

# PREP TERM 2 NEWSLETTER



## English

### Reading

During term 2 students will be learning how to retell a story. They will be looking at different text types and retelling what happened at the beginning, middle and end of the story. They will also be learning how to identify the main character and setting in a story. Students will also be learning how to Synthesise when reading. Synthesising involves adjusting understanding by using new information with existing knowledge. Students will then learn how to Critique different texts giving their opinion of a story after reading.



### Writing

This term in Writing, Prep students will be writing about opinions. They will focus on recording simple sentences that state their personal opinion by using a sentence starter "I like" and record reasons for their choices. The students will use familiar high frequency words, phrases and images to convey ideas and work towards producing writing which shows evidence of letter and sound knowledge. Later in the term students will be writing recounts.

## Mathematics

During Numeracy this term, Prep students will be learning to 'subitise' which means being able to recognise amounts up to 5 without counting. We are also working on knowing how many when being shown dot cards quickly and amounts up to 10 by knowing the parts of a number such as '8 is made up of 5 and 3'. Students will be ordering collections and learning to match the number to collections. Later on in the term the focus in numeracy will be matching collections, numbers and number words.

## Inquiry

This term in Inquiry, Prep students will be focusing on the understanding that there are people in our community who can help us and people who we can trust. We will be focusing on the key questions 'Who are the types of people that can help me?' and 'How can people in my community help me?'. Students will take place in a practice emergency evacuation to help them identify the people who help us in the community.



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## Art

In prep Art for term 2, we are experimenting with different materials and techniques to make artworks. The students will start the term working with natural and synthetic materials; for example using autumn leaves for printmaking, combined with mixed media and digital mediums such as photos to create interesting effects. The students will also experiment with combining natural products; such as the effects of salt on paint and will investigate working in 3D and creative forms of weaving. The main focus of the term is about experimenting with new materials, techniques and textures to create fabulous artworks.

## Science

This term in Science, Grade Prep students will be focusing on the Physical Science strand. Students in Prep will be exploring how objects move, including themselves. They will also investigate how the shape and size of objects influences how these objects move.

During these investigations students will be continuing to develop the following science Inquiry skills – questioning and predicting, planning and conducting experiments, processing and analysing data and information and communicating their ideas and results.

## PE

In prep PE for semester 2, we are learning about health and nutrition and the 5 food groups. Students will identify food items that promote health and wellbeing. We will also re-visit 'safe play' and behavioural expectations inside and outside of the PE room. Further into the semester the preps will learn the basics of gymnastics, for example; forward roll, more ball skills with kicking short distances and throwing overarm. The Preps will learn important vocabulary associated with tasks they learn. I am looking forward to another great semester in PE with the preps!