



# Welcome to Prep!

*It has been great meeting with you and your child during our Assessment Interviews and having the opportunity to spend some time with each individual student. The Preps have made a positive start to school this week and are beginning to learn routines and adapt to school life. Thank you for your support and assistance with this period of transition. This year children will be involved in a variety of activities across all curriculum areas including Numeracy, Literacy, Inquiry, ICT, P.E., Art, French, Music and Library and our new specialist subject, STEM.*

## IMPORTANT DATES

School Bush Dance and Picnic Lunch	Friday 10th February
Prep Online Information Night	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 6:00pm
Labor Day	Monday 13th March
Class Photo Day	Tuesday 21st March
Parent Teacher Interviews	Monday 27th March
Last Day of Term	Thursday 6th April

### Mornings

From 8:50am students will come into the classroom and at 9:00 am learning will begin. For the first couple of weeks of school, teachers will meet your child at the line up area and they will enter the classroom together. We ask that you encourage your child to come into the classroom by themselves to support independence.

### Communication

Your child's green bag is an important item that must come to school every day. Occasionally, notices will be sent home in your child's green folder as well as posted on Compass. You may wish to email your child's teacher with any questions/concerns, please expect a response within 24 hours. Please note the change of email addresses from the end of last year.

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If you have a note or any completed notices or money for your child's teacher, let your child know so they can independently take it out of their green bags in the morning and hand it to their teacher once in the classroom. If a matter is urgent please contact the school office on 9801 3614 and your child's teacher will endeavour to return your call as soon as possible.

### Brain Food

Children have 10 mins to have 'Brain Food' and refuel during the morning session (this is separate to their snack time). Please pack some simple fruit or vegetables, i.e. carrot sticks, watermelon, grapes etc. in their lunch boxes to eat. Please don't forget that drink bottles are to be filled with water only.

### Hats

As part of our school's Sun Smart policy, children are required to wear school hats every day until May 1st and then again from 1st August onwards through to the end of the year. Please check that all items such as hats, jumpers, drink bottles etc. are clearly named with first and last name to avoid any lost property.





### Literacy

This term the children will be involved in language experiences that focus on the following letter and sounds: **c a t n i p s u e l g b d o j m**

### Numeracy

This term we will be focusing on improving your child's ability to work with numbers and counting. Students will begin counting towards the first 100 days of school as they develop their number recognition and learn how to represent numbers in different ways. Your child will have the opportunity to explore common 2D shapes in their everyday environment and learn about their features such as sides and corners. They will be using concrete materials such as Unifix blocks, icy pole sticks and counters to measure the length of various items in their learning environment. We provide open ended tasks in the classroom to enhance your child's mathematical thinking and understanding and meet individual learning needs.



### Inquiry – In Our Community

Students will learn that as members of a community, we need to be able to show respect, listen to and care for one another. They will investigate people in their family and how families are different, people in their school community and their roles, acts of friendship, community groups and the local indigenous group and being safe/seeking help.



### Take Home Book

From Monday 20th February, your child will begin to bring home a clear plastic envelope in their Green Bag containing a special take home book and reading log. Your child will change their take home book daily for your child to read with you each night. We encourage you to record their nightly reading to help them become 'Super Star Readers'. There will also be a separate book labelled 'Sight Word Book' which will contain the sets of Sight Words that are covered in class. Sight Word homework will also begin Monday the 20th of February. Please ensure your child practises reading these words and encourage them to identify them in their take home books.

**Art and Library:** All students need to bring in their own art smock and library bag and hand them to their classroom teacher as soon as possible. Please ensure these are both clearly named (full name) to avoid confusion.

**Tissues:** Can all students please bring in a box of tissues for their classroom. We can never have enough tissues!

We are looking forward to working with you to ensure your child has an excellent, fun and exciting first year of school!



Thank you for your ongoing support. 😊

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