

PREP BULLETIN

Week 4 - TERM 3

The students had a short but very successful visit from four firefighters from the Malvern Station on Monday, before they had to rush off to an emergency. The students expressed disappointment that the firefighters had to leave but they were also grateful that the firefighters were able to help people in need. They participated in conversations about good fires compared with bad fires, discussed the different uniforms that all firefighters wear and how they may look scary but they are just people dressed up. All students were sent home with some information about creating fire escape plans for their home. Please design a plan for your home so that everyone can be safe in the event of an emergency. Please discuss dialling 000 if there is an emergency and role play this with your child.



Our Enduring Understanding:

'Feelings and interactions influence the way we learn at school'

Some things we are learning about:

Trusting the count

Measuring using informal units

Rhyming words

Developing stories with the 3P's (people, place and problem)

Exploring 'Yy'

What you could do at home to support this learning:

- Look for and talk about words or objects in different environments that begin with 'Yy'
- Explore rhyming words by playing games eg. choose an object in the environment and come up with as many rhyming words (real or made up) as you can together. Discuss how your child knows whether the word is real or not
- Create stories with your child (orally or you could scribe) that include detail about the people, the places and the problems
- When reading books with your child, retell the story to each other (in your own words) and try and identify the 3P's

Exploring in Investigations:

At the painting easel this week, two students focussed on detail and expressing themselves when they both tried to paint the same picture while standing on opposite sides of the easel. One student lead the painting process and as she painted, she explained each step clearly using colour, shape, direction and numbers to communicate her ideas with the other student. This is a great example of an authentic application of using mathematical and speaking and listening skills. Have a look at just how similar their pieces of art are!



Book Week:

Book Week is fast approaching (week 6). We will be exploring some of the **CBCA 2017 Book of the Year Awards** Short List books. Continue to share picture story books with your child as part of their home reading to further enrich their understandings and experiences. Start thinking about a costume for your child to wear in the book parade!

Tinker Table:

Thank you to those parents who have already donated some items for our Tinker Table however, we still need more so, please keep the donations coming! We are looking for donations of household items that are no longer in use, such as kettles, toasters, radios, clocks or old mechanical toys. **NO CD PLAYERS PLEASE.** We also request pliers, screwdrivers and safety glasses.

Compass:

Please ensure that you are entering all absences for your child through **Compass** (family holidays, illness etc). These can be completed after the absence has occurred. If you are unable to access Compass, please contact your classroom teacher directly or call the school office. It is not the role of the parent rep to communicate absences with your classroom teacher.

Parent Helpers:

Some new books arrived this week and we are looking for a parent to cover these with contact. If you are available to help, please contact your classroom teacher. Thank you to all the parents who made/donated playdough to us this week, the students will get a lot of use out of it.

Upcoming Dates:

Fire Education Session 2: Monday, 14th of August

The students will be participating in the second Fire Education session where they will continue to explore basic fire safety skills. The students have brought home some information and activities for you to complete together as a family.

Curriculum Day: Tuesday, 15th of August

Writing Workshop with Beth Cregan: Friday, 18th of August

Next week (week 5), the children will be participating in a writing workshop on Friday with Beth Cregan. Beth will be exploring a storytelling and writing workshop with our students. She is a wonderful storyteller and a magnificent writer who in 2010, combined her passion for writing, storytelling and creative thinking to launch her own business - *Write Away With Me*. She now develops and presents creative writing and philosophy programs for students in Prep to Year 7. Beth offers incursions in both Early Childhood and Primary School settings. If you would like to find out more about Beth and her work, please visit her website:

<http://www.writeawaywithme.com/about/>

Thank you,

Angela, Steph and Nikita