

Prep Bulletin

Term 4, Week 8



Excellence:

This week at assembly, the preps presented a reflection on Excellence. The Preps had interviewed students from different year levels and these were shown at assembly. They left the rest of the school with a wondering question, “What do you think excellence is?” The children loved the opportunity to present and explore Excellence.

Our Enduring Understanding:

‘Change helps me in my life’

As mentioned in previous bulletins we are beginning to unpack a new Enduring Understanding, ‘*Change helps me in my life*’. Change is a really big part of a child’s life, whether this be changing schools, moving house, going on a holiday or getting a new baby brother or sister. We often forget that for children change can take many forms and that these may be expressed in a variety of different ways. We will be looking at different changes and how these may impact our lives as the children prepare for next year. This unit is aimed at helping them to feel more at ease during changes that will occur as they move into Grade 1 but can also be applied to situations that they encounter in their everyday lives. We will be exploring this Enduring Understanding through questions designed to help us make meaning and unpack change. These are; *What changes have happened in my life? What could change in my life? How can I deal with change?*

Some things we are learning about:

- The final sound of a word and what letter you can use to represent this
- Sequencing texts and the importance of having story events in order when you are retelling it
- The book ‘Window’, this book has no words and the students added their own words to it
- Identifying the difference between letters that may look very similar for example, b, d, p, q
- Establishing the best way to collect information, through the process of designing a question, surveying other students and then using this to inform their decision making

What you could do at home to support this learning:

- Ensure you are continuing to explore texts with your child, that is you are reading to, reading with and listening to your child read. Engaging with literature is so important for exploring ideas and there are many books around that discuss change
- Engage in conversations with your child about changes they may have already experienced and some they may come up against
- Have a look at different letters and the similarities and differences between these
- Help your child become familiar with what they will need to do when they get changed before and after swimming
- Have conversations about what we need to remember when we are walking to and from the pool, for example, always staying with your partner and walking on the footpath not the grass.

Swimming:

A reminder that swimming is coming up on Friday.

It is very important that because we go into changing rooms you must have a valid Working With Children Check. Your classroom teacher must sight this before you will be able to come with us. If you do not have one you can apply online or at the post office and all we will need to see is the receipt number

The teachers have created a helpers roster. Please add your name to a day if you are able to help. Note, you may not be rostered on for all of the days you said you were available.

The students will be provided with a named swimming cap on their first morning of swimming and are required to bring their towel, goggles, swimming cap and underwear in a small, separate back pack. Students are to wear their bathers (one piece for girls and speedos for boys) under their school uniform as there is not enough time or changing space to put their bathers on at the pool. Students are to wear their full school uniform as usual. For more information, please refer to the swimming notice that was distributed last week or the school newsletter.

Please find below the times that the Prep classes will be departing school. If you are assigned to walk with us you are required at school at this time, please sign in at the office, get a high vis vest before meeting us at our dots for the departure time.

Prep N and Prep S: 10:20am

Prep E: 11:00am

Buddy Banquet:

A reminder that the buddy banquet is on for Prep N on Tuesday the 5th of December. Students will not need their lunch on this day. The other Prep classes have had their Buddy Banquet and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Prep E & 5/6 Z



Prep E & 5/6 Z



Prep S & 5/6 T

Upcoming holidays:

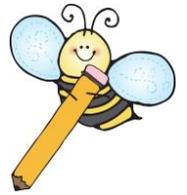
If you are leaving for a holiday before the school holidays officially begin can you please let us know so that we can send home your child's work and anything they have created during the year.

2018 Class Requests:

We ask that parents please do not make requests for classes for next year. There are many factors which the teachers take into account when deciding classes and it is a very extensive and thorough process. We always make sure we do what is best for your child.

Writer's Corner:

Pictures can be a really powerful tool to help students in their writing. Matthew chose to write about the journey of a kite and used a map to create a visual representation.



"One day a kite blew away into a tree but the wind was too strong. It blew the kite to the desert."

Matthew P - Prep S

Have a great week!
Angela, Steph and Nikita

