



PREP NEWSLETTER



Friday, 29th July 2022

Term 3 - Week 3

Welcome to Term 3 in Prep

This term is set to be a really busy term. There is lots on the calendar for the Prep teams this term and we are all excited to teach and learn together. Below is an outline of the main areas we will be learning about this term, so that you may feel better supported in your child's learning in Prep. It may also be a great conversation starter when you see them at the end of the day.



Writing and Word Study

This term in Writing, we will be learning about writing narratives. Students will be learning about the different features of narrative texts, setting, characters, problem and solution. We will engage in different fairy tales to help students generate their own ideas to create their own narratives. This term in Word Study, students will engage in different activities including initial and ending sounds, rhyming, syllables and reading CVC words.

Reading

This term Prep students will be continuing to learn different reading strategies. This term the focus is on Comprehension and understanding of what they are reading. We are focussing on what Visualising is- using the words in the story to create a picture in their mind, we are looking at how Adjectives or describing words help support this strategy. We will also learn about Inferring-using clues to figure out meaning, not found directly in the text. We use what we can find in the text and what we already know about the topic to create a response such as 'When it says.... I think.... It could mean....' During Reading sessions, we also continue to read and sing lots of rhymes and songs to develop their rhyming and word recognition skills. We will be reading a variety of well-known narratives, including fairy tales and Aboriginal Dreamtime Stories as well as Big Books during shared reading. Students will be consolidating their reading strategies in small targeted regular reading groups based on Concepts of Print and Decoding.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 01/08/2022 – 100 Days of School
- 15/08/2022 – P-4 Book Week Dress up
- 17/08/2022 – Toys of Time Incursion
- 19/08/2022 – Curriculum Day (no school)
- 22/08/22 -27/8/2022 – P-2 Swimming Program at Aquapulse



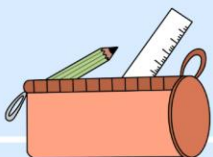


Maths

This term we will be learning about different Number and Place Value topics such as subtraction, money, number and place value. Students will use concrete materials to solve subtraction stories, identify different Australian coins using play money. Students will learn about 2-digit numbers during place value lessons. This term students will engage in these Measurement and Geometry topics, 3D shapes, mass, capacity. Students will create 3D shapes, using playdough, Geoshapes and paper; they will identify different shapes such as cube, cone, sphere and cylinder. Students will learn how to explain the meaning of these words, holds more, holds less, heavier and lighter by hefting and estimating during our Mass and Capacity lessons.

Positive Climate

This term we will be learning about Computer Safety, lessons will include following the expected behaviours of the ICT agreement, what information is safe/ unsafe to share with others, who are people we can trust when we are on our devices. We will also be revisiting the School Wide Positive Behaviours of We are Safe, We are Learners, We are Responsible and We are Respectful in all areas of school life. This term we will also be introducing the Zones of Regulation, to support students in recognising their feelings. The Zones of Regulation will help students to be ready to learn in the classroom and manage situations when their feelings change. Finally, we will be working in a Body Safe unit- My body Belongs to me, with a focus on body parts, privacy and feeling safe.



Home Learning

Students in the Prep Grades are continuing with their nightly take home reading. Please remember the yellow logbook, so that we can celebrate all the reading you do at home. This term students have also begun to bring home a list of PCC words with a note outlining how we are implementing it at home and school.



Swimming Program

P-2 students will take part in swimming lessons during Week 7. These lessons will run Monday to Friday with each class going for a 30-minute booking during each day, there will also be the travel to and from the pool so overall it is anticipated that students will be out of the school for roughly an hour on each of those days. This event is completely free for students with the program being funded by the college in 2022. You can provide consent for your child/ren via Compass.

Inquiry Incursion

In Week 6, students will participate in a play-based incursion learning about Toys Over Time and how they have changed. In groups students will rotate through several stations exploring the histories, facts and designs across a range of toy themes in a 90-minute session. Students will discover how toys have evolved by exploring their movements, cultural significance and the materials they are made from. Students' imaginations will be engaged and sharing skills will be encouraged as they encounter toys from as early as 2000 BC – the oldest toys in the world. Payment and consent are due on the 9th of August, via Compass