Prep Newsletter

We would like to congratulate all Prep students on their wonderful start to school. We could not be more thrilled with the way they have settled in. They are a bright, cheerful and enthusiastic group and we know that we will have a wonderful year.

Thank you to all the lovely parents, guardians and families who dropped your children off into our care on the first day of school. It was lovely to see you all there. Your children all seem very well prepared and it is great to see all of their items labelled, which will make things easier throughout the year!

Last Week

Last week was about us getting to know the students further and them getting to know the school, routines, rules and one another. We are delighted at the way the students have been willing to make new friends, share with one another and help others. It is a pleasure to see. Students completed first day of school activities, were introduced to our first phonogram – the letter ‘a’, took part in Developmental Play and attended Library, Visual Arts and Physical Education. Both classes also met their buddies. Prep P have buddies from Mrs Skatharoudis’ class, 3/4S and Prep M have buddies from Mrs Green’s class, 3/4G.

This Week

This week in Literacy students will be learning three more letters and the sounds that they make – c,d & f. They will be introduced to the Letterland characters and complete craft for each letter. We learn a song for each letter, so you may like to ask your child to sing you one of the songs. On Monday, students will draw an event from their weekend and the teacher will write about the event. Students will do diary each Monday morning so it is helpful if you discuss their weekend with them. We will begin our handwriting lessons and read a big book called ‘Balloons.’

In Numeracy this week we will be looking at the numbers one to ten. We will look at counting, how to make the numbers and how to write each number.

In Integrated Studies, we will be beginning our Orientation booklet. Each student will bring home their Orientation booklet once it is completed. It contains information such as a school map, photos of school staff and the school rules. This week students will be focusing on the classroom and playground rules.

This week students will attend the following specialists:
Monday – French with Mr Miet and Singing with Ms Crystal
Tuesday – Performing Arts with Mrs Whiteoak
Thursday – Library with Mrs Bakopanos and Visual Arts with Mrs Carslake
Friday – Physical Education with Mr Miet and History with Mrs Culvenor

Science will commence next Friday.

Assessment

During February, students will attend school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at the normal school hours of 9:00am – 3:30pm. Each Wednesday six students from each class will attend an hour and a half session in order for us to conduct individual assessment. You will have received a letter that notified you of your child’s assessment date and time. If you are unsure, there will be an assessment timetable displayed outside your child’s classroom or please come and speak to us.
Reminders

If your child has not brought an art smock to school, we would appreciate if they could do so before Thursday as they will be wearing them in Art. It is also very important that your child has their hat at school every day.

We also require the following notices back if you have not already returned them:
- Parent Teacher interview preferences
- School nurse forms
- Swimming notice

Assembly, Newsletters and Class awards

On Friday we will attend our first assembly. Assembly is held every Friday in the Esther Wood Centre. It begins at 2:45pm and runs for approximately thirty minutes. All parents are welcome to attend. We will be doing assembly preparation with the students this week so that they know what to expect. Class awards are given each week to one student per class. On Thursdays you will receive a school newsletter and this lists the students who will receive an award at assembly. The students get very excited about receiving an award and it is lovely if they have family members there to watch them.

Canteen

There is a canteen available at school if you would like to purchase your child’s lunch. The canteen list should be in the newsletter this week or you can access it on our school website. You can use a paper bag or write on a piece of paper and place it in a plastic bag to order a lunch order. You must write your child’s name, their class, what they wish to order and the cost of what has been ordered. Students who have a lunch order need to place it in the yellow lunch order box that sits in the middle of our classrooms.

Please inform us if your child has a lunch order so that we can ensure it gets to the canteen and gets delivered to our classroom at lunch time.

We hope that your child enjoyed their first few days at school and we look forward to many wonderful weeks ahead. Make sure you come and have a look at the displays that we will be putting up this week in the hallway including first day of school photos, photo booth dress up photos and buddy photos. If you have any issues or questions about anything please come and speak with us before 9:00am or after school.

Lauren Morgan and Laura Politino.