



Foundation Newsletter Term 2 2017

Prep dates to remember:

- STOMP (Dance & Yoga) Fridays, weeks 1-10. Please check with weeks your child attends.
- Wednesday 26th April—PJ Day & Breakfast at school
- Tuesday 2nd May—Market Fresh Incursion
- Thursday 4th May - Grandparents Morning
- 8th—19th May - Prep Swimming (No swimming Fri 12th)
- Monday 8th to 10th - Foundation Life Ed Van Incursion
- Thursday 26th May - School Photos
- Thursday 1st June - Curriculum Day (Student free day)
- Monday 12th June - Queen’s Birthday
- Friday 30th June - End of term dismissal 2:30pm
- Monday 17th July - Term 3 Starts

Literacy Groups:

Literacy Rotations will begin in Week 6 on:

FS: Tuesdays FD, FM, FB: Wednesdays FT: Thursdays

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 helpers 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.***



Pool session times: FS 12.20-1.00 FB/FM 1.05-1.45 FD/FT 1.50-2.30

Collection of Foundation Students:

We are very proud of our Preps and how they are calmly leaving the classroom and entering the very busy pick up area. Please ensure you keep well clear of the doors and stay off the decking area. 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:

We begin the Term with a week of Revision. Number formation is very tricky for a lot of students. Encourage your child to practise at home, taking care with the correct starting position and overall formation.

Weeks 2-3 we will working on Patterns (colours, shapes) and the skill of subitising (knowing how many objects instantly, e.g dots on a dice)

During our Swimming weeks (4 and 5) Maths will be run in grades with their own classroom teacher. The topic will be Statistics and Probability.

STOMP



We are very lucky to have STOMP visiting each Friday. This term Grades will attend fortnightly. Please ensure your child is wearing sneakers and clothes they can comfortably move around in.

Fridays 10:30-11:20

- Week 1: FS FM FT
- Week 2: FD FB
- Week 3: FS FM FT
- Week 4: FD FB
- Week 5: FS FM FT
- Week 6: FD FB
- Week 7: FS FM FT
- Week 8: FD FB
- Week 9: FS FM FT
- Week 10: FD FB

REMINDER: School hats are required until the 1st May. Please ensure your child has a named, wide brimmed hat for all outside playtimes

CAFÉ Reading

Late last term we began to introduce CAFE. **The Literacy CAFÉ 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.

Our week 1 and 2 focuses are:

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?”

Clap the syllables in a word: A knowledge and understanding of syllables assists students with breaking up words to assist with decoding (reading) and encoding (spelling).

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

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

Lunchtime Groups:

We are very lucky to have some great Clubs on offer this term for our Foundation students.

Thurs: Lego Club

Fri: Gardening Club

Inquiry:

Our topic this term is “Healthy Me”. We will be learning about how to keep ourselves healthy: healthy eating, sleep, exercise and how our body works. Following this students will also look at “Needs and Wants”.

We will also visit Garden Club to plant vegetables that we will harvest to make some yummy wraps later in the term. On Wednesday 2nd June we have Marketfresh visiting to talk to the students about where our fruits and vegetables come from and the importance of eating them. The children will get to taste lots of healthy food on this day. Please encourage your child to have a go at new items at home.



Birthday treats:

It is always lovely to sing the students a “Happy Birthday” and they do love to get a special sticker! If your child brings along a treat to share please be aware that it is school policy for it to be handed out at just before dismissal. All food treats are not to be consumed until outside the school grounds. This allows parents to decide when is the most suitable time for their child to have a ‘treat’. It is always best to check with your child’s teacher regarding food allergies within the grade.

Pyjama Day/Breakfast at School:

Our special Breakfast at School/Pyjama day is on Wednesday 26th April. We may even have a Fashion Show! Ensure your child is dressed warmly and has shoes suitable for outside play. Please send along your \$2 by Monday and let your teacher know of any dietary requirements. We will be making up a breakfast of toast (margarine, honey, vegemite and jam), pancakes and fresh fruit.

Thank you,

Jackie, Caz, Brianna, Ash & Lauren