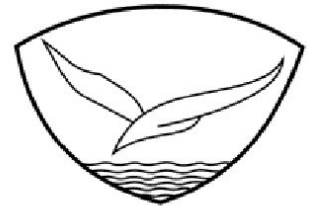


Term Three 2024

# Grade Prep Newsletter



"Consider Others"

## Term 3

### Important Dates

100 Days Celebration	31st July 2024
Student Free Day	16th August 2024
Literacy & Numeracy Week	2nd — 6th September
Open Evening	4th September
Book Parade	6th September

### Information

Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended the parent teacher interviews last term. It was wonderful to have a chance to catch up with you all and share some of the great work your children have been doing!

This term there are many exciting and educational activities planned which are following procedural texts, writing narratives and counting backwards and forwards, all linked to the Victorian Curriculum. We are very much looking forward to our student's involvement in these activities.

**Reports & Portfolios:** We hope you enjoyed looking through your child's portfolio and were able to use it together with their reports to gain a clear understanding of your child's learning so far this year. Please remember to **return the portfolio as soon as possible**, to allow students to continue to add their work during Term 3 and 4.

**Swimming Program:** It was wonderful watching the Prep students learn to swim last term. The lessons they participated in were beneficial and full of excitement. The students have grown to be confident in understanding pool safety.



### Numeracy

This term we will be concentrating on:

- Counting and making groups to 20 and Beyond: this will include counting backward from 20 to 0.
- Addition and subtraction: students will work with different problem solving strategies to add and subtract two numbers.
- Patterns in numbers: students will explore patterns in numbers. For example doubling.
- Measurement: students will investigate what measurement means and order items from shortest to longest.
- Shapes: students will explore and name 2D and 3D shapes.
- Weight and Mass: students will compare objects of different weights.

### Literacy

Learning to read and write is hard work! We would like to congratulate our Prep students for the huge effort and enthusiasm they put into their learning, as well as parents for all their support. We have seen excellent progress in their learning over the first half of the year thanks to their perseverance. Well done everyone!

**Writing:** This term, students will continue with 'Letter of the Week' activities which will also include a range of letter blends and digraphs. Our Prep students now have a clear understanding of their Writer's Notebook and this has become a favourite activity for many. When writing, the preps are working on sounding out words, using finger spaces, adding capital letters and full stops. Last term, students engaged in writing conferences with their teachers where we worked closely with each student to help them develop a personal writing goal. This ensures personalised learning which is relevant to student's individual needs. Students are working hard to achieve these goals! We will continue conferencing this semester, creating new goals as current goals are achieved.

**Reading and Viewing:** This term the reading comprehension strategies we are focusing on are summarising and questioning. Students will also continue to build on their rapidly developing decoding skills, further extending their love and enjoyment of reading. A reminder that **Tuesday is the day that take home books are changed in Prep**. Thank you to all the families who spend time reading with their children at home. Your support 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 they learn at school.



Above: Prep cohort during their walk around the community in Term 2.

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

### Problem Solving Strategies

Make a table	Make a list
Draw a picture/diagram	Act it out
Make a model	Identify a pattern
Write a number sentence	Solve a simpler, related problem
Guess and Check	Work backwards

### 100 Days of School

On July 31st the Prep students will have been at school for 100 days! We will have a celebration on this day, students will engage in a range of '100' activities. We are looking forward to celebrating this milestone with the students.

### Inquiry

#### '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?
- What is extinction?



**Living Things Incursion:** This term our Prep students will be learning about "Living Things" for the inquiry unit. As part of the unit on Living Things, students will be taking part of an incursion. They will explore a habitat using their senses and engage in a range of open-ended play based activities.

Kind regards,

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