

PREP NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 2026

Welcome 2026 Prep Families!

The students have settled in well and are already engaging in the curriculum and developing new skills and friendships. Over the last two weeks we have been establishing expectations and routines in the classroom to set students up for success.

Please find below some information regarding the term ahead in Prep:

Teachers

Prep A: Miss Nicole

Prep B: Miss B

Prep C: Miss K

Prep D: Miss King

Reading

- Concepts About Print:
 - Understanding that print relays a message Identifying parts of a book e.g. front & back cover, title, author, illustrator
 - Difference between letters and words
 - Reading from left to right
 - 1:1 correspondence or word-to-word matching (pointing to each word as it is read)
- Comprehension Strategies:
 - Making Predictions
 - Making Connections
 - Visualising
- Phonological Awareness:
 - Recognising words that rhyme
 - Producing rhyming words
 - Syllables
 - Sorting words by the initial sound

Writing

- Writing our name using correct letter formation
- Developing our fine motor skills
- Creating class books for our classroom library
- Writing about experiences we have at school, ourselves and our families
- Writing simple sentences including;
 - Writing from left to right
 - Capital letter at the beginning
 - Full stop at the end
 - Spaces between words
 - Hearing and recording sounds in words using developing letter-sound knowledge
 - Spelling some high frequency words

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Sounds-Write

Sounds-Write is an evidence-based, synthetic phonics program designed to teach reading, spelling, and writing.

This term, students will be learning to hear, recognise, and write the following sounds:

Unit 1: /a/ /i/ /m/ /s/ /t/

Unit 2: /n/ /o/ /p/

Unit 3: /b/ /c/ /g/ /h/

Mathematics

- 100 Days of School
- Subitising
- Accurately counting a collection
- Recognising, writing, comparing, ordering and making numbers to 10
- Identifying numbers before/after
- Location

Inquiry

Our Inquiry unit this term is 'Me and My Community'. In this unit, Students will use puppets and role-plays to respond to different situations they face in their community. They will improve their ability to ask for help, listen to one another and resolve conflict. Students will explore their identity through their emotions and connections to others. They will make a puppet of themselves and create a puppet show about caring for others in their classroom community.

Reminders:

Newport Gardens Primary School is a Sun Smart School. In terms 1 and 4, students are required to wear a sun smart school hat.

Families are encouraged to apply sunscreen before school, however, sunscreen is available in the classroom.

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Important Dates

- **Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th February:** Individual Prep Assessment days - No school for Preps
- **Friday 20th February:** Preps begin attending assembly
- **Monday 9th February:** Parent Teacher Interviews
- **Tuesday 10th February:** Parent Teacher Interviews
- **Wednesday 11th February:** Parent Teacher Interviews
- **Monday 2nd March:** Preps begin full weeks

More information about school events will be communicated via Compass throughout the term.

Timetables

	Prep A	Prep B	Prep C	Prep D
Mon				
Tues	Visual Art Music	Visual Art Music	Science Technology	Science Technology
Wed				
Thurs	Library PE	Japanese PE	Library PE	Japanese PE
Fri	Japanese PE	Library PE	Japanese PE	Library PE