

# WHAT'S ON IN PREP ?

## TERM 3: AUGUST

We are well into Term 3 now and our students are aiming high in all curriculum areas. We are amazed at the growth our students are showing, especially in Reading. Thank you for assisting your child with home reading and Magic Words practise over the holidays! We have many upcoming events to keep us busy this Term so please keep up-to-date with FlexiBuzz posts and notifications.

### 100 Days of School:

Our 100 Days of School celebration was a wonderful success! The Preps looked fantastic in their 100-year-old dress ups. The activity rotations were loads of fun and allowed the Preps to work in each of the classrooms with all 4 teachers. Thank you for sending along party food and 100 'things', we have heard many Preps say that 100 Days of School was THE BEST DAY EVER!!



### Writing:

The Preps are now working through the Writing Process and have begun learning about the Writing Traits. They wrote independently about their special object last week and are now focussing on ensuring all of their ideas are organised.

### Inquiry:

The Preps have been loving working on our Discovery unit 'The Bridge and Beyond' this Term. We have looked at the properties of materials and got our hands dirty making playdough. The Preps will design their goat next week ready for an adventure under the Troll's bridge! Soon after they will begin making their pillowcase bag so if you have not yet sent an old pillowcase from home, please do so A.S.A.P.

### Reading:

Our Preps can now add Chunking, Flip the Sound, Cross-Checking and Metacognition to their growing repertoire of reading strategies. You can help us at home by continuing to read your child's reader with them each night and **recording it in their yellow reading journal**. (The average nights reading has now reached over 130 nights!)

### Maths:

This Term we have worked through the topics Addition and Subtraction and we are now learning about Sharing. The Preps have been using their strong number knowledge to make connections and challenge themselves with some more open-ended problem solving tasks. They are demonstrating a solid understanding of these concepts and it is wonderful to see the students sharing their problem solving strategies with each other.



### Dates for your diary:

**Monday 27th August** Inquiry Incursion

**Friday 31st August** Photo Trail Excursion

**Friday 21st September** Last day of Term 3 (2:30pm dismissal)

### Reminders:

- Please check your child's take home folder each night for important notices/correspondence.
- If you have not already done so please return a completed Inquiry Incursion and a Photo Trail permission form for your child/ren as soon as possible.
- Student absences can be submitted via the 'absence' tab on the FlexiBuzz app (please ensure you select your child's class when submitting absences).

Warm regards,

**The Prep Team**

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