Feelings and interactions influence the way we learn.
Our new unit of inquiry will explore feelings and how our interactions with those around us impact the way we learn. It is important to ensure you are engaging in meaningful conversations that acknowledge and validate how your child is feeling. Throughout the unit we will be focusing on helping children to manage their feelings.

Thank you
The Prep teachers and students would like to say a big thank you to Amanda for the hard work she put into ‘The Belonging Tree’. Amanda ensured that all students’ handprints were included in the tree, making it what it a place where we all belong.

Tri Skills
The children have been enjoying Tri Skills and have been actively engaged in the fun sessions. We will be having our third session on Friday.
**Upcoming Events**

On Wednesday the 18th the school will be hosting an open night as part of Education Week. Students and their families are invited to explore and create a ‘Rube Goldberg machine’, that is, a very elaborate machine that performs a simple task. The task in this case is to catch a soft toy ‘monster’ in 5 to 10 steps which you gather the materials for and test at home. This is a wonderful chance for you to work with your children and see their curiosity, exploration and learning in action.

We have our excursion to the NGV on the 19th, this coming Thursday. Just a reminder that lunch, snack, fruit and a drink bottle should be packed in a small backpack (the Crumpler ones from the beginning of the year would be ideal) along with a raincoat or sunscreen and a hat. It is really important that Prep E and Prep S arrive at school by 8:45. Prep N and Prep C will depart at 10.

**REMINDERS**

We are changing our Investigation areas to correlate with our new unit of inquiry and we are seeking some donations. We are looking for donations of any AFL paraphernalia such as jumpers, scarves and beanies you no longer need as well as toys that your children no longer play with.

If your child has long hair please ensure that it is tied up, this is a school rule aimed at preventing the spread of head lice.

The Prep Team
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