



# Prep Bulletin

Term 4, Week 11

## The End of the Year:

Tomorrow (Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December) is our last day for 2017! We are extremely proud of everything our students have accomplished this year. They have all developed their confidence, communication skills, ability to regulate their emotions and take risks with their learning in various areas. Each child is at a different stage in their learning journey but their individual growth has been profound. We hope they continue to develop their love of learning with their new class and new teachers in Grade 1! We know it will be another very successful year. Thank you for taking the time to help in various ways throughout the year; your help is truly appreciated. For now, it is also my (Mrs EM's) last day at APS. I have had a wonderful start to my teaching career at our school and I am beyond grateful for all of the parents and students over the past four years. A HUGE thank you to all our 2017 Prep parents for your support and care, it has been a pleasure sharing this year with you. A MASSIVE thank you to this year's Prep students, I have loved sharing in so many special moments with you all and I hope these memories last you a life time. I hope our paths cross at some point again in the future.

## Christmas Biscuits:

A special thank you to Sandra (Eliza's mum, Prep N), Sam (Finn's mum, Prep S), Felicity (Isabella's mum, Prep E) and Concetta (Monte's grandma, Prep E) for your assistance with such a wonderful experience for our students. They loved decorating and especially, eating the yummy gingerbread!

## Reading:

If you have not already done so, please return your child's red bag to their classroom teacher, TOMRROW. The red bags will remain at school ready for use next year. Please continue to share books at home with your child over the holiday period.

## Reports:

Your child's report will be available through Compass today. If you are unsure of your log in details, please speak to the staff in the office.

## Portfolio:

The portfolio is a wonderful snapshot of your child's learning journey throughout the year. We encourage you to take the time and look through these carefully with your children over the holidays. It is particularly rewarding to note the progress our students have made with their writing. Developmentally, our students are at different stages of learning to write but essentially, they are all beginning writers. Bearing this in mind, it is important that we encourage and support our children through the writing process, foster confidence in having a go and recognising that mistakes are a part of learning. At the start of the year some students were not brave enough to put pencil to paper and were happy to draw and verbalise their ideas, some wrote known letters or strings of letters and some already knew how to spell simple words and construct a sentence. Our students have recognised the value of writing for a purpose and that our message in print can be a very powerful way to communicate and express our thoughts, our feelings, hopes and wishes. Have your child continue writing for enjoyment over the holidays. This might take the form of a Christmas wish, postcard, fantasy story or holiday diary.

## Art Smocks:

Your child was sent home with their Art Smock this week. Please wash it and put it somewhere safe until it needs to be returned to school with your child next year. Please DO NOT return these to school this year.

## Fish:

If you are willing to look after our fish, please see your child's teacher first thing tomorrow morning.



***We wish everyone a very safe, fun and happy holiday period!***



**The Prep Teachers - Angela, Steph and Nikita**