

PREP BULLETIN

Week 5 - TERM 3

From Monday 21st of August – Friday 25th August between 9-9:30am and 3:15-3:45pm, we will have a W.O.W (Wins, Obstacles and Wonderings) graphic organiser in the Infant Hall on the table near the sink. We ask you to share your thoughts and experiences about the information you are receiving in the Prep weekly Bulletin and how you feel this is supporting your child's learning experience at home and at school. There will be pencils/pens and coloured sticky notes for you to use. Please use the correct coloured sticky note for the corresponding section (green – Wins, blue – Obstacles, pink – Wonderings). The poster will look like this.

Wins	Obstacles	Wonderings

Fire Education:

The students enjoyed their second visit from the Malvern firefighters this week. They enjoyed exploring the fire truck, experimenting with the hoses and practising the saying 'crawl down low, go, go, go'. Please discuss this with you child. It was also great to share some fire escape plans and safe meeting places that the students had developed at home.

Our Enduring Understanding:

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

Some things we are learning about:

Trusting the count
Rhyming words
Writing for a purpose (letter, list, instructions)
Exploring /j/
Managing feelings
Things that impact our learning

What you could do at home to support this learning:

- Look for and talk about words or objects in different environments that begin with /j/
- Discuss what helps or hinders your child's learning at school and at home
- Discuss ways that your child manages their different feelings (starfish breathing, telling someone to stop, having a drink, doing something calm, talking to someone etc.)
- If you are going shopping or have errands to do with your child, get them to write the list of things you need to do/pick up
- When cooking or making something at home, do it together and then ask your child to make some instructions to go with what you have just done.

Book Week:

Book Week is next week (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. During this week the students will be attending author visits, performances and the Book Fair. We hope that your child's costumes for the book parade are coming along well!

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.

Compass:

Please ensure that you are entering all absences for your child through **Compass** (family holidays, illness, medical appointments 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.

Upcoming Dates:

Writing Workshop with Beth Cregan: Friday 18th of August

Tomorrow, the students will be participating in a writing workshop 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/>

Alex Miles Workshop: Monday 21st of August

Alex will be exploring 'the imagination muscle' with the students in a workshop. She will speak with them about how to begin their writing and also share some of her work including the 'Olive Black' series.

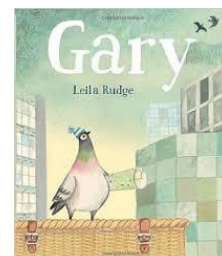
Book Fair Preview: Monday 21st of August (Prep S and Prep N)

Tuesday 22nd of August (Prep E)

At the Book Fair preview, students have the opportunity to browse the books on sale this year and to create a 'wish list'.

Meerkat Productions – 'Gary': Wednesday 23rd of August

Meerkat Productions have created a 40 minute musical production including original songs and puppetry. This year's chosen book is *Gary* by **Leila Rudge**. Gary is a book about a pigeon unable to fly but dreams of exploring the world – until the day he falls into an adventure of his very own. This little pigeon will encourage students to look beyond limitations and embrace their differences.



Book Parade: Thursday, 24th of August

The children can share their love of books and their favourite characters by dressing up and participating in a whole school parade.

Tripod Performance: Thursday 24th of August

Tripod will explore the craft of storytelling, comedy and music writing in a one hour session with the students. They will share their love of reading and literacy the importance this has played in their careers.

Parent Helper Forum: Monday, 28th of August (9:15am-10am)

In this session, Connie and Angela will be exploring your role as a parent helper in our classrooms during Reading Rotations and Investigations. This session will be held in the Health and Wellbeing Room (next to the MPC).

Thank you,

Angela, Steph and Nikita