



# Prep Update Week 3

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2017



Dear Prep Parents,

*It has been terrific to see our Prep children so enthusiastic about school this week. They are doing a great job lining up outside and we thank you for assisting the students every morning. Term One is flying by fast and the Preps have so many exciting learning experiences to look forward to! It's wonderful to see how independent the students have become and how eager and ready they are to take in all of the information they are receiving. School is a big transition for your child and they are doing a great job adjusting to the busy days.*

*Below are some reminders to keep you up-to-date with what is happening at school over the next couple of weeks.*

## **PREP HOURS:**

*The hours for Prep students until Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March are **8:45am until 3:00pm**. Your child is not required at school on Wednesdays. From Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March they are at normal school times (including Wednesdays).*

## **In the Mornings:**

*A reminder for parents that students should be lined up on the dots by **8:45am at the latest**. We suggest arriving at school from **8:30am onwards** so that your child begins the day on time. This is vital for the smooth transition when beginning the day and for your child to become more accustomed to the busy morning routine. It is a great idea to get your child to carry their own school bag to the line, as this will assist with developing their independence.*

## **In the Afternoons:**

*We will walk the students to the asphalt area to be picked up at **3:00pm**. Teachers will wait with all students in this area until they have been picked up.*

## **READING HELPER PROGRAM:**

*We will commence our reading helper program on **Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February**. Your class teacher will send a note home to all those who filled out the helper form, to notify families when we would like them to come in. We are very excited to start this integral part of our Prep program!*

## **TAKE HOME READING BAGS:**

*As we have begun our reading program it is **extremely important that your child brings their book bag every day**. As we have reading helpers during the week, it is crucial that they immediately form good habits about remembering to bring their bag to school each day. We will be encouraging the children to be responsible for this task, however they may need some reminding in these first few weeks. We thank you in advance for your help!*

## HOMWORK MATRIX

Next week (Monday) in the back of your child's green Homework book, you will find a Homework Matrix attached. It includes a selection of reading tasks and optional activities to do at home. We hope you enjoy completing the activities! The MEPS homework matrix is being introduced at all year levels across MEPS. If you have any feedback about the matrix we would love to hear from you!

## ABSENCES:

A reminder that a sick child must be kept home as we have limited facilities for caring for sick students. If a child becomes sick during the day or has an accident at school all efforts are made to contact the parents or the emergency contact shown on the child's enrolment form. For this reason, it is vital that the school is notified of any changes to your address, business and home telephone numbers and those of your emergency contact. It is not necessary to phone the school on the day of your child's absence unless your child will be away for an extended period. Regulations require that parents supply a written explanation for the student's absence upon their return to school.

## ASSEMBLY:

Our Prep children will begin attending assembly on **Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February**. Assembly is held in the New Hall beginning at 2.20 pm.

## CLASS CONTACT LIST:

Please return this notice ASAP if you wish to be on the class contact list. Thank you to the wonderful parents who have offered to be our class coordinators.

## CANTEEN ICY POLE TREAT:

Our introduction to the canteen for Preps will be **Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February**. As per the letter sent home, the Preps will be allowed to purchase a fruit juicy for \$1. Please do not pre-order or send in the money prior to this. Money on the day would be terrific. Please Note: Lunch orders for the Prep children begin on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February.

## LIBRARY:

Preps have attended their first library lesson. They loved choosing a book to take home to share with their families. Please ensure that you send a library bag to school with your child so that they are able to borrow. The great "red" bags the children brought home from the Department would make terrific library bags if you have not purchased one yet.

A special request: We have a dolls house in the Prep rooms that is in need of some small dolls and furniture. If you have anything to spare, we would love them to have a good home at school!

We appreciate the enthusiasm and interest that you are showing in your child's education.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Prep Teachers

