Congratulations to all our wonderful Prep parents for 2015. We would like to thank you for the smooth start we have had to the school year. Your support in saying goodbye at the dots and encouraging your child to come into the building on their own will set the stage for the development of independent and confident learners. Some children have found that bringing something from home has helped them to cope with anxiety and we encourage this if it supports them to transition into school life.

The purpose of our Prep Bulletin is to communicate things specific to the Preps. We strongly recommend that you also read the weekly school newsletter as this will keep you informed with news about the whole school. You will be able to access the Bulletin via a link through the school website.

**REMINDERS**

**Library & Art**
Children have Art once a week and are required to have an art smock. Please remember to send an art smock to school with your child. The art smocks will remain at school throughout the year and will be returned to your child at the end of the year.

Book borrowing will happen once a week. Children will visit the Library each Friday where they will be allowed to borrow a book and keep until the following borrowing day. Please refer to the specialist timetable so that you can remind your child to return the red bag to school so that they can borrow a new book.

**Food**
Starting school is ‘hard work’ and we have noticed that the children need more fuel than usual. Packing something a little extra for lunch might help with some of the stomach rumbles.

**1:00 pm or 2:00 pm finishing time**
As children transition into school life we strongly believe that an early finishing time is crucial to this process. We encourage that all parents make arrangements to have children collected at the times offered and leave the school promptly.
February is a usually a ‘hot’ month and being outside in above 30 temperatures can take its toll on our little people. Since the children will be outside between 1:00 – 2:00 pm it is during this time that many children experience difficulty.
In the month of February we are offering you the opportunity to collect your child at 1:00 (prior to going outside) otherwise you can choose to leave your child at school until 2:00pm, which is the official dismissal time.

If you choose to collect your child at 1:00pm, please come to the classroom.
If you choose to collect your child at 2:00pm, please wait outside the Infant Building.

*For the safety of all children, we ask that you leave the school promptly once your child is dismissed.*

Once the children have left school the teachers will continue to conduct English Interviews with students from 2:15 pm until 3:45 pm. We would appreciate it if you can email us if you have any concerns or issues as we are conducting interviews and find it difficult to talk with you at that time.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Our learning will be focused on exploring the idea ‘I Belong’. In order to understand this we will be exploring ‘Who I am?’ and ‘How do we get along?’ Books read and discussions had will focus on exploring and developing understandings in having answers to these questions.

**HELP NEEDED**

Your help is crucial in forging a successful partnership. At the moment we need your assistance to complete the following tasks:

- Cover books
- Collate booklets for term 2
- Sort alphabet letters
- Clean tables
- Organise garden beds

Some of these tasks can be completed at home. If you are able to help, we would love to hear from you!

Have a great week!

Prep Team
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