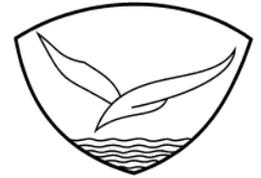


# PREP NEWSLETTER

## Important Dates

DATE	EVENT
Oct: 24th	Hobson's Bay Children's Picnic
Nov: 6h	Melbourne Cup
Dec: 6h	Concert



"Consider Others"

Welcome to our fourth curriculum newsletter this year. We hope you had a safe and enjoyable holiday and are all ready and prepared for term 4.

### Inquiry Unit

Our Inquiry Unit for this term is

## Water



### Major Understandings

Daily and seasonal changes in our environment, including the weather, affect everyday life.

### FOCUS QUESTIONS:

#### (Lines of Inquiry)

1. What is weather?
2. How does the weather affect living things?
3. Why is water important?
4. How do we use and how can we save water in our homes and at school?

Students may bring home small homework tasks for you to be involved in as a family to do with our inquiry topic 'Water'.



### School Wide Positive Behaviours

The Prep unit has been focusing on our 'School Wide Positive Behaviours'. Each week we will unpack a different behaviour. We have been focusing on:

positive behaviours in the school yard.

We would like to encourage discussions at home about these positive ways to behave in the school yard which we have been working on at school. These include; helping each other, being kind, being patient, treating each other how we would like to be treated.

## Curriculum Overview

### ENGLISH



### Reading

Students in Prep have developed their ability to read for a greater length of time during independent reading. Independent reading time is a combination of classroom library and reading their just right book packs. During this time, students practise the comprehension strategies that have been modelled by the teacher. This term we will be focusing on **rhymes**. You can assist your child at home by reading **nursery rhymes or stories** that have **rhyming words**. The reading aspects of our literacy sessions have fostered positive habits and attitudes within the children, towards reading.

Students will continue to be given the opportunity to read simple print that includes some frequently used words i.e. the Oxford 100 Words. They will be encouraged to use their developing comprehension strategies and look at the title, illustrations and reflect on their own experiences to bring meaning to the text.

### Writing

The children will be supported in their writing to use conventional letters, groups of letters, simple punctuation and further their knowledge of sound letter relationships. Students will continue to be supported in structuring sentences through basic concepts of print.

They will continue to use their Writer's Note Books with a focus on writing short simple poems including rhymes.

We would like to encourage you to support your child in bringing along something to place in their Writer's Notebook. A ticket from a movie, a photograph or anything else of interest that your child can paste into their book that will encourage them to write.

## Mathematics

During term 4 we will be focusing on a number of different topics some of which include:

Counting and making groups to 20+

Counting back from a given number.

Skip counting (2s, 5s, 10s).

Using Problem solving Strategies.

Number names to 10—20

Addition, subtraction and sharing.

Length, Area, Volume and Capacity.

Simple mapping, revision of 2D and 3D shapes.

The language of Chance and data

To develop students thinking to a deeper level we will continue to solve Open Ended Problems using both the 'Pictures, Numbers and Words' approach and the 'Problem Solving Strategies'.

## Unit News

The preps will be attending the Hobson's Bay Children's Picnic with the grade 5/6 unit. This will give the students the opportunity to be a buddy with our grade 5/6 students, as well as interacting with other students from the local area. They will have access to a variety of different activities to be involved in— along with having a picnic lunch.

We would like to thank you all for your involvement in your child's education this year and wish you a very happy and relaxing holiday.



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