Prep Newsletter

Thank you to all families for attending Parent Teacher Interviews. It was a wonderful opportunity to find out more about the students and their families. We hope that you enjoyed getting some feedback on your child’s start to school. If you have any concerns or questions throughout the year, please feel free to come and speak to us before 9:00am or after school.

This Week

This week in Literacy students will be learning four more phonograms – b, e, h & i. 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 the letters a, c, d, f, g, o, s. We are focusing on these letters as they are what we call ‘clock face’ letters. They all begin from the same position, which is two on the clock. Students have clock faces on their desks and use these as a guide for the correct formation of letters. We also ‘talk’ to our pencils to assist students remember the correct formations. This week we will be encouraging students to attempt writing a sentence about their weekend in their diary.

In Numeracy this week we will focus on two-dimensional shapes and how they exist in our world. We will explore shapes through a variety of hands on tasks.

Assessment

Thank you to those parents who brought their children in for assessment last Wednesday. Just a reminder that Prep students have this Wednesday and next Wednesday off school before we have our first full week beginning Monday 3rd March.

Science

Both classes attended their first Science lesson with Mr Rhyder last Friday. A wonderful time was had by all. Mr Rhyder took us on a tour of the garden and let us sample some of the lovely fresh produce. Students enjoyed the opportunity to run through the sprinklers on such a hot day! Prep students will attend Science lessons each Friday.

Swimming

Thank you to those families who paid for their students to attend the swimming program. All spaces for the swimming program have been filled. Those students who are not attending this year will have the opportunity to do so in Grades One and Two. A letter will be sent home in the coming weeks with more information about the swimming program.

Letterland

In conjunction with our Literacy program, we use the Letterland program to introduce the students to the letters of the alphabet and the sounds that they make. Many students and parents have expressed interest in the Letterland resources. They are available on the Letterland website – www.letterland.com.au or Link Educational in Mt. Waverley stock a small amount of resources.

Website

Throughout the year we will endeavour to keep the Prep section of the Burwood Heights Primary School website up to date with photos and information about what we are doing at school. The school website is a wonderful source of information, with news about what is happening at school, important dates, timetables and permission forms available for download.

Shared Reading – Mrs Wishy Washy

Last Thursday, both classes came together for a Shared Reading lesson. Students were introduced to the big book, ‘Mrs Wishy Washy’. We read through the book together and then students were chosen to re-enact the story. Students then completed their beautiful Mrs Wishy Washy posters that they brought home on Thursday afternoon. We hope you enjoyed hearing the Mrs Wishy Washy story from your child. This week we will come together to share the big book, ‘Seeing’.

Lauren Morgan and Laura Politino.