



## *Prep Newsletter* *Term 3, 2016*

*Dear parents and families of students in Prep,*

*Welcome back! Can you believe the Preps are over half way through the year? Today the Preps have been at school for 94 days. In that time, they have put in so much effort each day at school so they are stretching and growing as learners. They are excited to learn new things and when things in their learning get challenging, they are brave and know that it is ok to make mistakes.*

*On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of August, we will be celebrating the milestone of being at school for 100 days. We will be celebrating by dressing up like we are 100 years old (and so will the teachers!!!). Keep your eyes on 'Tiqbiz' for costume inspiration! We will be having a party at 1.15pm and families are invited too. Please bring something healthy to share with the grade to help us celebrate.*

*Many students have already returned their bag with 100 things inside. Some children have collected 100 smarties, 100 band-aids and 100 paperclips. We will be counting and sorting these on the day so please return the bag with 100 things inside before August the 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*This term our Unit of Work is 'I Keep Myself Healthy and Safe'. It's all about looking after ourselves. We will be exploring how to look after our bodies by learning about healthy food choices and being active by dancing, trying kids yoga and zumba classes. Our regular meditation practice will help keep our minds calm. We are already getting ready for the end of year concert by dancing each week in 'Footsteps' practice.*

*Prep A and C are dancing to 'Can't Stop the Feeling' by Justin Timberlake.*

*Prep B and D are Dancing to 'Somewhere over the Rainbow' by Israel Kamakawiwo'Ole.*

*To help us explore 'Keeping Safe', we will have expert visitors like:*

*The Firemen who will be visiting on Monday the 8th of August to talk about fire safety with their fire truck!*

*The RACV will doing their 'Street Scene' program on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August.*

*Matte, our Lolly-Pop man will be talking about road safety and the Ambulance service will be visiting to talk about what to do when there is an emergency.*

*Just a reminder to the students who are attending swimming, the program will begin on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> of August until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.*

*What a busy and exciting term!*

**What are we learning about in Reading:**

*This term we will be reading and having rich discussions about texts. We are reading narratives and talking about the characters and the setting. We are practicing drawing and talking about what happened in the beginning, middle and end. You can practise this at home with your child's 'Just Right' books.*

*At this stage in the year we expect all the preps to know the letters of the alphabet. We are now exploring sounds. Each week children will be listening for sounds and trying to hear them in their reading. We are finding out which letter/s make that sound. This week Preps explored the /k/ (sound). They found the /k/ can be made by c, k, ck, ch. Amazing! We will begin to communicate with you which sound we are investigating for each week.*

*Children have been practicing reading high frequency words and every child is at different stages. We have personalised their word list and their new words will be on the cover of their log book.*

**What are we learning about in Writing:**

*We have been so proud of our 'brave' Prep writers. They have been working independently, writing high frequency words and stretching out 'tricky' words and recording the sounds they hear. Each day they write their own message and make sure that their picture and words match. They are practising to re-read their message to make sure they have all their words down. We are encouraging our young writers to add detail and 'juicy' words to make their message more interesting. This term we will be working with the students to give and receive feedback about a writing piece.*

**What are we learning about in Mathematics:**

*It has been wonderful to see our young mathematicians become so confident knowing everything about numbers to ten! This term we are working on addition and subtraction. We are combining two or more numbers and showing with pictures, numbers and materials how many altogether. To challenge our students we will be teaching the count on strategy where we hold the larger number in our head and count on to find the total. Knowing the combinations to ten (5 and 5, 7 and 3) is another important area of learning this term. We will all continue to support children to understand numbers to 20, especially teen numbers.*

**Important Event Dates:**

**September 2<sup>nd</sup> Father's Day breakfast**

**September 8<sup>th</sup> 60 year Anniversary Celebration**

**September 16<sup>th</sup> End of term 3 - 2.30 pm dismissal and Footy Colour's day**

**Specialist Timetable**

	<b>Visual Art</b>	<b>PE</b>	<b>ICT</b>	<b>Library</b>	<b>Performing Arts</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>Spanish</b>	<b>Footsteps</b>
<i>Prep A</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>
<i>Prep B</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Monday</i>
<i>Prep C</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>
<i>Prep D</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Monday</i>

*Thank you for your continued support and partnership!*

*Prep Teachers,*

*Ashlee, Jenna, Sally and Jenny*

