

# Prep Newsletter

First edition Term 1

Dear Parents,

The Prep team would like to welcome you all to the Oakleigh South Primary School community. We hope your children have all enjoyed their first few days of school and we're all looking forward to a wonderful year of fun and learning. The start of the school year can be overwhelming for some parents, especially parents with their first child at school. Our job is to help make the journey a smooth one throughout the year. We are always available for a chat either in person or through email. If you are ever unsure about anything, please ask!

## ... Important dates ...

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February: Silly Socks Day!**

Wear your silly socks to school.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February: Prep Welcome BBQ**

Please come along to our welcome BBQ from 5.30pm - 7.30pm. More details to follow.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February: Literacy and Numeracy Interviews**

Students do not attend school. If you have not received a confirmation date please contact your child's classroom teacher.

## Important notes

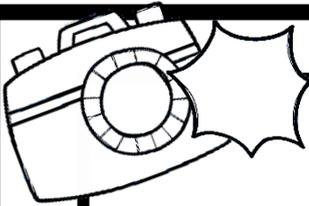
### Red Notice Folders

Red notice folders are used to send important information and notes for parents to read. Please return the folder to school the next day in the labelled tub so that you are able to receive the next notice 😊

### Assembly

Whole School Assembly is held on Tuesday afternoons at 2:40pm in the hall. All are welcome to come to Assembly, there is ample seating at the back of the hall. If you would like to come please meet in the hall. Preps will begin attending Assembly on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of February.





## Class snapshot

Our first day of school was AWESOME!

## Important notes continued...

### Morning Reading

We encourage all students to arrive at school at 8:45am for morning reading. They will choose a new book each day and read to a parent or the teacher each day. Please write the date and name of the book into the yellow reading diary. Children should then read the same book they chose in the morning at home each night. There will also be a copy of the reading list for your child to practise at home. When they know all the words on that list they need to come and get tested from the teacher so they are able to move onto the next list. **Morning reading will begin Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February.**

### Show and Share

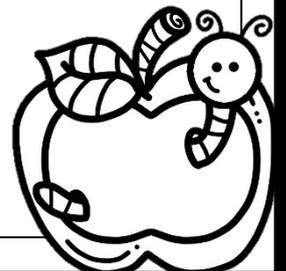
As part of our Speaking and Listening program, children will be involved in daily show and share sessions. Once a week, your child can bring in a toy, souvenir or an interesting item that your child wants to share with the class. Please ensure this item is not of significant value as we don't want any items to be lost.

### Flexibuzz

Please download the free 'Flexibuzz' app to your iPhone/Smartphone. It is the most efficient way for our school to send out important (and sometimes last minute) announcements.

### Parent Representative

If you are interested in being the Class Rep for your child's class, please see your child's teacher. Class Reps are usually in charge of organising parent get togethers and whole class events outside of school.



## Reminders

- Please use the **outside door to enter and exit the classroom**. Shoes should be changed as soon as your child enters the classroom, except for Friday when we have Music first session.
- Students will need to bring an art smock (clearly named), library bag (clearly named) and a box of tissues to school if they have not already done so.
- Brain food is to be placed on your child's table at the start of the day. Please provide a separate container for Brain food.
- If your child is arriving to school late or leaving early **please ensure** they have been signed in/out at the office prior to drop off/pick up. Absences **must have** a written explanation, it is a legal requirement.

## 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 may have allergies. Please speak to your child's classroom teacher.

### Timetable

Attached to this newsletter is our class timetable with our list of specialist subjects on it. Please place it somewhere in your house so that you can refer to it when you need to.

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

Enjoy the rest of your week!

The Prep Team

