Prep Newsletter Term 2 2016

Prep dates to remember:
• 2nd to 13th May - Prep Swimming (no swimming Fri 6th)
• Friday 6th May - Mother’s Day Breakfast
• Show & Tell Colourful Homework to share
• Monday 16th May - Open Morning/Open Afternoon
• Friday 20th May - Show & Tell: My Favourite Dinner
• Fridays from 20th May to 17th June - STOMP Incursion
• Thursday 26th May - Curriculum Day (Student free day)
• Wednesday 1st June - Market Fresh Incursion
• Friday 3rd June - Show & Tell: How I help the environment
• Monday 13th June - Queen’s Birthday
• Friday 17th June - Show & Tell: Something my favourite colour
• Friday 24th June - Term 2 ends at 2:30pm

Literacy Groups:
Literacy Rotations have begun this term and run two mornings per week in each class. Thank you to the helpers who have put their names down to assist with these. If you can help please contact your child’s teacher.

Swimming:
The Intensive Swimming Program will take place in weeks 4 and 5. It is very important that your child is working hard at becoming independent with their drying and dressing/undressing. We will need parent helpers at the pool for assistance in the change rooms but the children still need to be able to do as much as they can for themselves. Practice at drying themselves after baths/showers and dressing and undressing themselves will be of great benefit to the children during the swimming program. Children who are not well enough to swim or who are not attending the program do not come to the swimming pool. They will be sent, with school work, to other classrooms. Please note that any parent helper coming into the change rooms must have a Working with Children check that has been sighted by the classroom teacher or the school office. This applies even if you are only helping your own child.

Collection of Prep Students:
We are very proud of our Preps and how they are calmly leaving the Prep Building and entering the very busy pick up area. Please ensure you keep well clear of the doors. When your child has seen you they will let us know, and then come over to you.

We have some very competent and confident students who now have a ‘meeting spot’ within the school, e.g. a tree, the slide etc. If you and your child are ready for this please chat to your class teacher to let them know, ensure your child knows the spot well and remind them to return to their teacher immediately if you are not there.

Maths:
Please see attached notice regarding “What’s Happening” in your child’s Maths Group for the term!

Lunchtime Groups:
We are very lucky to have some great Clubs on offer this term for our Preps.
Mon: Library/Chess/Indoor Games
Tues: Dress Up Club
Wed: Lego Club/Knitting Club
Thurs: Play Cave
Fri: Library/Computer Club & Gardening Club
CAFÉ Reading

This term we have begun to introduce CAFE. The Literacy CAFE™ System helps students understand and master the four key components of successful reading: Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency, and Expanding Vocabulary. Teachers use CAFE to assess, instruct, and monitor student progress. It provides tools for constructing group and individual lessons that provide just-in-time instruction, ensuring that all students reach their potential. https://www.thedailycafe.com/

Each week we have a CAFE focus. We mention and explain this focus in the school weekly newsletter, Focus. So far we have had:

Use the Picture ... Do words and pictures match? Pictures help to confirm that the words being read makes sense. Illustrations can provide hints to help students decode a word. Help your child at home with this strategy by ensuring they are reading books with pictures. Have your child read the book using the pictures first, then re read using the words. When reading a picture book spend time modelling how to look at pictures, maps, graphs etc.

Stop at full stops Point out full stops and encourage them to “stop and take a breath”

Predict what happens next Spend some time looking at the front cover and discussing what they think the story will be about. Also, at the end you could ask “what do you think might happen next? Why?”

Please remember to read the Focus to learn our weekly focus and how to help your child at home.

Inquiry:

Our topic this term is “Healthy Me”. We will be learning about how to keep ourselves healthy: touching on diet, sleep, exercise and how our body works. We will also look at needs and wants. Swimming will incorporate well with this topic and we will also be doing yoga sessions with the Stomp Dance company on Friday afternoons in weeks 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Last week the children all visited Garden Club to plant vegetables that we will harvest to make some yummy wraps later in the term. On Wednesday 1st June we have Marketfresh visiting to talk to the children about eating plenty of fruit and vegetables. The children will get to taste lots of healthy food on this day.

Pyjama Day:

Our Pyjama Day was a great success! We even had a Fashion Show!

Thank you,

Jackie, Caz, Clare, Brianna and Ash