

PREP CELEBRATORY NEWSLETTER



English

Reading

The preps have worked really hard this term during reading. They have learnt how to visualise while reading. Visualising is when you create a mental picture in your mind's eye. During reading students have had the opportunity to visualise and use their 5 senses to help them. They have drawn what they have visualised in their mind. Preps also learnt how to infer character feelings when reading. This helped students understand what the author was thinking when writing the story. Great work preps!!!

Writing

The preps have done a fantastic job in writing this term. Our focus was on information reports. The students demonstrated basic writing behaviours such as letter and sound knowledge, finger spaces, pictures to match in order to write a simple sentence about what they learned from a text. The students learnt about a range of animals and showed enjoyment writing about their learning. Students have also learnt how to write a procedure. They have been writing simple instructions about 'how to' complete a familiar task. Keep up the great work everyone!

Mathematics

This term in Numeracy, students in Prep have been comparing, combining and separating collections to solve problems. They did this using hands on materials, such as unifix blocks and tens frames. Students then moved on to practicing skip counting by different numbers through song and dance. The preps have also continued to improve their number recognition this term. Fantastic effort!

Inquiry

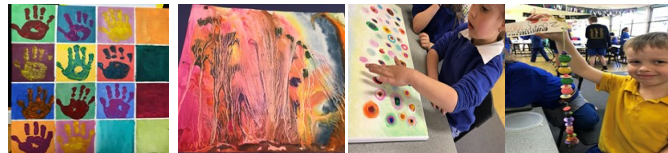
This term in Inquiry, students have been learning about the topics Dreamtime and Family History. Students have been working towards sharing and celebrating personal histories that allow them to reflect on who they are. Students have gained an understanding that Dreamtime stories help to describe the creation and cultural history of the Aboriginal people. Students will be creating a story about their history. Using a sentence stem as a prompt, students will orally tell a story which will be recorded on an iPad app called Explain everything. Students will draw, use puppets and act it out, then share to a buddy grade.

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Art

Term 3 has been fun and busy as we prepare for the Melton West Primary Art Show. The students started the term reflecting on their favorite memory from the holidays and worked on improving their drawing skills using their visual diaries. They have been so great experimenting with new techniques and honing their fine motor skills with beading and threading. This task challenged the preps no end, as they had to thread through fine holes and create patterns with colour and repetition. We will be hanging this work in the form of bead chandeliers for the Art Show. Throughout the term the preps have been making whole class pieces with various themes, which will also be displayed at the art show. Finally the Preps have been experimenting with Abstract Art and watercolor, which created a marbling effect that looks very effective. Well-done Preps on a very busy term!



Science

The Preps have had a terrific term learning all about materials and their properties in our Chemical Science unit. Each lesson, this term, has started with the kids singing and dancing to songs on opposites and materials. This has helped them understand some of the key vocabulary needed within this unit. The Preps have also focused a lot on sorting this term – sorting objects based on their physical features (big and small, hard and soft, hot and cold, rough and smooth) as well as sorting objects based on what material they are made from (plastic, paper, metal and wood). Students helped to create a class book on materials; choosing an object and drawing and writing about it. Finally, the preps have explored properties of different materials such as objects that are waterproof or bendable. It has been a great term with the Preps.



PE

During semester 3 we have re-visited 'kicking' focusing on different types of games and balls that we might use to kick with during these games. The students talked about what it means to be part of a 'team' and the important aspects of being a team member. Once this was established the students got to have an actual game of soccer where the focus was on using their team members to kick a goal. We then worked on running skills where the students had to break it down looking at their body position, looking ahead, running on the balls of their feet and arm positioning.

Finally, we have been learning about the different types of skipping and the different jumps and hops we can do to help us with our skipping. While most students could skip without a rope, skipping with a rope was very challenging for the preps however I was proud of their resilience, as they did not give up! Finally in line with our hopping and skipping we are ending the semester with jumps, hops and leaps to show the different ways the body can move. Well-done Preps!

