WELCOME BACK FOR TERM 4!

Welcome back to our final term for Prep. It is great to hear such terrific holiday stories and family filled activities. This is our fourth and final Prep newsletter to inform you of the happenings in the Prep classrooms this term.

Looking back on Term Three, there were many highlights. We celebrated our 100th day of school which was a big hit. Everyone looked amazing, if not extremely old and we did lots of Literacy and Numeracy activities based around the number 100. We also celebrated GIPS 150th birthday. This was a huge event which allowed us to think about school in the olden days, visit the school museum and celebrate the event with a flashmob dance.

Term Four is looking to be action packed. We have a Prep Breakfast, where children will be coming to school in their pyjamas and getting ready for the day all on their own, a gardening incursion led by Mrs Feeland-Small and an excursion to the Royal Botanic Gardens. In addition to this we will have swimming lessons commencing in December as well as a performance by Don’t Move Theatre Group and a puppet making workshop to support our narrative writing focus. This term we will also commence our Transition Up program preparing us for Grade One in 2016. We are preparing children to be more responsible for their own belongings. You can assist us with this by allowing your child to carry their school bag into the classroom and unpack their take-home reader bag, poetry folder and notice folder in the mornings.

On Monday 12th October, we will be having a teddy bear picnic with our buddies. We would like everyone to bring a teddy to school on the day. Every child will be given a teddy bear biscuit. If you have any concerns about allergies please discuss this prior to Monday with your classroom teacher.

Looking forward to a fun-filled Term 4
The Prep Team -
Brodee Goldman, Barb Maclarn and Claire Sutherland

A FEW REMINDERS:

Show and Tell:
At the end of last term you would have received a Show and Tell roster indicating the topics for each week. Each child has been allocated a specific day to present their Show and Tell. It is important that each child presents on their allocated day. Please help your child prepare for their Show and Tell each week.

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

Sun Smart & Safety:
Remember that hats will be needed this term. As the term gets warmer please ensure children bring a water bottle with them to school each day.
**PREP CURRICULUM**

**Literacy**
During Term 4, children will be exposed to a range of text types including procedures, poetry and narratives. Within our reading groups, we will continue to focus on decoding sounds/words in a text, as well as comprehension strategies, fluency and expression. Children will continue to develop their high frequency words in class and we encourage parents to play games and continue practising these.

**Numeracy**
This term all students will be further developing their knowledge of number and place value. The Numeracy topics that will be covered this term include; time, money, place value, subtraction, addition and capacity. We will be continuing our Number of the Day with a constant focus on number.

**Integrated Studies**
This term the children will be learning about plants and living things through our studies of Parks and Gardens. As part of this unit we will go on an excursion to the Royal Botanic Gardens on **Tuesday 17 November** to learn about what plants need to grow and survive. Last year we were very lucky to have Peter Dafinis (a current Grade 1 parent) help us build planter boxes for the Preps and this term we look forward to planting a range of seedlings and seeds and watching them grow as we care for them.

**Information Communication Technology (ICT)**
This term the Prep children will continue to use a range of apps in the classroom to support their Literacy and Numeracy development. We will continue to use programs such as Mathletics, SeeSaw, Book Creator, TouchTronics, PM books and Sunshine On-line. Don’t forget that Mathletics is accessible through the internet and you can log on at home complete teacher set activities and play live Mathletics.

**Library**
Throughout Term 4 the Prep children will be immersed in the wonderful world of Dr Seuss texts 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.

**Important Dates**

**October**
9th - Prep Cross Country
12th - Teddy Bear Picnic
13th - French Day
16th - Gardening Incursion
23rd - Prep Breakfast

**November**
3rd - Cup Day
6th, 13th, 20th & 27th - 2016 Prep Take-Off
17th - Royal Botanic Gardens Excursion

**December**
1st - Don’t Move Puppet Show and workshop
Transition Up - TBC
4th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 14th, 15th - Swimming
Class parties — TBC
18th - Last day of Term 4

**Poetry:**
This term we will be continuing to share a class poem each week which will come home on a Friday, in the children’s poetry folders. We encourage you to share the poem with your child each week as they