

Prep Newsletter 1, 2018



Dear Prep Families,

We have had a wonderful start to the year and are looking forward to working with you and your child. Here are a few things we would like you to know:

- **Children may bring notes home during the week.**

Please check school/book bags for any notices. School newsletters are sent via the FlexiBuzz app. Please download this app as most Prep letters will arrive this way. Once you have downloaded it please select 'Whole School' and 'Prep' to receive notifications. Please make sure your child brings their book bag to school daily.

- **Children's toys**

We encourage toys to stay at home as we know how special they are and don't want them to get lost or broken.

- **Healthy snack, lunches and drinks are encouraged**

It has been great to see the healthy lunches and snacks that have been brought to school so far. The ease of 'nude' foods has been great for fruit, yogurt and snacks, it makes it much easier for children to open containers rather than sealed packets. We ask the children to try and eat their fruit first, then snacks and we encourage water for their drink.

- **Specialist timetable**

As Specialist classes vary for each room please see your class teacher for a timetable.

- A Working with Children's Check is required for helping in the kitchen, the classroom and when assisting on an excursion. These are available online.
<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

Helpers for kitchen will begin in week 2 (please see your class teacher if you are available to help). Classroom helpers will begin in Term 2. A parent training session will be conducted, and more details will come regarding this later in the term.

- **School uniforms**

We are thankful to all the parents who have labelled their children's clothes and hats. If for some reason they are left outside, the item will eventually make its way back to the classroom when others find it.

- **Show and Tell**

During Investigations, Reading, Writing and Maths lessons students have many opportunities to share and speak in front of the class. For Prep students we believe this is more valuable than the traditional 'show and tell'. Children will not need to bring things in from home for show and tell.

- **Canteen**

Children have been quite independent when going to the canteen.

We recommend a small amount of money.

Please talk to your child about not sharing money or food with others.

- **Important dates to remember**

21 Feb 28 Feb 7 March	Wednesday rest day/ Student Interview sessions
Monday 5th March	First Prep Assembly
Thursday 8th March	Prep Picnic and Parent Information evening Picnic 5pm onwards. Information session 6pm
Wednesday 14th March	Teddy Bear's Picnic day for students and their teddy. During school day
Friday 23rd March	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Learning

- Please feel free to chat with us any time after school with any concerns you may have

We would like to thank you for bringing your children to school before the bell goes each morning, it helps all of us prepare for the day in a calm manner.

Thank you for your support

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