Prep Newsletter

We would like to congratulate all students on another wonderful week! We are beyond thrilled with how well this group have settled in and are thoroughly enjoying teaching such a great group of students!

We would like to acknowledge Vicki Fahey and Esther Wood for organising the Prep Barbeque last week. It was wonderful to see so many families in attendance and is a wonderful way not only for us to get to know everyone, but also for the families to meet and get to know one another. A special thank you also to Jen Whiteoak (Curriculum Co-ordinator and Performing Arts teacher), Mindi Bakopanos (ICT & Library teacher) and Peter LeRay (Garden Co-ordinator) for cooking and serving the sausages!

This Week

This week in Literacy students will be learning four more phonograms – g,o,s & qu. They will be introduced to the Letterland characters and complete craft for each letter. In our handwriting lessons, we will focus on correct formation of circles, tall lines and short lines. We will begin to practise writing the letters a and c. Last week students were introduced to the following sight words – on, the, weekend, I. We will continue to revise these sight words this week. In Numeracy this week we will continue looking at the numbers one to ten. Students will complete hands on activities using their knowledge of these numbers. In Integrated Studies, we will continue with our Orientation booklets. This week students will be focusing on the classroom rules.

We will have two Developmental Play sessions. Students have been placed into new groups based on our observations. This gives them an opportunity to develop new friendships.

This week students will attend their first Science lesson with Mr Rhyder in our Outdoor Learning Classroom. Science is always a favourite with students and we will no doubt have a wonderful time. It will take place on Fridays.

Assessment

We hope that students enjoyed their Wednesday off last week and it was a good chance for them to rest and re-charge their batteries! Assessment will continue for the next three Wednesdays.

School Nurse

Thank you to those parents who returned the Nurse forms to us. They have been passed on to our nurse Cathy who will read through the information. Cathy came to meet the students on Friday and explain to them what she does. She has seen a few students from Prep M and will continue through the rest of the students over the coming weeks. If you have not returned your form already, we would appreciate them as soon as possible.

Assembly & Class awards

On Friday afternoon we attended our first assembly. It was a long assembly due to the school leaders receiving their badges and the Prep students coped extremely well in what were very hot conditions. We were very proud of them. If your child is receiving the class award for the week we will try to let you know in advance so that you have suitable time to make arrangements if you would like to attend assembly.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parents Teacher Interviews will be held this week. You should have received a notice informing you of the date and time for your interview. If you are unsure of your time please come and speak to us or refer to the timetables displayed outside the classroom. These interviews are ‘Getting to know you’ interviews and provide an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have so far or to tell us any additional information that you feel is relevant to your child. We have allotted fifteen minutes for each interview and will endeavour to run as close to time as possible! We will have chairs available for you outside the classroom to sit and wait. You are more than welcome to bring your children with you and they may play in the middle area of the classrooms whilst we have our discussion. During interviews we will be organising our parent helpers roster for our reading program that commences in Term Two. If you would like to be involved, you can organise a day and time with us at the interview.

Fruit Mondays

On Monday mornings the school provides a fruit platter to each classroom and each student is able to have quite a few pieces of fruit each. Students may not need as much for their snack on this day as they tend to fill up on fruit.

Lauren Morgan and Laura Politino.