

# Prep Bulletin

Term 4, Week 3



## Our Enduring Understanding:

### *'The seasons affect how our world works'*

If your child has any texts related to the seasons, please send along to school.

We have been exploring texts that help us to understand why we have seasons. The children have been expressing reasons and this has presented us with invaluable information to gauge their level of understanding. Some of their wonderings include:

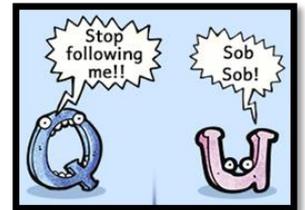
How do the seasons change?

Why do the leaves turn brown in autumn?

*We are encouraging the children to be scientists and observe in detail the changes that are occurring as the seasons change.*

## Some things we are learning about:

- Letter 'Q q'. We discussed the idea that *usually* when we see the letter 'q' at the start of a word often there is a 'u' straight after.
- Exploring how we are able to make guesses (predictions) about what colour counter we will pull out of a bag and how we can alter the chances we will get it right.
- Investigating what might be in a wrapped box using our different senses. We had to use our hands to balance (hefting), use our ears to listen, our eyes to see the size and our imaginations to consider the possibilities of what it could be.
- Using concrete materials to solve problems about missing apples (subtraction) and then exploring our own worded problems.
- Writing for a purpose, e.g. an invitation, a "Thank you" letter and what other information we may need to include in these.



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

- Explore a variety of texts about the seasons and explore your child's ideas and wonderings around the seasons and how they change. Some books you might like to read with your child include: *'All Through the Year'* (Jane Godwin) and *'A Year on Our Farm'* (Penny Matthews).
- Hide something in a box and have conversations with your child around what could be hidden in there. Ask them to consider the clues they might be using.

## Yoga:

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

The students greatly enjoyed their first Yoga session with Hayley. Talk to your child about the different Yoga poses and relaxation/mindfulness techniques. The benefits of Yoga for children include:

- ❖ Creating awareness through deep breathing and movement
- ❖ Promoting self-expression and building a strong connection between what they hear and what they do
- ❖ Learning how to use their bodies in a healthy way

- ❖ Managing stress through breathing, awareness, meditation and gentle movement
- ❖ Building concentration
- ❖ Increasing confidence and positive self-image
- ❖ Feeling part of a non-competitive group in a non-threatening environment
- ❖ Having an alternative to 'tuning out' through constant use of electronic devices

### Kids Teaching Kids:

Some of the 5/6 Buddies worked with the Prep students as part of their **Educational Research Project**. Some of the tasks were: Creating a chemical reaction, exploring solids, liquids and gases, learning about the eruption of a volcano and learning about living and non-living things with a special visit by 'Agent' the rabbit and 'Bluey' the blue tongue lizard. We were very impressed by the level of engagement, enthusiasm and initiative.



**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 had 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.



**Fun Run - Friday 27 November:** **Tomorrow** all students will participate in our annual **Fun Run** at Romanis Reserve. It is essential that your child wears appropriate clothing – t-shirt or long sleeved cotton top, shorts or tracksuits pants, runners and the APS hat. **NO SINGLETS**. Please apply sunscreen on your child prior to the day. There will be additional sunscreen available at the First Aid area. You are most welcome to attend our Fun Run – it really is a wonderful and fun experience that promotes fitness, inclusiveness and community spirit and essentially, provides much needed funds for our school. If you can assist with walking the students to and from Romanis Reserve, meet us on the dots at 9:10.

Have a great week! 

**Angela, Steph and Nikita**