

Prep Bulletin

Term 4, Week 9



Our Enduring Understanding:

'Change helps me in my life'

Some things we are learning about:

- The /ch/ diagraph and where you might find it in a word
- What letters are made up of, sticks and curves, etc
- Sequencing texts
- Breaking down worded problems in mathematics and how you might go about solving them
- Change and what things in our world may change
- How to share out an amount of counters fairly between a group of people
- Collaboration and how we can work with other people not just beside them
- Continuing to have conversations about kindness

What you could do at home to support this learning:

- Continue to share in reading with, to and by your child; particularly texts that explore 'change', e.g. *Amy & Louis* by Libby Gleeson and *Just Jack* by Jane Tanner
- Have conversations about words that start with /ch/ and perhaps even play a game where you have to think of all the words that you know and take turns until someone runs out of words
- Design a new letter of the alphabet using sticks and curves
- Have conversations about change that is happening including the new Preps visiting on Friday and the current Preps moving up to Grade 1
- Have conversations about the mathematical concept of 'sharing' when real life examples come up for example, sharing out lollies equally into bags for a birthday party
- Continuing to discuss kindness and what that looks like

Collaboration:

We have been working with the students on the idea of collaboration and what it looks like when we work together. Sometimes our students may think that collaboration is just working next to someone and we are looking at unpacking this further and finding out more. The students are starting to realise that conversation is a crucial part of collaboration. In a learning experience we did involving Christmas, the students had to design a new sleigh for Santa because his sleigh was at the mechanics waiting to be repaired and, the reindeers were all sick with the flu. But, Santa still had to deliver all the presents. The students worked with someone from another class and it was a great opportunity for them to practice collaboration. Below are some examples of the wonderfully creative sleighs they designed:





Reading:

This week is the last time that the children will be taking home Library books and small books. Please keep searching for any overdue Library books and any small books that may have been misplaced throughout the year. The red book bags will remain at school and will move on with your child to their new grade ready for use next year.

Swimming:

The students have made a terrific start to our swimming program and are showing great confidence in the water. They are managing well with getting changed and dressed and, are developing an awareness of how to cross roads safely. A BIG thank you to the parents who have assisted us so far. It would be very tricky without your help!



You may have noticed that your child is coming home quite tired now that swimming has started and we are approaching the end of term. Try and minimise the activities your child does at the end of the day and allow for rest time. Your child may require extra lunch, as such activity can increase the appetite. If your child is unwell and attends school, he/she will still be required to accompany us to the pool and observe the lesson.

A reminder that swimming is on tomorrow Thursday 7th of December and Friday 8th of December and then continuing every day next week.

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.

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 and 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

Parents, please model sun safety and wear a hat too!

Upcoming Dates:

Monday 18th of December: Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 19th of December: Meet the Teacher Day for current Armadale students. Please note, this does **NOT** include Preps starting in 2018.

Wednesday 20th of December: Whole school End of Year Concert

Friday 22nd of December: Final day of Term 4.

Students will be dismissed early from the dots at 1:30pm.

Have a great week!



Angela, Steph and Nikita