



# Term 3 Newsletter

Glen Iris Primary  
School

Prep

## 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 people in our community who help us. The children loved having visits from the firefighters. We learnt about fire safety and looked over the fire engine. We even got to have a turn at spraying the hose! Our Literacy work on nursery rhymes was a great hit and all the children (and teachers) had a very fun day dressing up as nursery rhyme characters. Everyone went to such an effort and it was wonderful to see all the children enjoying the different activities including a parade and shoe making. .

Term 3 is looking to be action packed. We are delving into our new topic, All About Farms, to learn all about farm animals and produce. On August 7<sup>th</sup> we will be going on our first excursion to Chesterfield Farm. We will be celebrating our 100th Day of school on Wednesday August 2nd with a dress up day. Get ready to see all the Preps transform into 100 year olds! We will also be inviting grandparents to share a special morning with the Preps in their classrooms, so please save the date.

Three-way conferences will be held on July 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. These conferences are an opportunity for the children to share their learning goals and progress across the curriculum with a specific focus on Literacy, Numeracy and Personal Goals. Please make sure you book your appointment time on Compass.

## A Few Reminders

### **Parent Helpers**

The new Classroom Parent Helper, PMP and Art rosters have been pinned up on the Prep Noticeboard. Please only sign up if you have a current Working With Children Check that has been photocopied and registered 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 September 1st students are required to wear their hats again. Bring on the warmer weather!

### **100th Day of School**

On Wednesday August 2nd 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.

We would like to invite grandparents to attend a special grandparents day in the morning. Please put the date in your diary and an invitation from the children will be sent home soon.

### **Timetable Change**

**PMP:** Wednesdays  
2:40pm - 3:30pm

**French:** Tuesdays

**Art:** Tuesday



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## Prep Curriculum

### Literacy

During Term 3, children will be exposed to a range of text types including lists, rhyming poems and descriptions. 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. Our spelling focus 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

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 learning all about farms in our Integrated Topic, 'All About Farms'. We will be integrating this topic into our Literacy and Numeracy learning as much as we can, for example in Writing we will be exploring descriptive writing about farm animals. This helps to make our learning meaningful and student centred. We can't wait to shear the sheep, milk the cows and feed the animals at Chesterfield Farm!

Looking forward to a terrific term,

The Prep Team

Brodee Procel, Barb Maclarn and Hayley Greeves



Thanks!

## Important Dates:

**July 24th and 26th:**

3 Way Conferences

**August 2nd:**

100th Day of School

**August 7th:**

Excursion to Chesterfield Farm

**August 19th:**

GIPS main social event

**August 29th:**

French Day. Details to come.

Special French lunch order.

**August 30th:**

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

**September 15th:**

Cake and Produce Stall