



Prep Newsletter

Glen Iris Primary School

Term 3

2018

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you enjoyed some relaxing and special family time during the school holidays.

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 people in our community who help us. The children loved having visits from the firefighters. We learnt about fire safety, looked at the fire engine and all had a turn of spraying the fire hose. That was lots of fun!

Our Literacy work on nursery rhymes was a great hit. All the children (and teachers) had a fun day dressing up as one of their favourite nursery rhyme characters. Everyone went to such an effort and it was wonderful to see all the children enjoying the different activities including starring in the parade, creating 'real Humpties' and designing a 'shoe home' for the Old Woman and all her children.

Term 3 is looking to be action packed. We are delving into our new topic, 'Down on the Farm' learning all about farms and farm produce. On Wednesday 1st August we will be going on our first excursion to Chesterfield Farm. We will be celebrating our 100th Day of school on Wednesday 8th August with a dress up day and activities with the children's grandparents or a special family friend. Get ready to see all the Preps transform into 100 year olds! On Wednesday afternoons we will be having our weekly dance sessions in preparation for our school concert. Stay tuned for more information about the school concert that all the students will be performing in on the evening of Tuesday 11th September.

Next week we are looking forward to meeting with parents at the Parent Teacher conferences. These conferences are a chance for the us to discuss your child's achievements and progress across the curriculum with a specific focus on Literacy, Numeracy and Personal Development and to share their learning goals for Semester 2.

A Few Reminders

Parent Helpers

The new Classroom Parent Helper rosters have been pinned up on the Prep Noticeboard and outside Prep G's classroom. Please only sign up if you have a current Working With Children Check that has been photocopied at the office. Your help makes our programs run smoothly and is greatly appreciated.

Show and Tell

Please help your child to rehearse their Show and Tell presentation each week. Discuss interesting facts about their items or ideas so they are well prepared to deliver their presentation. This helps them to improve their speaking and listening skills.

Sun Smart



On 1st September students will be required to wear their hats again. Bring on the warmer weather!

100th Day of School

On Wednesday 1st August the Preps will be celebrating their 100th day of school and inviting their grandparents to join in this special celebration. 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. For more information see the parent notice on Compass.

Please put the date in your diary. An invitation from the children to their grandparents will be sent home later this week.

Thursday is Library Day

Please remember to pack your child's library bags on Thursday morning. We encourage the children to borrow weekly and share their books with you at bedtime.

Don't forget to complete your Premier's Reading Challenge Logs. The challenge finishes on 3rd September.

Timetable Change Concert Dance Session Wednesdays

PG & PH 1.50 pm
PC & PM 2.40pm



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Prep Curriculum

Literacy

During Term 3, children will be exposed to a range of text types including recounts, descriptions, 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 gain control of their handwriting. Our spelling foci will continue to be drawn from our big book reading and the students own writing. You 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. The daily Take Home Reading time you have set aside is a great time to revise these words.

Numeracy

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 the number 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; time; addition; subtraction; and length with a constant focus on number and problem solving.

Integrated Studies

This term the children will be involved in learning all about why there are farms and the produce that comes from farms during our integrated topic 'Down on the Farm'. We are all looking forward to our trip to Chesterfield Farm. This day will give the children first hand experience of life on a farm and provide a springboard for our investigations back in the classroom. We will be integrating this topic into our Literacy and Numeracy learning as much as we can, for example we will be writing a recount about our day at the farm and writing descriptions of farm animals.

Number problems related to the farm will also be investigated. This helps to make our learning meaningful and student centred.

Resilience Project

The Preps will continue to explore feelings and how to be good friends with each other. We will talk about how we can 'bounce back' when faced with disappointment or sadness and share things for which we are grateful to foster a positive attitude to their daily lives.

Looking forward to a terrific term, and your continued support.

The Prep Team

Lily Collins, Hayley Greeves, Christine Hiland and Barb Maclarn



Important Dates:

July 30 and August 1

Parent Teacher Conferences

August 1

Excursion to the Chesterfield Farm

August 8

100th Day of School

August 21

French Day. Details to come.

Special French Lunch. Details to come.

August 23

Book Week Celebration

August 30

Father's Day Stall. Students may bring a few dollars to school to buy a Father's Day present.

August 31

Father's Day Breakfast. Get to school at 7:30am with Dad to enjoy some lovely pancakes, muffins and more for breakfast.

September 3

End of Premier's Reading Challenge

September 10

School Concert Rehearsal Day at the Besen Centre

September 11

School Concert at the Besen Centre

A—L Families

5.30pm—6.30pm

M—Z Families

7.15pm—8.15pm