

"Consider Others"

## Term 3

Welcome to our third curriculum newsletter this year. Thankyou to the parents who attended the parent teacher interviews that were held during the first-week of Term 3. This term should be an exciting one with an excursion and incursion planned for our Inquiry topic., and our swimming program .

### Inquiry

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### "Living Things" (Biological Science)

Our Major Topic Understanding is:

Living things depend on other living things and the environment to survive.

Our Focus Questions are:

- What is a living thing?
- What do living things need to survive?
- What do living things have in common?
- Why is the environment important for their survival?
- How do living things survive?



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### Important Dates

Swimming September 10–20	July 27th 100 Days of School Celebration
Edgars Mission Incursion. T.B.A.	Collingwood Children's Farm Excursion August 14h

## Literacy

### Independent Reading:

Children are continuing with their independent reading this term. We will be focusing on different text types and a variety of comprehension strategies. This term we will be looking at Procedural text which will be strongly connected to our Inquiry topic.

### Writing:

The Writer's Note book has been a successful feature of our writing program. Children are encouraged to continue to bring in photos or mementos to paste into their Writers Notebooks to assist them with the development of writing ideas.

### Take Home Books:

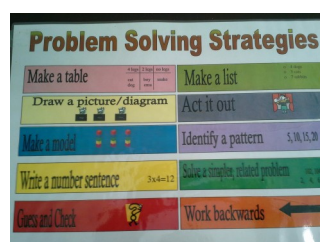
A reminder that Monday is the regular day that take home books are changed in Prep. Please remember to record the titles of the books your child reads in their reading logs. Your support at home is an invaluable part of your child's learning. Listening to your child read and reading with and to your child provides them with an opportunity to practise the skills learnt at school.

## Numeracy

This term we will be concentrating on:

- Counting and making groups to 20 and beyond
- Addition and subtraction
- Measurement
- 3D Shapes
- Patterns in numbers

These mathematics concepts and skills will be developed by using the problem solving strategies.



### 100 Days of School

On Friday July 27th the Preps will have been at school for 100 days. The Preps have been counting the days by using unifix cubes, sticks, bundling, skip counting and finding the number on number charts everyday. We will be celebrating this event with a party. You are welcome to send a plate of food along to share with a 100 days theme. A note will be coming home soon with a detailed explanation.

## Unit News

As you can see from the "important dates" section this term is a very busy one filled with exciting and educational activities all linked to the Victorian curriculum.

We are very much looking forward to our involvement in these activities and events, which will in themselves be engaging and informative. They will also be an important basis of your child's learning as they will be followed up in the classroom, where a great deal of extension work will occur to make these experiences worthwhile.

### Library Books

Please encourage your child to bring their library books / bags to school. Children have library once a week with their classroom teacher.

### Prep P Wednesday Prep N Wednesday



## Reminders:

- Arriving at school on time is vital to your child's learning. Learning time begins once your child steps into the classroom. Being on time develops good life habits. The school day begins at **8:45am**.
- We encourage you to please wait for your child outside the building after school., as this assists us with a more orderly dismissal.
- Please clearly mark your child's belongings jumpers jackets etc which is especially necessary during our swimming program. This will assist us when items go missing as a lot of time can be spent looking for lost clothing.





