

Prep W Class Newsletter – Term 4 2017

WELCOME TO TERM 4!

I hope that you all had a wonderful spring holiday, enjoyed the Grand Final (Go Tiges!), found some sunshine and have returned full of energy for the last term in Prep!

Please read the important information about upcoming events during the term.

We've got lots of exciting things happening this term as always. Please read the newsletter carefully.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday November 6th - Curriculum Day - No Students - Assessment & Reporting
- Tuesday November 7th - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday - No staff or students
- Monday November 13th - Friday November 24th - Swimming Lessons
- Friday December 8th - Twilight Christmas Market
- Monday December 18th - Prep & Grade 5 Buddy Day!
- Wednesday December 20th - Christmas Assembly
- Friday December 22nd - Last Day of Term 4 - 1.30pm Finish

Weather In My World

Our Integrated topic for Term 4 is all about weather.

We will be learning about daily and seasonal changes in our environment and how this affects our everyday life, from the clothes we wear, to the activities we engage in. We will also explore how weather affects growth, farms and the environment.

Our **You Can Do It!** focus this term is **Resilience**. During the term we will be learning about the resilient habits of mind, which are 'Working Tough', 'Bouncing Back' and 'I Can Do It'. We'll also meet Ricky Resilience who will help us to learn about resilience and the 'Catastrophe Scale'.

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SWIMMING!

During weeks 6 & 7 (Nov. 13 - 24) of this term all the students will be involved in two weeks of intensive swimming lessons. These are compulsory (even if you already do private swimming lessons) and also a lot of fun!

After each lesson, the students have to get dried off and changed very quickly before boarding the bus back to school. Could you please practice this at home, ensuring your child independently dries off and changes quickly, so that they are ready to go when swimming lessons come around.

If you are available to come and help with changing after the sessions, let me know. You will need a Working With Children Check. Lessons occur at the Kew Recreational Centre. Lesson time TBC.

MAGIC (Sight) WORD TESTING - Reading & Spelling

Testing for Magic Words will be slightly changing in Term 4. Reading to the first 100 (Violet) - Weekly testing on Fridays.

Once your child achieves reading 100 words, they will move onto reading the next sets of words (starting with pink), but also spelling the Golden words and then so on (Red, Blue etc.)

After your child has achieved reading the 1st 100 words, they will then only be tested every fortnight. This is to give them more time to embed their learning, and time to learn the spelling of the relevant set of words. If you have any questions, please let me know and I'd be happy to answer them.

REMINDERS

- No Hat, No Play will be enforced again this term, so remember to bring along a hat each day as we are a sun-smart school ☺
- Headphones - A few students still need to bring in a pair of personal headphones/earphones for computer and iPad use. Please do this ASAP.
- Children should be carrying their own school bag and putting their things in their locker independently.
- When arriving at school, if I'm not in the classroom, please put your bag away and go straight outside. Do not hang around in the classroom without a teacher present.
- In December, Prep students will no longer be allowed in the classroom before 9am. This is for a smooth transition into Grade 1. When arriving at school, place your bag at the line up area and utilise the playground. Upon entering the classroom, students will independently get their things ready and begin reading straight away, using the reading strategies learnt throughout the year.

Check out the Prep notice board if you have missed out on any information!

Please do not hesitate to come up and have a chat to me if you are unsure about anything to do with your child's schooling ☺

Ms Clare Woodhouse - Your dedicated Prep teacher for 2017!