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## **Curriculum Newsletter Prep Term Two 2019**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! Our hope is that the holidays were restful and enjoyable as we now begin Term Two, a time of rapid growth and development in your child's learning.

### ***Literacy***

Throughout this term, the children will continue to explore letters and their sounds. Through the stories we read, a strong emphasis will also be placed on rhyming patterns. The children will be listening and identifying rhyme and will begin to write rhyming word families (wet, set, met etc).

This term we will further develop our writing skills by attempting to use 'WOW' words in our daily writing. A 'WOW' word is an exciting descriptive word that enhances our writing e.g. On my amazing weekend.... or The scruffy black cat.

Home reading (Reading Eggs, Library Books and take-home readers) and sight word practise will continue this term. Nightly reading and sight word practise are essential to building confidence, leading to independent readers. Throughout the year, we will regularly monitor the children's progress of these skills.

### ***Numeracy***

The students will continue to develop their understanding of the language of counting by naming numbers in sequences, to and from 20, moving from any starting point. They will connect, compare and order number names, numerals and quantities, including zero up to 10. Comparisons to decide which is longer, heavier or holds more will be made and then explained. The duration of events will be compared and ordered. Days of the week will be studied. Whilst in statistics, answering yes/no questions to collect information will be introduced.

## ***Religion***

Following our previous HASS unit about families, we will now explore Jesus' life as a Jew, his loving family and the world in which he grew up in. The students will then be exposed to the importance of the Creation Story as told in The Old Testament.

The children will continue to show reverence and respect during daily prayer and whole school celebrations. This term the children will attend their first class Mass in the Church.

## ***Science***

This term the students will be provided with hands-on experiences of the senses and how these senses help living things survive.

The children will then be investigating what living things require for survival and that some of these needs, such as food, water and oxygen are common to all living things. The need for shelter and space will also be explored. To compliment this unit we will be attending an excursion to consolidate our learning. Please see our weekly newsletter for further updates on this exciting opportunity.

## ***Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS)***

The children will be looking at 'special places' where they will explore the place they live in and belong to; and learn to observe and describe its features, and why it is important to them. They will investigate their own special places, how they feel about them, what makes them special, and how they can care for them.

## ***Drama***

### **Stories Come Alive**

This term in Drama the Preps are developing their role playing skills as they discover and learn about all the people who help us in our communities. They will practice using their bodies, voices and facial expression to show different characters.

## ***Music***

Prep students continue their musical development in 'Musical Beginnings' where they explore their singing voice and develop the ability to keep the beat. Students participate in singing, play with a variety of percussion instruments, dancing and games to engage in listening, social skills and body awareness development.

## **Dance**

'Dance With Me' is a study of dance for Prep students to build their gross motor skills and body awareness, as well social and listening skills. Students will explore a variety of universally loved dances including bush dance, world dances and action songs. They will have opportunity to create movement to explore the elements of dance as well as respond and perform.

## **HPE**

During term 2, Prep will be developing their ball skills. A range of skills, covering the curriculum, such as rolling, kicking, throwing, hitting and catching will be covered. We will begin with ball familiarisation, then progress through a range of ball skills that are needed to be able to play a variety of invasion games and striking and fielding games. The children will use a variety of ball types, to understand how different sports require different techniques to move with the ball, to pass the ball and to catch the ball.

## **Date Claimers**

10<sup>th</sup> May - Mother's Day liturgy in the classroom

27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May – School Photos

31<sup>st</sup> May – 10<sup>th</sup> June - Life Education

19<sup>th</sup> June - Bee Hive Incursion

June – Science Excursion (Date TBC)

28<sup>th</sup> June – School holidays begin

### *Save the date*

30<sup>th</sup> August – Father's Day morning in Prep (details to come)

## **Prep Friday Morning Date Claimers**

Each Friday you are invited to visit your child's Prep classroom to either attend our Prayer Circle or enjoy reading with the children. Reading mornings are a lovely time for you to sit with your child and a small group and simply enjoy a book together. To enjoy our reading mornings, you must have completed your online volunteer training and you will be required to sign in at the office before coming to the classroom. You are welcome to attend as many or as few of these sessions as you would like.

17<sup>th</sup> May – Reading Morning

24<sup>th</sup> May – Prayer Circle

31<sup>st</sup> May – Reading Morning

7<sup>th</sup> June – Prayer Circle

14<sup>th</sup> June – Reading Morning

21<sup>st</sup> June – End of Term Prayer Circle

We look forward to a great term working with you and your children.  
The Prep Teachers