

# Prep Bulletin

Term 4, Week 10



## Our Enduring Understanding:

*'Change helps me in my life'*

## The end of the year:

With the end of the year drawing closer, our students are becoming increasingly aware of the changes that are occurring around them; from the seasons to moving into Grade 1. Throughout next week, it would be a wonderful idea to continue to discuss with your child how they are feeling about being in a different classroom, having a different teacher and having new people in their class. It is important to discuss and validate any feelings that your child may be experiencing about this process and explore with them why they may be feeling nervous, worried, excited or happy about this transition. All students will have other students from their current Prep class with them next year, however this may not always be their closest friend. Please have conversations with your child about how friendships are able to continue even if they aren't in the same class anymore and that there are many times when they will be able to interact with and spend time with their Prep friends. Moving into a new class is a time for new opportunities for our students, opportunities for making new friendships, forming productive learning relationships, developing confidence and the ability to take risks in an unfamiliar environment. We look forward to beginning this new Grade 1 chapter with our students next week with their 'Meet the Teacher' on Tuesday morning.

## Meet the teacher:

All students will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher and new class as well as see their new learning environment on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Any students who are not continuing at APS will have a special activity at this time. We know your child will be very eager to share their thoughts and feelings about their new class with you and not all reactions may be positive. This is a time to call on previous conversations about the possibilities this change offers your child and make some arrangements to enable your child to feel more positive about the changes, including arranging playdates over the holidays with their new classmates.

## Reading:

As of this week (Week 10) the children are NO longer taking home Library books and small books. Please keep searching for any overdue Library books and any small books that may have been misplaced throughout the year and return them to your classroom teacher as soon as possible. If your child's Red Bag is still at home, please return this as soon as possible as they are to remain at school and will move to Grade 1 with your child ready for use next year. Thank you to those families who have already returned all books and their Red Bag.

## Swimming:

The two week swimming course is now concluding with our last session tomorrow (Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December). It has been an extremely rewarding and worthwhile experience for all students. Although they may be tired, it has been great to see all students develop their confidence and swimming skills. Their independence in changing and organising themselves has improved during this experience and it has afforded our students many authentic learning experiences.



It would not have been a success without the assistance of so many parents over the two weeks, so a huge THANK YOU to all the parents and grandparents who were able to help us during this time. We are extremely appreciative of the time and effort you put in to help us and the students.

### Celebration concert:

Next **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December** from 6pm-7pm, our students will be performing in a whole school Celebration Concert. The Prep students will be performing songs they have been practising in Italian and The Arts. They are looking forward to sharing this wonderful evening with you. It is a fantastic way to celebrate the end of the school year with your child. We hope to see you all there!



### Portfolios:

Your child will be bringing home a portfolio with them at the end of the term, this is a special folder that contains a snap shot of your child's learning journey. Please take the time over the summer holidays to explore this folder with your child.

### Please check your child's bag:

Over the coming week, your child will be bringing home pieces of work as well as their classroom books, please check their bags regularly to see if they have brought anything home to share with you.

### Last day of 2017:

Our final day for this year is **Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> of December**. We will finish our day with a whole school assembly beginning at 12:15pm and concluding at 1:15pm before dismissal at 1:30pm. The Prep students will be dismissed from their dots at 1:30pm.

### Important dates:

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of December:** Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of December:** Meet the Teacher Day for current Armadale students.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of December:** Whole school End of Year Concert

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of December:** Final day of Term 4. **Students will be dismissed early from the dots at 1:30pm.**

***Have a great week!***



**Angela, Steph and Nikita**