

# Prep Patter

Term 1 Week 5

**This week:**

<b>Monday Feb 24th</b>	Bushwahzee Mike Larkan visit Community picnic and Bush Cabaret evening
<b>Tuesday Feb 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Music, P.E. and Japanese for all classes
<b>Wednesday Feb 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO PREPS AT SCHOOL</b> PREP LITERACY AND MATHS ASSESSMENTS
<b>Thursday Feb 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Art SCHOOL NURSE FORMS DUE TODAY
<b>Friday Feb 28th</b>	Circulations Library

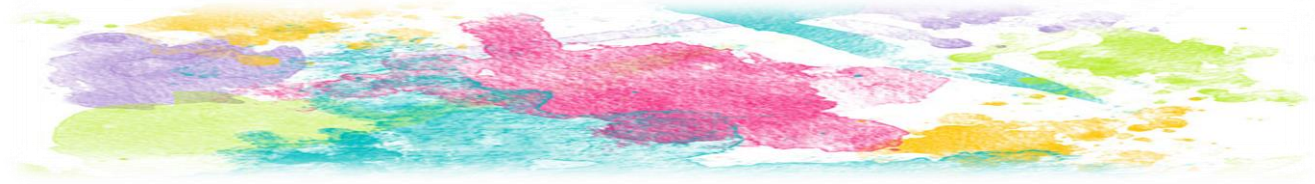
## Our Learning Intentions...

<b>Literacy</b>  <b>Word and sound of the week (SMART spelling focus)</b>	Students will be introduced to the word <b>tap</b> and the sounds t,a,p and how these sounds also fit within other words. We will be revising our first two reading strategies, Eagle Eye and Lips the fish. We will also be learning about one to one correspondence when reading, to keep track of each word.
<b>Numeracy</b>	We will be looking at number representation from 5-10, and how we can use concrete materials to represent each number.
<b>Integrated</b>	This Term we will focus on our All About Me unit, looking at what makes us all unique.
<b>Social</b>	We will be discussing personal space, and how we can respect this with our peers and teachers.



Birthdays!





### **Preps beginning full time from March 9**

We are entering our final weeks of Wednesday Prep assessments. Please note that all Prep children will begin full time at school the week beginning March 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for making yourselves available to bring your children in for their assessment times.

### **Responsible use agreement – URGENTLY NEEDED**

Final call for all ITS user agreements to be returned to your child's class teacher. As we will begin Reading Eggs this week, only those children who have provided us with this will be able to participate in this program.

### **School nursing program surveys – DUE NOW**

Thank you to those families who have returned their child's school nurse form. These are due to be returned by this Thursday, Feb 27<sup>th</sup>. Please note that even if you choose not to have your child spoken to by the school nurse, we do require all forms to be handed back in. Even if you choose not to complete them.

### **Bushwazee Family Evening and Mike Larkin visit**

Hopefully you have already seen the notice that went home informing you that channel 10 weather presenter, Mike Larkan, will be delivering his weather report at our school on Monday, February 24. We have coincided this visit with a bush dance/picnic at our school. If you would like to be a part of the weather report or your children would like to be part of it, the school community has been asked to arrive at 5:00pm. At the completion of Mike doing his final report at 6.30pm, we will start our bush cabaret which will run until 8pm.

### **BUSH CABARET by BUSHWAHZEE**

The day will kick off with students being treated to a concert by the boys from Bushwahzee. There will be no assembly on this morning. Children will then take part in music workshops, which 'the boys' will be running throughout the day. The children will showcase what they have learned at the music workshops through the day at the Bush Cabaret Concert that evening, after Mike Larkan has completed his weather report. So bring your picnic rugs, deck chairs and a picnic dinner to the school oval for this great community event and be entertained by your children. Please note there will be no food or drinks for sale on this evening, and this is a no alcohol event.

The rundown of the evening can be found in the school newsletter.

### **Letters to your child**

Thank you to those parents who have provided us with their letters to their child, which will be presented to them at their Grade 6 graduation. We have placed a box on the lockers inside the Prep classroom for you to place these letters. These should be addressed to your child, and the aim is for you to write to them outlining your hopes and dreams for their future. If you can please pop these letters inside the box when you get a chance.

## **Encouraging engagement in Reading at home**

We want to reinforce that at this early stage of emergent reading, we encourage you to use the following strategies with your children. We have sent these strategies home in your child's NAT bags also for you to refer to.

- Eagle Eye – look at the pictures
- Lips the fish – Say the first sound
- Read from the left to the right
- Identify the difference between a letter, a word and a sentence
- Hold the book and turning the pages with care
- Point to each words as you read

## **PMP and parent helpers**

The Preps will begin our Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) every Friday afternoon from 2pm- 3pm in the hall, starting Friday March 6th. We would love to invite parents to come along to assist us to implement this program, which is based around rotational physical activities. If you are available and would like to come and assist, you will need to have signed the school code of conduct and provide us with a copy of a working with children check. Please see the office for further details on this, and notify you child's classroom teacher if you are available to help.

We will be inviting parents to assist with reading in Term Two. If you would like to assist, you will also need to provide your working with children check and sign the Tecoma Primary School's Child Safety Code of Conduct.

## **Preventative measures surrounding food allergies in the Prep classroom**

Within the Prep classroom, we do have some children who have allergies to raw egg, and nuts and one who is Anaphylactic to lentils. We would like to encourage parents to please try to avoid packing items in your children's lunch boxes that contain these foods.

## **Out of School Hours Care**

If you have booked your child into an extra session f after school care, can you please send a note in your child's NAT bag to inform your child's teacher, so that we can ensure that they are supported to get there at the end of the day.

## **Upcoming events for your calendar**

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

- **Monday February 24th** - Bushwazee family evening
- **Monday March 9<sup>th</sup>** – Labor Day public holiday – no students or teachers at school
- **Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>** – Preps at school full time
- **Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>** – Whole School Photos
- **Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>** – End of Term One – 2:30pm finish

If you have any questions please check in with us before school or after school

Regards,



**Hayley**

**Felicity**

**Helen**

**Kathy**