

# Prep Bulletin

TERM 1 – Week 5



## **Our Enduring Understanding:**

**Being part of a team helps me to belong**

We are currently unpacking the question ‘**What makes me, me?**’. It would be really great to learn more about our students and their families and it would be lovely if the children could bring in a family picture or something to share with the class.

## **Some things we are learning about:**

- The letter ‘M’
- Continuing to explore different text types and how we may use these
- Fine motor skills, such as cutting and pencil grip
- Matching numerals to quantities
- Pattern

## **What you could do at home to support this learning:**

- Identify the letter M and the different representations for example fonts, upper-case and lower-case
- Having conversations about the emotions they are experiencing, their day and even what they explored in the Drama Toolbox session
- Art and craft is a great way to work on fine motor skills such as cutting
- Identifying patterns in the real world

## **Fine Motor Skills**

Fine motor skills are finger and hand skills such as cutting, threading, weaving, opening lunch boxes, and tying shoelaces. Fine motor tasks assist with strengthening the small muscles controlling the hand, fingers and thumb; crucial to writing development. Many of the activities we do at school involve using scissors. Have your child practise using scissors at home and focus on how to hold a pair of scissors correctly. Also, have your child practise opening his/her food containers. As well as developing muscle strength, it will also promote independence.



## **Drama Toolbox: SEAL Program - Social & Emotional (Active) Learning**

The students had their first Drama Toolbox session on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and they all really enjoyed it. The first element of the story that we were exploring was that Seal had just arrived as a new student at Wild Primary and she was working out how to fit in. The students explored the emotions that come with being new and with trying to find your place in a new environment, which they are all doing as they transition into school.

## **Prep Information Night**

At the start of the year we had an Information Session where parents were able to leave any questions they may have had for us to answer through the Bulletin. One of your wonderings was about Swimming. Swimming will be happening in Term 4. Another wondering that you had was about Grade grouping for next year. Your child will not stay in the same class group as they are this year. We go through the same process we did to make the Prep classes for 2018 looking at a range of different factors when creating the new class groupings.

## **Assembly - MPC**

The students will attend their first whole school assembly on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. Students will be asked to put their bag inside before 9am and line up on the dots. You will be able to say goodbye to your child after assembly and you are more than welcome to attend.

## **Red Bag**

The Red Library bag went home with your child on Tuesday and it is important that that comes back to school with the books on Tuesday for Library day.

## **Labelling Second-hand uniform**

It is really important that if you have purchased second-hand uniforms for your child that you re-name them so we can identify who it belongs to. Often they have names of children who have left the school and we therefore do not know who to return it to.

Your child may accidentally bring home an item of clothing that does not belong to them, could you please check any item of clothing you may have at home.

## **2:30 Finishing Time**

From **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March** your child will be finishing school at **2:30**. Your child will still be able to be cared for by Ben and Trevor should you not be able to make this time due to **work commitments**.

## **DONATIONS:**

### **Playdough**

Thank you to those families who have donated some playdough. We are always looking for more playdough so any more donations would be greatly appreciated

### **Picnic Blanket**

If you have a spare or unwanted picnic blanket at home that you can donate for our 'Picnic Area', please send it to school with your child.

## **Thank you**

Thank you very much to those parents and children who are assisting with the sweeping and watering. If you are able to help please put your name down on the roster which is located on the Communication Board.

Have a great week!



Prep Team

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