PREP INFORMATION BOOKLET-2017

THE PREP TEAM

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SETTLING IN

The Prep students are settling in well. They have been practising the start of the day and end of the day routines and are now able to change their take home book independently and get ready for the day.
The students are practising 'active' listening behaviours. ie. using their eyes, ears, lips, hands and legs.

This week the Prep students start following the 'whole school' timetable and will be going out to play at recess and lunchtime with the rest of the students. We believe this will be a smooth transition. Teachers will be on yard duty in all areas of the school. At this stage the Prep students will only be playing in the areas outside their classrooms and on the Junior playground. (Area 1 and 2)
A whole school Curriculum Day has been scheduled for Wednesday 1st March. Camp Australia will operate on this day for those students who require care. Please book through their website www.campaustralia.com.au.
The first full week for the Preps will be the week beginning Monday 6th March.

READING FOLDERS

The purple reading folder is also a way of communicating between the school and the parents. Any notes, newsletters and receipts need to be taken out of this folder at the end of the day and read.
Please encourage your child to take care of this purple folder and return it to school every day.
If their reading folder is **lost** or **damaged** please let the class teacher know.

HOMEWORK

Prep Homework will begin in March. It will be sent home in their clearly labeled Homework book and looks like a monthly calendar with an activity to be completed everyday. These activities will reflect what is being taught in the classroom.
Each activity should only take 5 minutes to complete and should be completed by your child. It is important that they 'have-a-go' by themselves.
You can support your child by guiding them through the activity. If your child is having some difficulty with the activity please ask them to stop.
This homework needs to be handed in **every Friday**.

SPELLING

This term the students will be introduced to the first 10 spelling words.
These words can be found on the homework calendar. In addition we will send home a list of 100 words that your child will be learning this year.
We encourage you to help your child with their spelling by playing simple games such as finding these words in their take home book, using magnetic letters to spell the words etc.

SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

Your child will participate in four specialist programs every week. These specialist programs are Physical Education, Performing Arts, Visual Arts and Spanish. These programs are taught by teachers, other than your child's classroom teacher.
TERM ONE –SPECIALISTS PROGRAM Commencing Week 5

Prep A	**Prep B**
-Physical Education- Tuesday	-Physical Education-Tuesday
-Performing Art- Monday	-Performing Art-Thursday
-Visual Art- Wednesday	-Visual Art-Monday
-Spanish- Friday	-Spanish-Wednesday

Prep C
-Physical Education-Wednesday
-Performing Art-Friday
-Visual Art-Thursday
-Spanish-Monday

Prep D
-Physical Education-Tuesday
-Performing Art-Friday
-Visual Art-Wednesday
-Spanish-Thursday

What you need to bring to Specialist Classes?
Physical Education-All students need to wear runners to Physical Education. This is the only time when school shoes do not have to be worn.
All other specialist classes-Your enthusiasm and a great big smile.

LIBRARY

All Prep students will go to the school library for one hour every week.
This is an opportunity for the students to borrow **one book** from our library, which has recently been refurbished. On the very first visit to the library, your child will be given a large **navy blue Library bag** with our school logo on it.
Your child needs to bring this library bag to school **every week** with their library book in it.
Please encourage your child to **take care** of their library bag, as any lost or damaged bag will need to be replaced by the **parent**. New library bags can be **purchased** at the office for $ 2.50

SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM

Thank to all of the parents who have returned the School Nursing Program questionnaire forms to their child's teacher. (due last Friday)
If you have **not** returned this questionnaire you need to hand it in completed, as soon as possible. If you have any further questions please ask your child's classroom teacher.
It is a **free** consultation between the Nurse and your child.
We will be advising you shortly when the School Nurse will be visiting our school.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AT SCHOOL

Students love to celebrate their birthday at school with their classmates.
If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday at school, please bring along something to share with the class for their special day. When determining what to send to school, please consider how easily it can be distributed amongst all of the classmates. Cupcakes, cookies, fruit kebabs and ice blocks are all examples of food that can be suitable for sharing.
Remember to always check with the classroom teacher. She will be able to assist you with information such as organizing a suitable time and the number of students-boys/girls in the class.

SNACKS AND LUNCH

It is expected that your child come to school every morning having eaten breakfast.
Students should also bring a **small snack** for recess. This is eaten outside at 10.45am. Lunch is eaten at 1.15pm in the classroom.
Can you please ensure that you also provide your child with a spoon or a fork if required?
Students are also encouraged to **drink water** rather than juice.
Please do not give your child any glass bottles or containers.

ATTENDANCE-IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL!

Regularly attending school is **very important** for a child's connectedness and continuity of learning. Being away from school disrupts a child's learning and impacts on the level of success that will be achieved throughout their time in school. Unless your child is sick, your child **must** attend school **every day**.

ABSENCE NOTES

If your child is **absent** from the school it is an **Education Department requirement** that you write a note to your child's teacher indicating the reason for their absence or contact the school on 9317-9047.

PUNCTUALITY-BEING ON TIME AT 8.45AM.

Routines and procedures are very important in establishing a strong learning environment. For this reason, it is extremely important that your child is at school, ready to begin their day prior to the bell going at **8.45am.**
Being late is distressing for your child, disrupts the lesson and impacts on the rest of the class.

ARRIVING TOO EARLY/EARLY DEPARTURES

If you arrive with your child **late** to school you must **report to the office** before bringing your child to the classroom.
If you wish to collect your child **early**, you must **report to the Office** before going to the classroom to collect your child.
On both occasions you will receive a **late pass/early dismissal** slip to give to the teacher.

MEDICATION

If your child requires any type of medicine to be administered throughout the school day, it must be sent to the **office** in the morning where a trained first aid officer will be required to monitor and administer the medicine.
Children should not keep their medicine in their school bags.

UNIFORM

Wearing our school uniform is **compulsory** for all students. (Please refer to our school website for further information.) If your child is **not wearing their uniform** at school he/she **must** have a note written by their parent to explain why they are out of uniform.

SCHOOL HATS

A reminder-All students need to wear a school hat in **Term One** and **Term Four.** A broad brimmed hat or a legionnaire's hat is recommended. School hats can be kept in your child's classroom.
Remember-NO HAT! NO PLAY! (OUTSIDE)

LABELLING ALL ITEMS

Can you please ensure that all personal belongings are **CLEARLY LABELLED** with your child's name?
This includes all items of **clothing, lunch boxes, water bottles, school bags and school hats.**
It is inevitable that students misplaced their belongings from time to time but having your **child's name** on everything assists in the return of lost items to the student.
If your child has lost something, please speak to their classroom teacher and also check the **LOST PROPERTY** basket that is situated near the main office.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

This year we are having **three** Parent /Teacher reporting sessions. The first session is being conducted this week in Term One-Week Three on Monday13th February and Wednesday 15th February evening. The other two days will take place in June and December. (Dates to be announced at a later time.)
We would **recommend** that all parents attend each and every one of these sessions, as it is a great opportunity to share your child's achievements and celebrate their success.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

We have a whole school assembly in the main quadrangle on the asphalt every Monday morning (weather permitting) at 8.45am and another whole school assembly every Friday at 2.50pm in the Gymnasium/Hall.
All parents are welcome to attend.

TOYS AND VALUABLES

The school **does not** accept responsibility for expensive toys being brought to school in case they are damaged or lost. Please ensure that your child does not bring these items to school.

iPADS IN THE CLASSROOM

All prep classrooms have a collection of iPads that we use every day. Some of the **free apps** that you can also use at home to support your child include:-Blobblewriting
-Mathletics
-RAZ Kids
Your classroom teacher will be giving your child their username and password for 'Mathletics' and RAZ Kids shortly.
Looking forward to a very successful year,
The Prep Team