

# Prep/ 1 Term 1 Newsletter



## Message from the teachers:

Welcome to all of our students and families. The students have had a great start to the year and have settled into school life nicely. This term will be filled with new adventures where the students will get the opportunity to learn new things and make new friends.

Starting school is a huge step for both our students and their families and we are excited to see what this term will bring for our Prep students.

## Italian

Students will become aware that languages have an origin and Italian is spoken in Italy. They will learn how to introduce themselves and greet and farewell the teacher. Students will listen to the stories of Pinocchio, learn new vocabulary and identify the different expressions used to express emotions.

## STEM

Students will be learning about the different aspects of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). They will learn about collaboration and communication throughout the term as they are presented with building-based challenges in small groups.

## PE

Students will be learning how to follow instructions, stop when they hear the whistle and change movement, direction and speed. They will move onto rolling, passing and bouncing a soft ball. Students will learn about personal space and how to share. They will also learn the importance of body autonomy and how to keep themselves safe.

## Visual Arts

Students will be creating a self-portrait using a mixture of media and practising their cutting skills. They will be exploring what happens when you mix primary colours to create their own colours to suit their personality.

## Reminders:

- Please make sure all students have the correct books and materials for their classwork.
- All students require a sunsmart hat during Term One.
- All students must be in class at 9am in full school uniform. Late-comers must enter the school via the office to get a late pass.
- Please ensure that your child has a piece of fruit along with their snack and lunch. Each class has a scheduled fruit break at some time in the morning.
- Water is also the only drink students should be bringing to school. Please ensure your child has a water bottle.
- Remember to activate your Seesaw account to share in your child's learning.
- Please send a library bag to school (the red bags sent home last week are perfect for this).

## Important Dates:

- Wednesdays in Feb - No Preps
- Tuesday 18 Feb - Prep Information Evening
- Tuesday 18 Feb / Wednesday 19 Feb Meet and Greet (Grade 1s only)
- Monday 10 March - Labour Day Holiday
- Friday 4 April - Last Day of Term 1

# Classroom Curriculum



## Literacy

We follow the Little Learners Love Literacy program to learn the sounds of the alphabet and how to write the letters that represent them. Each week Prep students will be introduced to two new sounds following the story of Milo the Monkey and his friends. The sounds we will focus on this term are m, s, f, a, p, t, c and i (Stage 1) and b, h, n, o, d, g, l and v (Stage 2). Prep students will practise reading and spelling three-sound words such as 'mad' and 'nap' as well as short sentences using these words. Grade 1 students will review previously taught letter sounds including the consonant digraphs sh, th, ng, ck. They will practise reading and spelling longer words and writing short recounts and narratives.

Students will be supported to develop a good pencil grip and writing posture.

Students will become familiar with many nursery rhymes and some fables during our daily read-aloud times. These rhymes and fables will be a vehicle to teach vocabulary and concepts such as rhyme and narrative elements while also building their background knowledge.

Students will build their speaking and listening skills through songs, talking to partners 'turn-and-talk', choral responses and short talks to the class.

## Maths

The Prep students will be learning to count to 10 and beyond, correctly form the digits and create collections by using 1:1 correspondence.

Grade One students will continue to consolidate their understanding of the numbers to 20 and they will also learning about the place value of two digit numbers.

All Prep/1 students will explore measurement using informal measurements.

Each Grade will have a 100 Days of School tracker to show the many days they have been at school. They will be using different methods such as tens frames, a hundreds chart and tallies to reinforce this daily.

## SEL (Social and Emotional Learning):

SEL stands for Social & Emotional Learning. Students participate in these lessons once a week with their classroom teacher.

Social and Emotional Learning is about learning how to manage feelings, develop friendships and solve problems.

These are essential life skills needed to manage ourselves, relate to others, resolve conflict, and feel positive about ourselves and the world around us.

## Inquiry:

During our 'Start-Up' program in the beginning of the term, students will represent and express themselves through drawn images, numbers and words. As we progress through the term, students will learn about their community and explore their connection to their immediate surroundings. We will discover the different aspects that make up a community, and a variety of roles people take up to create a safe and functioning society.