a quiet activity after reading so that others can concentrate too.

### Fine Motor Skills

All throughout the year, students are encouraged to practise their writing, drawing and cutting at home to continue to refine their pencil/scissor control. Please ensure your child has access to necessary items e.g. pencils, scissors, glue. Strengthening your child's hand muscles is important to their overall development. Activities such as playdough, cooking and games like Jenga and Lego are fantastic opportunities for your child to build and strengthen their muscles.

### School Holiday Revision

Students are strongly encouraged to continue accessing Mathletics, Maths Seeds and Reading Eggs over the school holidays, to reinforce early number concepts and skills as well their letter sounds. The holidays are a great time to revise all of the word lists your child has learnt. Playing 'memory' or 'go fish' with cards are two examples.

We have attached pages with the letter sounds, sentence starters and maths topics we have covered in Term 1. Don't forget to read a wide range of books and other interesting reading material over the holidays too! Encourage your child to try and sound out words as well as look for little sight words inside bigger words e.g. 'to' in today. Students might also like to practise writing about their holiday activities.



## Other Notes

### Show and Share

Please remember to send your child's Show and Share on their allocated school days. They really enjoy sharing their items and don't want to miss out! If it is forgotten on the day or if your child is away from school, then they will have to wait until the following week.

### Sending sick children to school

If it is stomach related (vomiting/diarrhoea) please **do not** send your child to school on the next/same day. We do not want other students (or teachers!) catching the bug too! Please send an email or note the next day explaining your child's absence.

### Problems at school

Do not under any circumstances, directly approach other children or parents in the yard to sort playground problems out. This is an extremely serious matter and always results in the situation becoming worse, rather than better. Please see your child's classroom teacher if you wish to discuss a problem.

# H a p p y E a s t e r

CONGRATULATIONS to all our wonderful superstars for making a brilliant start to their schooling journey!

Wishing everyone a relaxing and safe school holidays and a very

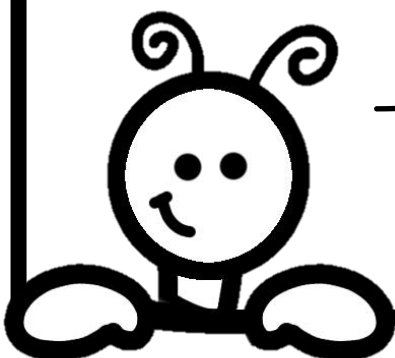


If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher:

Or keep up to date with the whole school through the website!

<http://oakleighsouthps.vic.edu.au/>

Have a lovely week!



## The Prep Team

