



Prep Newsletter - Term 4 2018

Welcome to our final term together. It's hard to believe we are fast approaching the end of the year. The children and I have had a terrific year and it has been wonderful to see the children grow and develop into such clever, independent little people. Our learning and fun has only just begun for term 4!



Literacy

Story writing, information reports and persuasive writing will be a big focus this term. We will be concentrating on the editing process during writing sessions to help children identify what needs improving. The emphasis will be on "up-levelling" the quality of their writing, using the four **VCOP** areas: **V**ocabulary, **C**onnectives, **O**peners and **P**unctuation.

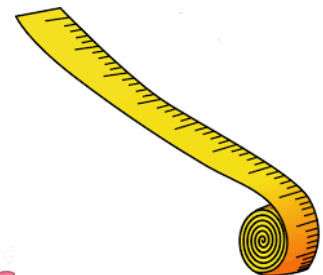
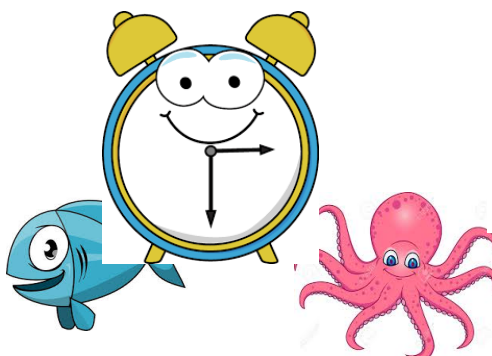
The children will continue working on a variety of reading comprehension skills and will look at different letter blends each week as well.

Chatterbox for this term will be based on a different topic/theme, which you should have received on the roster last week. Please encourage your child to have a little rehearsal before their scheduled day so that they feel confident to talk in detail to the class about whatever they have brought in.

Mathematics

Children will continue to be involved in open-ended maths tasks that encourage their problem solving skills and higher order thinking. In class we will revise all previous topics in the areas of 'Number', 'Measurement' and 'Chance and Data'. Children will continue to develop skills in skip counting, addition, subtraction and knowledge of place value through our daily number warm ups. We will continue to work on fractions and time this term.

This term your child will be given fun fortnightly Maths Share activities that can be done together at home to promote mathematical thinking in everyday situations.



Inquiry Unit



During this term our big idea will focus on "What do animals need to survive?". The students will investigate the factors, which affect the survival of animals living and the various habitats they live in. They will also investigate animal features and how they use these features for survival. We will be visiting the Melbourne Zoo on Thursday November the 22nd as part of our investigation. I will send more details out in the coming weeks.



Whole School Talk Homework.

As part of our VCOP program, we will run Talk Homework again for 3 weeks this term. The picture prompt will go up on Compass each Friday and families can view and discuss the picture together to generate ideas that your child can bring along to school. These ideas are shared at school and form the basis for their written story (VCOP Big Write), the following Wednesday.



Prep Breakfast

As part of Sherbourne Primary School's Camping Program, the Prep children will be having a special morning where all the prep children (and their teacher) come to school in their pyjamas and have breakfast together. This special event will take place on Thursday the 9th November. I will send more details out in the coming weeks.



Swimming

Swimming lessons started in Week 2 for Prep L. The children will be learning lots of new swimming and survival skills with Vicki. A huge thank you to those parents who have kindly offered their time to help out in the change rooms during these sessions.

Looking Towards Next Year.....

This term, students will be involved in transition sessions that will allow them to familiarise themselves with their new area for next year. They will do a range of activities with different teachers and students from other year levels.

Finally, I would like to take this chance to say a big THANKYOU to all parents who have helped out in any way this year. Your help, on whatever scale, makes so many of our programs run more smoothly.

Kind Regards,

Anna





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VISUAL ARTS

Andrea Allen

The Preps have started the term using the well known children's book illustrations from 'Elmer the Elephant' to inspire their own artwork experimenting with colour and pattern. We will focus on colour, line, shape and texture in the elements of art and principles of design this term. The students will experiment with recycled materials, weaving materials, drawings and paintings to create develop their skills.

The students will be involved in an exciting project focusing on using recycled bottle tops to create a permanent new whole school art piece outside the music room later in the term.

We always appreciate donations of craft, construction and recycled materials. If you have anything you think may be useful to our art classes, please bring them down to the Art room (this excludes bottles that contained any chemicals, egg cartons or toilet rolls).

JAPANESE

Andrea Walter

The Prep students will have their Japanese lesson on Tuesday this term. They are very happy to use the greetings and expressions they have learnt and we will be consolidating and adding to this during this term. We will continue to use the numbers in Japanese and our new vocabulary will be animals and the interpretative sound. This will include learning some names and talking about their colour and size. We will sing songs in Japanese and use the vocabulary in chants and games. We will also be learning a song to sing at Sherbourne Carols Night.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Rebecca Howitt

The Prep students will have a fifty-minute Physical Education skills lesson each week on a Friday morning in Term 4. All students need runners, hat and a water bottle for PE. (Hats in Jan-April and Sept-Dec). In Term 4 we are concentrating on the following areas: Continuing with basic movement: run, skip, hop and jump, Language concepts, Ball handling: Fundamental Motor Skills –catching, throwing, bouncing and striking a moving target, Working with partners or small groups, Students will experience being part of a team, winning games and losing games. This will help build teamwork and resilience skills.