



## PREP NEWSLETTER Term 2 – 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back for Term 2, 2024. We are looking forward to this term and are excited about the learning and events to come, it promises to be another fantastic term. Compass remains our platform for all communication across the school but please read below for information regarding the activities, learning and special dates occurring throughout Term 2 in the Prep area.

### CURRICULUM NEWS

#### English

In reading this term we will continue to expose students to phonological awareness activities, working on orally recognising and manipulating the sounds in words. From week 2 we will be learning two new sounds per week in the Little Learners Love Literacy approach to reading and spelling. Students will have multiple opportunities each week to spell and read words using the sounds we are learning. This term students will be bringing home their Little Learners Love Literacy decodable books to be read at home 3 times per week each. We are so fortunate to have parent helpers working with our students to complement our synthetic phonics approach.

In writing this term we will be focusing on the structure of sentence writing, using stories and visuals for writing prompts. Students will be writing basic sentences with a focus on 'who' 'what' and 'where', working towards expanding sentences to include more detail. Students will be using their sound knowledge to assist with spelling and there will be an emphasis on correct letter formation in handwriting.

#### Mathematics

In Number and Algebra, students will be deepening their understanding of numbers 1 - 10, consolidating one to one correspondence, matching words and/or numbers to collections, reading, writing and recognising the numerals and words for the numbers 0 - 10. They will then focus on addition and subtraction to 10, and ordinal number. In Measurement and Geometry we will initially focus on length, before learning about mass later in the term. In Data and Statistics, students will collect information, organise data, make and interpret simple graphs.

#### Inquiry

Our inquiry unit this term is 'Who am I and where do I belong?'. Students talk about what makes themselves and others special. They also learn about people and places within Apollo Parkways Primary School.

#### Physical Education

In Physical Education this term, Prep students will continue to work on their Fundamental Motor skills of throwing and bouncing. In term two students will be introduced to the motor skill of kicking. This will be completed through involvement in modified soccer and AFL activities.

## Visual Art

In Visual Art this term, Prep students will be hand forming a terracotta clay pinch pot and will paint and decorate it after the firing process. Students will be studying primary colours and further developing brush manipulation skills with acrylic paint. They will also be introduced to the watercolour painting process, cutting, collage and markers to represent a rainbow fish with emphasis on preferred technique for directional drawing/colouring strokes.

## Italian Culture

In Italian Culture this term, Prep students will discuss Italian Easter customs and compare them to Australian traditions. They will continue to learn about Italy through literature by sharing picture storybooks. Students will focus on the well-known landmarks in Rome, as well as exploring famous Italian gelato and other popular foods. Students will begin their journey around Italy using a passport.

## STEM

In STEM this term, Prep students will be investigating basic robotics through the use of BeeBots. They will complete simple, step-by-step procedures to explore programmable devices. Students will complete and debug programs that accomplish specific goals, including story telling, following pathways and solving maths problems.

### PREP Important Dates for Term 2

WEEK	DATE	EVENT
2	Thursday 25th April	ANZAC Day public holiday
4	Wednesday 8th May	Mathematics Week Open Morning 9am - 11am
4	Friday 10th May	Mother's Day Breakfast and Prep Mother's Day morning
6	Wednesday 22nd May	Curriculum day
6	On share time day	Inquiry Special Place Talks
8	Friday 7th June	Curriculum day
9	Monday 10th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
11	Date TBC	Milo's Alphabet Party
11	Friday 28th June	Last day of term 2 - dismissal at 2.30pm

We encourage parents to engage with their children and ask them questions about their school day. Below are some questions that you could ask your child about their day at school.

What made you smile today?

Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?

What did you do that was creative?

What was the best thing that happened today?

What is something you heard that surprised you?

Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.

What is something that challenged you?

What questions did you ask at school today?

What are you reading?

<https://herviewfromhome.com/50-questions-to-ask-your-kids-instead-of-asking-how-was-your-day/>

We are looking forward to a very productive term. If you have any questions or concerns please speak to your child's classroom teacher.

Kind Regards,

PREP Team,

Clare Turner, Belinda O'Sullivan, Amy Eames-Mayer and Alicia Leahy

## Sound Schedule

Following is a week-by-week breakdown of the letters and sounds we are learning in Prep in Term 2.

*Please bring an object starting with the letters of the week for the class to share, sort and go on our sound table each Monday!*

Items will be returned at the end of the week.

Week	Sounds
Week 1 (Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April)	i as in igloo
Week 2 (Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April)	b + h
Week 3 (Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April)	n + o as in odd
Week 4 (Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May)	d + g
Week 5 (Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May)	l + v
Week 6 (Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May)	y + r
Week 7 (Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May)	e as in egg + w
Week 8 (Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June)	qu + z
Week 9 (Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June)	j + u as in up
Week 10 (Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June)	k + x

