WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3!

Welcome back to Term 3! It’s hard to believe that half of the year has flown by already!

We had a wonderful time in Term 2 learning all about the weather and the impact it has on people and animals on the farm. Our Literacy work on letters was a great hit and all the children (and teachers!) had a very fun day dressing up as a something beginning with every letter of the alphabet. Everyone went to such an effort and it was wonderful to see all the children enjoy the different activities including a parade, biscuit making and a scavenger hunt. Last term the children loved having visits from the firefighters. We learnt about fire safety and looked at the fire engine. We even got to have a turn at spraying the hose!

Term 3 is looking to be action packed. We will be celebrating our 100th Day of school on Tuesday 28th July. We also have Glen Iris Primary School’s 150th birthday celebrations on the 30th August. In the week prior to this we will have many fun activities including olden day games, visits to our school museum and opening of the time capsule. We hope that you can come along on Sunday 30th August from 3pm-7pm to join us in our whole school celebrations!

Three-way conferences will be held in Week 6 with times and dates to be confirmed soon. These conferences are a chance for the children to share their learning goals and progress across the curriculum with a specific focus on Literacy, Numeracy and Personal Learning.

A FEW REMINDERS:

Classroom Helpers:
New rosters for classroom helpers and PMP helpers will be displayed on the Prep notice board.

Notice Folders:
Please ensure that all notice folders are returned to school promptly to assist with Wednesday’s notice distribution.

Show and Tell:
This term we are continuing Show and Tell. Remember to prepare and practice their presentations to further develop their speaking and listening skills.

Sun Smart & Safety:
Remember that hats will be needed again from Tuesday 1 September. If you ride your scooter to school, please wear a helmet!

Timetable

Monday: Performing Arts, Buddies (fortnightly)
Tuesday:
Wednesday: Sport, French, PMP
Thursday: Library
Friday: Icy-poles, French, Assembly (fortnightly)

100th Day of School!
On Tuesday 28th July the Preps will be celebrating their 100th day of school. Children will be asked to dress up as a 100 year old. During the day we will hold a range of activities relating to the number 100. Further information to come.

150th Birthday Celebrations!
Remember to keep Sunday 30th August free! Glen Iris Primary School will be celebrating their 150th birthday!

Nude Food
Every Wednesday we have a Nude Food Day! Remember to pack a lunch box without any wrappers to encourage the students to care for our environment by reducing their rubbish.

Walk or Wheel?
Every Wednesday we have a Walk or Wheel challenge. Try your best to walk or wheel to school to reduce your carbon footprint and care for our environment.
PREP CURRICULUM

Literacy
During Term 3, children will be exposed to a range of text types including lists, rhyming poems and narratives. Educational play will continue to be a focus in our mornings to continue to develop children’s oral language and decision making through exploring familiar activities. We will slowly be introducing writing on lines and dotted thirds as children make their way towards achieving their Dotted Thirds Licence. Our spelling foci will continue to be drawn from our big book reading and the students own writing. You may have already started to receive some wordlists the children have been working on. Please encourage your child to read, write and play games with these words as they further develop their knowledge of high frequency words.

Numeracy
This term we will be commencing Maths Mix Ups with our Numeracy Specialist, Shelley Morrison. This will be held once a week and all students will be further developing their knowledge of number and place value. The 100th Day of School is fast approaching, however we look forward to continuing counting the number of school days right up until the end of the year to help imbed some of the great concepts we have been exploring this year including odd and even numbers, counting on, skip counting and place value. Other Numeracy topics that will be covered this term include; 3D shapes, counting on, money, counting back, chance and data (graphing), addition, subtraction and length with a constant focus on number and problem solving.

Integrated Studies
This term the children will be involved in two Integrated Studies topics. In the first half of the term they will be learning more about nursery rhymes through our topic, It’s Rhyming Time. This is a great opportunity for children to explore language and the rhythm and rhyme in Nursery Rhymes.

In the second half of the term we will have a history focus. This focus will be based around our school’s 150th birthday celebration.

Looking forward to a terrific term,
The Prep Team -
Brodee Goldman, Barb Maclarn and Claire Sutherland

Library
Throughout Term 3 the Prep children will be exposed to a range of texts in an author study during our weekly library visit. Please remember to help your child pack their library bag each Thursday so they are able to borrow new books each week.

Information Communication Technology (ICT)
This term the Prep children will continue to use a range of technology in the classroom to support their Literacy and Numeracy development. We will continue to use programs such as Mathletics, Touch and Write, Popplet and TouchTronic. Don’t forget that Mathletics is accessible through the internet and you can log on at home to complete teacher set activities and play live Mathletics. It’s great to see all the children who have already earned certificates.

Important Dates
July
28th - 100th Day of School
August
30th - GIPS 150th birthday
September
18th - Last day of Term 3