



Prep Newsletter

Glen Iris Primary School

TERM 4

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4!

Welcome back to our final term for Prep. It is great to hear about the children's terrific holiday stories, family activities and special experiences.

Looking back on Term 3 there were many highlights. Celebrating our 100th day of school with grandparents and special family friends was a big hit. Everyone looked amazing, if not extremely old! The children had lots of fun exploring the number of 100 with their guests. Our trip to Chesterfield Farm gave the children a wonderful opportunity to get up close to a range of farm animals and develop their knowledge of farm produce and what is involved in getting the produce from the farm to our homes. The term ended on a high with the children performing magnificently in the school concert 'The School of What?'. We imagine that you were as proud of them as we were as they so capably danced away to 'Can't Stop that Feeling'.

Term 4 is looking to be action packed. We will be having a Prep Breakfast where children will be coming to school in their pyjamas and getting ready for the day all on their own; establishing a Prep garden; and going on an excursion to the Royal Botanic Gardens. In addition, the children will have the opportunity to participate in the Junior House Cross Country, Junior House Athletics and attend a series of swimming lessons in December.



This term we will also run our Transition Up program preparing the children for Year One in 2019. We are continuing to encourage the children to be 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 Book bag in the mornings.

October at GIPS is 'Walk or Ride to School' month. We are encouraging all children to try to walk, ride or scooter to and from school to promote the importance of daily exercise. As a way of involving the children who are not within walking distance of the school, we are suggesting that mums, dads and carers park the car a couple of streets away from the school, then walk the rest of the way. We understand that due to family commitments this may not always be possible but let's all try and give it a go.

Looking forward to a fun-filled Term 4 and your continued support with our program.

The Prep Team - Lily Collins, Hayley Greeves, Christine Hiland and Barb Maclarn.



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.

Sun Smart & Safety:

Remember hats need to be worn for all outdoors activities including play-times and Phys Ed this term. As the term gets warmer, please ensure children bring a water bottle with them to school each day.



Attendance

It is wonderful to see the children arriving at school on time and coming into the classroom at 8.55am to unpack their bags and be ready to start the day with the class at 9.00am. Children who are not present by 9.05am will be marked absent. If your child is late, please sign them in at the Office and bring them to the classroom.

Notices on Compass

Please check Compass daily for News Feeds and Prep incursion and excursion notices.

Classroom Helpers:

New rosters for classroom helpers have been displayed on the Prep notice boards.

We will also be looking for helpers to come along on the bus for our excursion to The Royal Botanic Gardens and swimming program later in the term. A separate swimming helpers roster will go up nearer to the time.

In November we will be seeking parent help with our Take-Off program for our 2019 Preps.

PMP

PMP will be held again this term on Wednesday afternoon up until the beginning of the swimming program. A roster has been placed on the Prep noticeboard for parent helpers to sign up. In order for this program to run effectively we require 6 parent helpers for each session. Please note the times.

Prep G and M 1.50—2.40pm

Prep C and H 2.40—3.30pm

You are welcome to help out with both sessions if you have the time.

Library on Fridays

Throughout Term 4 the Prep children will be immersed in the wonderful world of books during our weekly library visit. Due to a timetable change Preps will be going to the Library on Friday this term.

Please remember to help your child pack their library bag each Friday so they are able to borrow new books each week.





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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 with these words and to read daily with the children to reinforce these words in context. We are really pleased with the progress the children are making with their handwriting, forming letters correctly and of a consistent size. In readiness for Year One, the children will begin using their dotted thirds writing books during Writing time. The lines will further assist the children in developing a neat and well formed handwriting style.

Numeracy

This term the children will be extending their knowledge of number and place value, exploring numbers from 0 to 100. The Numeracy topics that will be covered include; time, money, patterns in number, place value, addition, subtraction and sharing. We will be continuing our Number of the Day with a constant focus on number and counting.

Integrated Studies

Through our Science topic 'How does my garden grow?' the children will be learning about plants and living things. As part of this inquiry we will go on an excursion to the Royal Botanic Gardens on **Wednesday 21st November** to learn about what plants need to grow and survive. We will also be planting a range of seedlings in the planter boxes in the Prep playground and school garden and watching them grow as we care for them. For those parents with 'green thumbs' and a love of gardening, please contact the teachers to find out when and how you can help us with our gardening experiences. We would love for you to share your knowledge and skills with the children.

Digital Technologies

This term the Prep children will begin a Coding program. Mr Gilliland will be team teaching with the class teachers once a week to teach the children some early coding skills. This program will give the children an opportunity to develop their creative and logical thinking skills through completing 'coding' challenges using a variety of digital tools and apps. The 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, Sunshine On-line. Don't forget to log on to Mathletics at home with your child to play live Mathletics.



Important Dates

October

- 15th - 19th Planting our Prep gardens
- 17th - PMP begins
- 17th - Year 5/6 Business Bonanza
- 26th - Prep Breakfast

November

- 5th - Pupil Free Day/ Curriculum Day for staff
- 6th - Cup Day Holiday
- 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd - 2019 Prep Take-Off
- 21st - Royal Botanic Gardens Excursion

December

- 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th - Swimming
- Transition Up - TBC
- Class parties —TBC
- 21st - Last day of Term 4

School Assembly

The School Assembly will be held fortnightly on Friday afternoon in the odd weeks of term commencing around 2.45pm.



Performing Arts

This term we welcome Mrs Alicia Glass who will be taking the Preps for Performing Arts while Mr Smith is on leave. Mrs Glass is a familiar face at GIPS as she was working here last term as a Casual Relief Teacher.