



# TERM 2

Glen Iris Primary School

PREP TERM 2

2017

## WELCOME BACK TO TERM TWO!

Welcome back to Term Two! We hope you all had a fantastic holiday and are ready for an exciting Term Two. It has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled back into classroom routines after their well-deserved break.

Term One was a busy one for the Preps. A real highlight was a visit from Responsible Pet Care. The children were able to discuss the needs of pets and how to care for them, as well as how to be safe around animals. We also had lots of laughs during the 'Happy to be Me' production about what makes us all special.

During Term Two there will be many opportunities to assist with our classroom programs. The classroom helper and PMP rosters are on the Prep Noticeboard. We ask you to sign up to one session initially to allow everyone an opportunity. For PMP we require 8 helpers, siblings are welcome during PMP sessions.

We have a lot to look forward to in Term Two at GIPS. Our first exciting event will be a visit from our local Firemen as part of our Integrated Unit—Me and My World. Our other excursion for this term is a visit from the Teddy Bears Hospital. We also have Education Week where we will be holding a Family Learning Night. We hope you can come along and join in some fun coding activities. Later in the Term we will be having our It's Rhyming Time Celebration, where we will all have the chance to dress up as our favourite nursery rhyme character.

We are looking forward to a fantastic Term Two!

### Important Dates

<b>May 2nd (weekly)</b>	PMP begins
<b>May 5th and 12th</b>	Firemen visit
<b>May 16th</b>	Teddy Bear Hospital
<b>May 23rd</b>	Education Week open night
<b>May 18th</b>	School photos
<b>June 2-9th</b>	Life Ed van
<b>June 7th</b>	Curriculum Day (student free day)
<b>June 12th</b>	Queens Birthday
<b>June 16th</b>	Nursery Rhyme Dress Up Day
<b>June 30th</b>	End OF Term, early dismissal

### Timetable

- Monday:** Buddies (fortnightly)
- Tuesday:** PMP beginning May 2nd
- Wednesday:** Performing Arts and French
- Thursday:** Sport and Art
- Friday:** Library and Icy poles

### Grade 6 Buddies

During Term One, the children enjoyed getting to know their Grade 6 buddies. The children form lovely bonds with their buddies. We understand they like to give their buddies gifts. Our school policy is that buddies should only make cards or presents for each other. Please do not buy gifts for your child's buddy.

### School Hats

At GIPS we are a sunsmart school, therefore children are required to wear their hat at school until Monday 1st May.

### Mother's Day Stall

There will be a Mother's Day Stall for children to surprise a special loved one with a little gift. Gifts range from \$1—\$10. We ask all Prep children who wish to buy something to bring their money in a purse or wallet and to bring a plastic bag to put their purchases in.





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## PREP CURRICULUM

The Prep classrooms are very busy in Term Two. The children are now settled into classroom routines and have been building on their 'team work' skills. This paves the way for some exciting classroom activities. Here is a little of what we are up to during this term.

### Literacy

Children will be working in 'Literacy Groups' during the morning session. During this time, children will complete a range of alphabet, word and reading tasks. These tasks help the children explore letter/sound relationships and build on their 'bank' of most used words. In writing, the focus remains on correct letter formation, with an emphasis on correct starting points for individual letters. Children will continue to 'have-a-go' with their writing, recording ideas about their own and class experiences. We will be focusing on poems and 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. As a celebration of this topic, we will be holding a special dress up day.

### Numeracy

We will be looking at number concepts with a particular focus on reading and recording numbers to 20 and beyond. Children will explore shape and look at different forms of measurement. Numeracy activities are very hands-on with children encouraged to use a range of different materials to build on their understandings.

### Integrated Studies

We will expand on our Term One topic by focusing on "Me in My World". The focus of this topic is recognising people who help us at home, school and in the community. We will also be looking at how we can help other people, and what kinds of things we need help with. We will have visits from local firefighters.

*If you would like to visit the classroom to share how you help in the community please contact your class teacher.*

### Wellbeing

Our Resilience Project will commence early this term. We will be teaching the children about gratitude, empathy and mindfulness. We will be exploring our emotions and focusing on being a good friend. The students will be using their Resilience Project journal to record their understandings.

**Hayley Greeves, Barb Maclarn and Brodee Procel**

## Specialists Programs:

### Physical Education

Children will attend weekly PE sessions with Mr Gilliland. Children will need to wear shoes suitable for physical activity and remember their drink bottles. Hats will not be required from 1st May.

### Performing Arts

This term the Prep children will continue Performing Arts with Mrs Van Der Jagt. They will participate in song, dance and performances.

### Visual Arts

Children will be getting very creative in Art with Mrs Freeland-Small where they will explore a range of skills such as painting and sewing.

### French

In Term Two students will continue learning simple greetings. They will play counting games in French up to ten. During each lesson the activities will be based around vocabulary involving their families and home.



