Welcome to Term Two!

It was a pleasure to see how easily the prep children settled into the demands and routine of school last term. We are excited to continue building their skills and knowledge and this term we welcome parent helpers to the Prep Learning Community to help support our teaching and learning. Thank you to those parents who have offered to work in the classroom as a parent helper. Currently all places are filled, but there will be another opportunity to help in Term 3. All parent helpers need to provide the office with their Working With Children card. Thank you to those parents who already have.

What's New?

Kitchen / Garden

On Thursdays between recess and lunchtime, students will undertake rotational activities that have cross-curriculum links:

- Garden - planting, growing & making
- Horticulture theory - why & how things grow
- Cooking - making & baking

The term ahead….

Holidays to remember:

Prep Information Evening 2017: Wednesday 11th of May

Queen’s Birthday: Monday 13th of June

Curriculum Day: Friday 10th of June

Last day of term: Friday 24th of June

Dates to remember:

19th Athletics Day – Newport Athletics Track

17th May Grandparent’s Day 8:50 – 10:30

Just a reminder that school begins at 8.50 am. It is very important that all children are at school before 8.50 am to begin the day with their peers. Our literacy program begins as soon as we enter the room. Children who arrive late miss out on important teaching time and can also distract others from their learning.

Please write a note to your child’s teacher or email the office after any absences your child may have.
**THIS TERM WE ARE LEARNING.....**

**Inquiry:**
‘Personal and Family Histories’
- investigating own family histories
- stories of past
- who is in our family
- where our families originate from
- the different structures of families

Some of the highlights of this inquiry unit will be games and activities from the past run by the prep students and our Grandparents Day.

**Literacy:**
- the alphabet
- High Frequency Words
- reading strategies (predicting, summarizing and making connections to aide comprehension)
- author study - (Mem Fox)
- writing descriptions using the perspectives of colour, size, texture, shape, number, position and doing
- recount
- poetry

**Numeracy:**
- Counting
- Time
- Measurement
- Location
- Number Facts
- Place Value

**Specialist classes timetable:**

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**Homework**

This term, in addition to reading each night and learning the High Frequency Words, the Grade Prep students will need to complete one task from the Homework Matrix. Homework tasks can be in students homework book and can include photos of your child completing the task if it is a non-writing/drawing task. Homework needs to be completed by Fridays. The homework matrix will be sent home in week 2 and is also available on the school website and compass.

Please also remember to return the reading folder to school each day as these are used in the classroom reading program every morning.
Food Allergies

We do have some children in our learning community who are allergic to **nuts** and **eggs**. For this reason please be mindful when you are preparing your child’s lunch. Children will not be allowed to share any food from their lunchbox.

Birthdays

We love to celebrate birthdays with the children! If your child is celebrating a birthday and you would like to bring in some treats, you can bring in something for your child’s class (24 children). It is much easier to manage individual items like cupcakes or some treat rather than a large cake to cut and serve.

Please do not feel like you have to bring anything along!

Are you able to donate a box of tissues to our classroom? They certainly help when the sniffle season starts……AH CHOO!

NOTES

Please make sure that all notes and money that come to school are clearly labelled and safely sealed in an envelope or plastic bag. Each teacher has a ‘letter box’ where children can leave the notes/money. Please label envelopes with your child's name, what the money is for and their grade.

Eg. Virginia Thompson
Prep A (red)
Athletics day

After School Care

If your child attends After School Care, please ensure they are aware if they are attending on a given day. It may be helpful to establish a routine with your child such as a visual clue to remind them if they are attending on a given day. This could include something such as a ribbon or tag put on their school bag on the days they are attending After School Care.

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders are available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This year we would prefer if prep students ordered a lunch order on a Friday. We understand this may not be convenient, but please consider ordering on a Friday to ensure your child’s lunch is delivered in a timely manner, is hot, and is exactly what they ordered.

Please ensure that orders include your child’s name, grade (Prep A, B, C or D) and the correct money. The menu can be found on the school website.

**LOST PROPERTY…** If your child has lost an item of uniform the first place you should check is the sick bay via the office. If it’s not there please come in and ask one of the teachers after school. **Please** label all of your child’s clothing and belongings clearly.