

PREP BULLETIN

Week 1 - TERM 4

Welcome back! It was lovely to see all the children refreshed and excited to be back at school. This is our last term of Prep and as teachers we have already started to reflect on the progress all the children have made. If we could wave a magic wand and make this term go as slow as possible, we would! Nevertheless we have a busy term planned and some of the activities/events to look forward to are: *Hip Hop, Italian Day, Yoga, The Sousaphonics Performance, Fun Run, Junior Sports Day, Scienceworks Excursion, Transition and Swimming*. Check the school newsletter and the Prep Bulletin for further details regarding these activities/events. You will also be alerted via Compass.

Our Enduring Understanding:

'The seasons affect how the world works'

If your child has any texts related to the seasons, please send along to school.

Some things we are learning about:

Letter /v/

Measurement: Hefting - Estimate or test the weight of something by holding or lifting it

Describing position and movement through using appropriate language, e.g. *in, over, under, through, beside*

Exploring subtraction

Likely and unlikely events

Including detail in our writing/drawings

Writing for a purpose, e.g. a set of instructions

What you could do at home to support this learning:

Design an obstacle course and have your child give directions using positional language

Have your child write a letter to a school friend or family member

Look through magazines and cut out things beginning with /v/

Yoga:

Yoga commences next week and will be held each **Friday** in the **MPC**. The children will be guided through various body poses so we recommend that your child wears shorts or leggings on this day. As this is an ongoing school event, **no permission is required on Compass**. Please ensure that you have made payment of **\$27.00** via Qkr! or BPAY by **Wednesday 11 October**.

Hip Hop:

Hip Hop Dance recommences this Wednesday, but no Hip Hop on Italian Day. The last session on **Wednesday 8 November** is a 'showcase' which means parents are welcome to attend their child's class. All Prep classes do Hip Hop from **10:20-11:00** in the **MPC**.

[The Sousaphonics Performance:](#)

The Sousaphonics Performance (an Australian quartet who play a range of music, including a combination of Nigerian Afro-beat, Mardi Gras and Carnivale marches, circus music and Balkan folk music) will be held on **Friday 17 November** from **2-3pm** in the **MPC**. The cost is \$7.90 per child. You will receive a Compass alert regarding this event. Parents may attend as well.

[Investigations Roster:](#)

These will be distributed on Friday. As we did in Term 2, we are asking your child to bring in an item of interest that they can then explore. Most children wait with anticipation to be the Focus Child and sometimes, through unforeseen circumstances, their allocated day may clash with a family holiday or illness. Please assure your child that this does not matter as they are given many opportunities to speak in front of their peers. Temptation to 'fix' things when our child is disappointed is normal but we would ask that you support us and allow your child to feel disappointed if they miss out on being the Focus Child.

[Parent Helper Roster:](#)

These will be available for you to write your name on later next week and will be displayed on the Communication Board outside the Infant Hall.

[Kinder Visits:](#)

Kinder visits are continuing this week and next week. It has been wonderful getting to meet some of our new students for 2018 and we look forward to undertaking the Transition Program with them later this term.

[Wine and Cheese Night – River Garden Early Learning Centre:](#)

The **River Garden Early Learning Centre** will hold a Wine and Cheese Parent Information Night on **Tuesday 24 October** from **7-8pm**. Along with the opportunity to meet the team and explore the centre, there will be a special presentation by Claire de Crespigny, who will be presenting on the Guardian Curriculum. Follow the link below for more information:

<https://www.guardian.edu.au/childcare-early-learning-centres/vic/melbourne/river-garden/wine-cheese-night-river-garden/>

[Master of Teaching Students:](#)

Lucinda Cree (Prep S) and Courtney Alexander (Prep N) who have been working with us last term, have commenced their two week Clinical Teaching Practise. Please take the time to introduce yourself to the girls and have a chat.

[No Hat, No Play:](#)

This term, students will need to wear their school hat for ALL outside activities. Please ensure that your child's hat is clearly labelled. If your child does not have a hat, he/she will be required to play under the large tree outside the MPC.

Reminders:

If for any reason your child is absent from school, it is important that you either enter the absence online, notify the office or email us. The **red bag** needs to be brought to school every **Monday**.

Enjoy the week!

Angela, Steph, Nikita, Lucinda and Courtney