Prep dates to remember:

Wed 27th July – 100 Days of Prep
Thurs 28th July – Japanese Day & Sushi Lunch
Wed 3rd Aug – Puppet Show
Fri 5th Aug - Olympic Countries
Wed 10th Aug – Fire Truck visit
Wed 17th Aug – Fire Truck visit
Thurs 18th Aug - Junior Athletics Day
Wed Aug 31st – Hands On Science
Fri 16th Sept - Last day of term 3, 2:30pm dismissal

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Literacy:
Our weekly class CAFÉ focus for this term are:

*E - Tune into interesting words
*C - Find differences between imaginative (fiction) and information (non fiction) books
*A - Cross Checking: Does it look right? Sound right? Make sense?
*A - Skip a word and then come back
*F - Voracious Reading
*C - Summarise the text, including sequencing the main events
*C - Make a picture or mental image
*C - Ask questions before, during and after reading
*F - Read with expression

Maths:
We have just completed our Measurement topic on Time. We are currently pre testing for our future topics this term. Please look out for our Maths Newsletter in the coming weeks!

Social Skills:
MYTERN PROGRAM - Each class has now done a number of lessons on the Mytern Program. We have discussed the red road and the green road and everyone has a car that they can place on the road that they feel that they are travelling along. We have also spent time talking about TEPS (the triggers that suddenly make us feel sad, mad, frustrated, lonely or just scared. These can be simple things such as having to clean our room or do our homework, or looking forward to something that is then cancelled.) We are now working on identifying our individual PETS (things that can help us feel better and get back onto a green road. These can be photos that make us feel good when we look at them, music, friends, comforting toys, special places, etc.) The children are very good at identifying just how they are feeling but they may need to chat to you at home about what sorts of things make them feel better when they are travelling on a red road. We constantly remind them that it is okay to be on a red road (they build resilience!) but we shouldn’t spend too much time on it or it can be bad for our emotional health.

YOU CAN DO IT - This term we have also begun to incorporate the “You Can Do It” program into our classrooms. The program includes the five foundations:

- Confidence (academic, social)
- Persistence
- Organisation
- Getting along
- Emotional resilience.

Lessons and activities are designed to teach students a positive mindset for academic achievement, positive relationships and emotional well-being and to eliminate the negative mindset leading to poor social-emotional development and school performance.
**Home Reading:**
It is important that the children continue to read the books in their reading bag every night and practise the words on their word lists/spelling lists. Remember to ask your child a few questions about what they have read to ensure that they understand the book. If they come to a word that they don’t know, try to avoid filling the gap for them straight away. Encourage them to use their strategies; look at the picture, stretch the word out, look for small words inside big words, read past the word to see if that helps. If your child reads a word incorrectly ask them “Does that sound right? “Does that look right?” “Does that make sense?” Please refer to the information sheets for other ‘helpful hints!’

**Corridor Helpers:**
If you find your grade has lots of helpers and finishes completing the students quickly it would be great if you could assist other classes in the corridor finish their reading. It is never fun or easy being the only parent helper for an entire class!

**Inquiry:**
We began this term with the topic “Material World” The unit provides opportunities for students to explore, through hands-on activities, what things are made of in the school environment and the properties of the materials used to make them. We will also complete two mini topics - Olympics and Seasons.

**Collection of Prep Students:**
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.

**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
- **Thurs:** Play Cave
- **Fri:** Library/Computer Club & Gardening Club

**Uniforms:**
We only have a small amount of spare underwear and uniform for students who have ‘accidents’ at school. If your child borrows some of these please ensure that they are washed and returned to school as soon as possible.

Please ensure your child is wearing their full uniform to school. As the weather is a bit chilly you may also like to pack a named jacket and hat.

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Thank you,

Jackie, Caz, Clare, Brianna and Ash