

PREP'S NEWS

Learning Through Play

Important Dates

7th Mar	SEal Drama Incursion
13th Mar	Labour Day
14th Mar	Curriculum Day
15th Mar	SEal Drama Incursion
17th Mar	Harmony Day/ National Day Against Bullying
21st Mar	SEal Drama Incursion
22nd Mar	Disco
27th Mar	Assembly
28th Mar	SEal Drama Incursion
31st Mar	Last Day of Term
17th Apr	Easter Monday
18th Apr	First Day of Term 2
24th Apr	Casey Excursion
25th Apr	ANZAC Day
29th Apr	Pay It Forward Day
4th May	School Photos
8th May	Assembly
15th May	Dinosaur Incursion



Classroom Focus

What a fantastic start to the school year we have had. Who could believe we are more than half way through term 1. The children are all settling in very well and are all making friends. They all enjoyed their first Drama Tool Box incursion last Tuesday and really enjoyed using the puppets to tell stories about getting along with others, and how to be persistent when things get hard. This week we will start P.M.P. (Perceptual Motor Program) where the children move through a variety of co-ordination and gross motor activities, with the wonderful assistance of Daphne our volunteer.

Our Investigations sessions have been a real hit with the children. We focus on a different group of students each session, observing the activities they choose and their interactions with others. We will start planning specific tasks for individual children to complete during this time, focusing on strengths or areas for improvement. Investigations sessions are a wonderful time to provide individualised teaching specifically for your child. This week we will move out into the large open space for our Investigation sessions, which will enable the children to develop and engage in more areas.

Thank you all for allowing your children to participate in the swimming program. We must say this was probably one of the best weeks of swimming we have been involved in. The organisation both at school and at the pool was fantastic. The children may have been exhausted by the end of the week, however they seemed to have a fabulous time and really developed in confidence.





Home Reading

When you listen to your child read each night, please record it in their reading journal as we monitor this and reward the children with a certificate for regular reading. Also please keep practising the red words; as these are the most commonly used words and will assist your child greatly in their reading. We also ask that each day the children bring in their reading bag. We have volunteers that listen regularly to the children and we also put important notices in to keep safe.

Uniform

We would appreciate all families having a focus on sending children with correct school uniform please.

- Correct colours are: Short and long sleeved polo-shirt- maroon with navy collar and gold trim, gold printed logo
- Makeup and nail polish are not permitted at school. In cases where a student presents with makeup or nail polish, it will be washed off or removed.
- Hair must be of natural colour and kept neat and tidy at all times. *If hair is longer than shoulder length, it should be tied up for safety reasons.*
- Track suit pants and long sleeved tops are not considered appropriate to be worn under summer dresses. Likewise, long sleeved tops are not considered appropriate to be worn under short sleeved polo tops or shirts.
- Leggings are not a substitute for track pants.

Should you require assistance with school uniform, please contact Val on 5975 4011. Our uniform shop is open from 2.45pm on a Monday afternoon. Val will follow up if your child is out of uniform.

Attendance

There is no safe number of days for missing school. Every Day Counts ...

Attending school everyday sets a child up for life as it teaches perseverance and responsibility. Children who attend each day are also more connected

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future. We know from research that attendance and outcomes correlate. We cannot teach children who are not at school so please make sure they attend everyday unless ill.

Lateness

Many children are late each day and this causes disruption to teachers and other children in the class. Being late increases anxiety levels and can cause major problems settling in for the day. We ask that your children are at school by 8.50am for inside instruction to begin promptly at 9am. The morning circle throughout the school is a critical component of the day being late is very disrespectful to the class and the teacher. We will be monitoring lateness and contacting parents if necessary.

Many thanks for all your support with this

Stacie, Jo and Rose