

Prep Bulletin

Term 4, Week 4



Our Enduring Understanding:

'The seasons affect how our world works'

Thank you to those children who bought texts in to share with the class. If you would like to bring in a book to do with the seasons we can share it in class. We are continuing to explore the seasons through all aspects of learning and looking at the changes that occur in our world.

Some things we are learning about:

- Fonts and the different ways letters can be written. We often forget that letters can look very different in different fonts and this can be very challenging for children as they learn to read.
- Looking at the changes that occur as the seasons change and exploring what this might look like in our own homes and in our own gardens.
- Understanding that when we write we are writing for an audience. Beginning to explore the idea of punctuation marks and how we can use these to help our audience to understand and make connections to what we have written.
- Words and how we can keep the ending of the word the same and change the starting sound to make many different words, both real and made up.
- Exploring how numbers can be represented in many different ways, either through numerals, quantities of objects or by their position on a number line.

What you could do at home to support this learning:

- Have a conversation with your child about different ways letters can be written, have a look at newspapers or cereal boxes or things around the house that may present different fonts. Notice if there are any confusing letters or letters that look very different to what we expect.
- Go outside and explore the garden and perhaps take some photos and conversations around what you notice.
- When sharing in reading have conversations about how the author is communicating an idea or story to you, the audience, and what different features the text has.
- Have a look at different representations of number around your home and out and about. Have a look at different letter box numbers, the numbers on a TV control or even those on a clock or microwave.

Fun Run:

We had an amazing Fun Run on Friday with all the children getting involved and challenging themselves to run further than they thought they could. Many of them actually came up at the end and said the thing they most enjoyed about the day was finding out that they could run further than they realised. It was a really fun day enjoyed by all. Thank you to those parents who came and helped on the day. Your support is what makes experiences like these possible.

Scienceworks:

The Scienceworks excursion is coming up on the 14th of November and the children are starting to get excited. We need three parents helpers for each class. If you would like to come along and help out, please email your class teacher.

Hip Hop:

There will be a Hip Hop showcase between **10:20 – 11:00am** on the **8th November** for the children's last Hip Hop session. The children have been learning some fun dances and they can't wait to bust a move for you and show you what they have been working on.

Sousaphonics:

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 **2:30-3:30pm** in the **MPC**. Parents are welcome to attend.

Spare uniforms:

It is important that your child has a spare change of clothes in their bag in case an accident happens or they fall over and get wet. If your child does get wet we give them a spare change of clothes however at the moment we are running very low. If you have any that have been lent to your child still at home could you please wash them and return them as soon as possible. If you have any old school uniforms that you no longer need and would like to donate to us that would be greatly appreciated.

Yoga:

Yoga is held each **Friday** in the MPC. We recommend that your child wears **shorts** or **leggings** on this day.

Hats:

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.

As the weather warms up it is really important that you send your child to school with a water bottle and sunscreen on. Some students like to keep a small tube in their school bag.

Garden Beds:

The garden beds outside the Infant Hall are looking a little bit sad. It would be wonderful if any parents who have some time before or after school could give them a little spruce, especially as we are coming into warmer weather.

Parent Helper Roster:

The Parent Helper Rosters are now displayed on the cupboards in the Infant Hall. Kindly write your name on a suitable day/s.

Have a great week!



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