We are halfway through the term and the children have made huge progress in transitioning into our school culture. Many of you attended the Family Picnic last Friday and we heard how much the children enjoyed it.

Thanks to you all for following our recommendations to make children’s transitions, in the morning and at pick up, smooth and safe. We have certainly noticed the benefits. Some of the children have been bringing in some beautiful books to share with the class and we are reaping the benefits of being exposed to rich literature. This is what forms the basis of creating successful readers and integral to our reading program. We would like to encourage you and your child to continue to share books at home and bring books to school that they would like to share with the class.

Making friends at school and learning to be a good friend is paramount to belonging. Our central idea is ‘I Belong’ and we are having many discussions regarding friendship. We would appreciate if you have or know of any useful resources that would assist us in helping the children develop their understandings about ‘friends’. It would benefit your child to continue conversations about making friends and how to be a good friend at home. The following link provides valuable advice and tips to help you help your child.


IMPORTANT DATES

Please put the following dates in your calendar:

- 27th February – Prep Cocktail Party
- 1st March – 100 Years of Cars Show
- 2nd March – Investigations begins (check roster to see when your child is the Focus child)
- 20th March – Amy’s Amazing Adventures incursion
- 23rd March – ‘Parent Helper Evening’
- 26th March – Harmony Day
- 14th April – Prep Reading Information Session (6:00 – 6:45 pm)

REMINDERS

- Please read the newsletter for whole school events.
- Next week will be our first full week of school. The children will be expected to remain at school until 3:30pm so enjoy those special final few hours you have to spend with your child.
- Next Wednesday will be our Preps first attendance at Assembly. We have had a practice so the children will have some idea of what to expect. Parents are welcome to attend assembly but please be aware that all parents must enter the hall via the second double door or the OOSCH entrance and sit at the back of the hall. Once again following these protocols is paramount to our children’s safety.
• Investigation sessions begin next Monday. Your child will bring home a roster on Friday that indicates the day he/she will be the ‘focus child’. Encourage your child to bring something of interest to share with the class on the day that it is his/her turn. Developing speaking and listening skills is integral to ‘Investigations’ so we do encourage you to help your child talk about what he/she would like to say but rehearsing a speech often puts unnecessary pressure on the child and leaves them feeling disappointed with themselves.

• Unfortunately we haven’t had any expressions of interest for the following jobs. Please consider:

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GARDEN BED HELPERS
NEEDED
Parents needed to help us plan what to plant with the children
Please see us if you can help

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Enjoy your week!

The Prep Team
Have a great week!

Prep Team
Pippa, Angela, Lucy and Connie