

Prep Newsletter

Term 4 2009



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 4. This term the Preps will be taking part in the Swimming Program. They are also busy learning about toys and will be celebrating the end of their first year of school with the Prep Dinner.

What we're learning about!

ENGLISH ~ revision of all the letters of the alphabet and their sounds.

Spelling focus - at, ay, it, in, and, an words. Writing recounts, lists, facts about toys and wall stories.

MATHEMATICS ~ reading and writing numbers to 100. Counting to 100 by 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s. Simple addition and subtraction to 10. Identifying basic 3D shapes such as cones, spheres and cubes. Reading maps and exploring with calculators. Time - including o'clock, days of the week and months of the year.

INTEGRATED CURRICULUM ~ I'm a designer. Looking at how toys work and the materials used to make them. They will design and construct their own toy using boxes, material, etc. Discussions will include comparing toys from yesterday with today's toys.

Your child and homework

In Term 4 your child will continue to complete at least 2 activities each week to help them with their reading, writing and mathematics.

Your child has a home reader to read with you each night. It is really important that your child sees this as a positive time to spend with you. Teachers take a lot of care to ensure that the take home book is not too hard, but if your child seems to be struggling with it, read it to them instead and talk about what happened in the story.

Your child will also be completing weekly spelling and mathematics activities in their Homework Books.

Some children will continue to take home words to read. Please take the time to play games such as memory and snap with these words - as well as using them as flashcards.



By completing these activities with your child each night, you are helping them to reach their fullest potential!!! **THANK YOU**

Dates to Remember

Oct 14 - Swimming Week 1
Oct 21 - Swimming Week 2
Oct 28 - Swimming Week 3
Nov 3 - Melbourne Cup
Nov 4 - Swimming Week 4
Nov 11 - Swimming Week 5
Nov 12 - Show Day
Nov 13 - Multicultural Day
Dec 10 - Prep Dinner
Dec 18 - Last day of school



Prep Dinner

Prep year the Prep grades will come together on the 10th December for the Prep Dinner.

Please allow approximately \$8 for the dinner. More details later.

Hats

Don't forget that it is compulsory to wear school hats while in the playground during Terms 1 and 4.

Please label your child's hat with their name and grade to help us return the hat to your child as quickly as possible if it gets lost.

Swimming

The Preps started swimming this week. Each week the children need to bring bathers, a towel, swimming bag and spare undies. Some children may also like to bring goggles, but these are not essential.



Thank you,
from the Prep Teachers