

PREP BULLETIN

Week 9 - TERM 3

Can you believe it? There is only just over 1 week left of Term 3! With the end of term fast approaching you may find that your child is becoming exhausted, we are definitely noticing this at school. Exhaustion can manifest in different ways for different students. Some may get very emotional and teary while others may complain of a sore head or tummy. Make sure there are plenty early nights between now and the end of term with lots of delicious and nourishing food. This is an extremely busy time of year and throughout the next couple of weeks and the first two weeks of Term 4, all Prep teachers will be out at various times visiting local kinders and our Prep students for 2018. We will discuss this with the children and make them aware when their classroom teacher will be out of the classroom to ensure that they experience as little anxiety as possible. Please speak with your children about the fact that this will be happening. It would be great to speak about when the teachers came out to visit them last year and how this made them feel. If a teacher did not make it out to see them last year, discuss how meeting a teacher may have helped them when they began their transition sessions at school.

Our Enduring Understanding:

'The seasons affect the way the world works.'

Some things we are learning about:

Counting on

Exploring /u/ (as a medial sound)

Writing (using our senses as a prompt for a story or recount)

Exploring spring

What you could do at home to support this learning:

- Look for and talk about words or objects in different environments that begin with /u/
- Explore your garden or go on a 'spring walk' to collect any interesting leaves, twigs, flowers, rocks etc that could be used for our new sensory garden area in Investigations



- Have an experience with your family (related to spring or any other family outing) and when you return, your child could have a think about all the things they heard, smelt, felt and saw on their outing to help them to write a fictional story or a recount
- Discuss and practice 'counting on' with your child in everyday situations. For example, you may have 6 people coming for lunch; discuss how many more people are needed to make 10
- Discuss our special song 'Sad, Bad, Terrible Day' and how some days are good and some aren't but the things that happen and the feelings that we feel will not last forever
- If your child has any books relating to the seasons and they would like to bring them in, please feel free to send them in for their class to share. Ensure that you write your child's name on the book

HipHop Dancing:

The students participated in their first HipHop session on Wednesday. They were enthusiastic and willing to give all of the dance moves a go. They had a wonderful time learning moves to a routine. The students displayed confidence when demonstrating their dance moves in front of their peers.



Parent Helpers:

Thank you to the parents who have joined us in our classrooms in the past couple of weeks. It has been an absolute pleasure to share the students' learning with you and we are grateful for your support. Thank you to Abby for completing two wonderful sewing sessions with some of our interested students during Investigations. They had a wonderful time using the sewing machine and creating something so special.



Library books:

We have noticed that there are some students with a few overdue books, please return any Library books you may have at home with your child on Monday. They will not borrow Library books for the final week of Term 3 but they will still be borrowing their little take home books.

Helping with the sandpit:

Some parents expressed that they would like to help keep the sand around the sandpit tidy, so we have 2 large brooms under the stairs located through the side door of the Infant Hall. If you are able to do some sweeping before or after school, feel free to come in and collect a broom. We appreciate your help.

Upcoming Dates:

HipHop Dance Sessions – Wednesday, 20th of September (week 10)

The 40 minute sessions will provide our students with the opportunity to develop their fundamental movement and co-ordination skills, develop respect, improve their social skills, team work and self-expression. Students will have the opportunity to showcase their skills during their final presentation session. The program aligns with The Arts: Dance and the Health and Physical Education curriculum.

Last Day of Term – Friday, 22nd of September

There will be a final assembly held in the MPC at 1:45pm and the students will be dismissed at 2:30pm.

Thank you,
Angela, Steph and Nikita