

Prep Patter

Term 2 Week 2

This week:

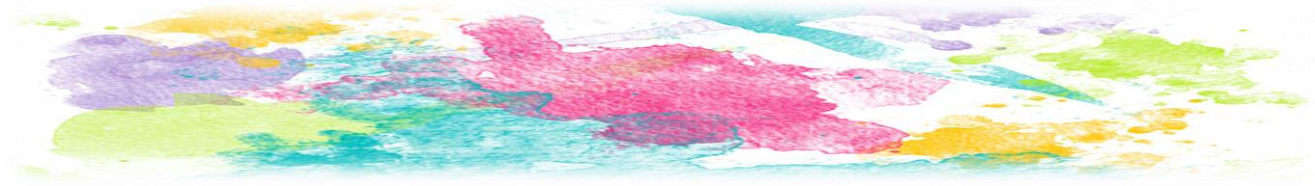
Monday April 29th	Assembly 9am
Tuesday April 30th	Music, P.E. and Japanese for all classes
Wednesday May 1st	
Thursday May 2nd	Whole School Cross Country
Friday May 3rd	Circulations Library

Our Learning Intentions...

Literacy Word and sound of the week (SMART spelling focus)	Students will be introduced to the word jam and the sound j, am, and how these sounds also fit within other words. We will begin our focus on recount writing.
Numeracy	We will be exploring the concepts of counting on and ten friends.
Integrated	We will be exploring the different animals that live in the jungle.
Social	We will be discussing bullying.



Birthdays!
Abigail 3rd
Mrs Young 4th



Welcome to Term Two! We hope that everyone had a wonderful Easter break!

Notices...

Classroom helpers

We would like to invite any parents or family members who might like to assist us in the classroom with reading! If you would like to join us, you must have a Working with Children Check and have signed the school' Child Safety Code of Conduct. **You must sign in at the office before coming to help.** It's okay to bring younger siblings along if they are able to entertain themselves for a little while.

Quiet reading will begin at 9:10am for 15 minutes on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. After that we will move into our literacy session and we'd love you to stay for that too. On Mondays, literacy will begin straight after assembly. Tuesdays the students have their specialist subjects in the morning, so we won't need helpers on this day.

Cross Country

The children will be participating in the whole school cross country this week so we ask that you send your child to school wearing runners on Thursday.

Golden Words

It has been brought to our attention that some families have received an incorrect Golden Words list. If your list contains the word was printed twice, please see your classroom teacher for an updated copy.

Absence notifications

It is a requirement that parents notify the school in writing if their child is to be absent, and we ask that this is completed by 10:00am on the day of the absence. We do need notifications in writing, and the easiest way to do this is via the FlexiBuzz App. This includes notifications of extended family holidays.

Arrival at school on time

As we begin Term Two, a reminder about punctuality. Arriving at school on time is so important, as it allows your child time to settle in prior to beginning their school day, and also teaches them important lessons on punctuality which they will need to take with them throughout their life. A reminder to parents that the first bell of the day goes at 8:57am. We ask that all children are lined up, ready to enter the classroom, by this time. We understand that lateness is at times unavoidable, but do ask that all attempts are made to have your child to school on time, to allow them to engage in all morning lessons.

Building independence and resilience

Throughout Term one, we focused heavily on building independence and resilience with the children as they became accustomed to their new school environment and the expectations of the classroom. We worked with the children to encourage them to become self-sufficient in toileting, eating, caring for their own belongings, and exercising their increased resilience in trying new things, attempting challenges and forming new friendships. These are critical skills for children to learn from a young age.

It is important that families also provide opportunities for the development of these skills. Ways that families can assist us to continue building children's independence and resilience are –

- Encouraging your child to be responsible for their own bags, hats, jackets and lunch boxes, by asking your child to pack these each day. Ask your child to carry their own bags to the classroom and put them into their own lockers prior to the bell ringing.
- Remind your children that it is their responsibility to pack their take home books or library books in their bags to bring back to school (often we hear "Mum didn't pack it"we remind children daily that it is not Mum's job to pack their belongings!
- When your child comes home each day, ask them to tell you something positive that happened. If they do have something not so happy to discuss with you, assist them to problem solve the issue with you rather than fixing the issue for them. Ask your child if they have discussed any issues with their teacher, and if not, tell them that you will come with them to have a chat with their teacher about what happened.

We encourage you to come and speak to us at any time if you have any concerns over your child's resilience, confidence or independence.

Upcoming events for your calendar

Please make note of the events listed below, which the school and students will be involved in across Term Two.

Whole school cross country – Thursday May 2nd

Mother's Day - Sunday May 12th

Grandparents Day – Thursday May 30th

Preps Chesterfield Farm excursion – Friday May 31st

Rhyme Rocket incursion – Monday June 3rd

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday – Monday June 10th

School Dental Service (for those who have completed and returned the forms) – June 12th-13th

Music Incursion – June 24th

Parent Teacher interviews – June 24th and 25th

End of Term Two – Friday June 28th – 2:30pm dismissal time

Regards,



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