

WHAT'S ON IN PREP ?

Term 2: June

The Preps have had yet another busy month filled with exciting new topics and activities. We continue to be amazed by our students' progress and could not be more pleased with their willingness to face challenges with a positive attitude.

Literacy:-

Now that we know all of the letters of the alphabet and the most common sound that each letter represents, we have turned our attention to vowels! The Preps have learnt the short and long sound for each vowel and are now experts at finding vowels when reading. Next we will be focussing on common digraphs such as 'ch', 'sh', 'th' and 'wh' and the sounds they make. In Writing, the Preps have been focussing on correctly forming each of the letters, using finger spaces and ensuring we use capitals letters and full stops to signal sentence boundaries. They have published some wonderful pieces and are looking forward to sharing them with you at 3-Way Conferences at the end of Term.



Maths:

In Maths we have been learning all about using units of measurement. This has included studying length, mass, capacity, duration of time, the days of the week and reading o'clock times on analogue clocks! The Preps particularly enjoyed making playdough snakes to compare length and finding objects heavier than their shoe while exploring mass.



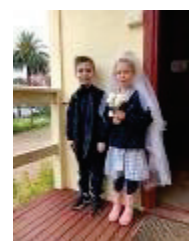
Growth Mindset:-



Did you know your brain is a muscle and that making mistakes makes your brain grow? In Prep, the students have been learning about having a positive mindset. We have developed an understanding

Mont De Lancey:-

On Thursday the 24th of May, the Preps went to Mont De Lancey. They explored the lifestyles of late 19th century to early 20th century Wandin settlers including seeing a blacksmith and wood turner. The Preps enjoyed visiting the old school house, making peg dolls, cooking damper and racing billy-carts. It was a wonderful day and we are very grateful for the assistance we had from our parent helpers.



Dates for your Diary:-

Mon 11 Jun—Queen's Birthday public holiday

Fri 15 Jun—Prep - Grade 2 Photo Trail at Maroondah Dam

Fri 29 Jun—Last day of Term 2 (free dress) 2:30pm dismissal

Mon 16 July—Term 3 begins

Reminders:-

The average number of nights reading in Prep is 89. Please continue to read your child's reader with them each night and **record it in their yellow reading journal**. Ask lots of questions whilst reading and include a comment about your child's reading in their journal (eg. found 7 red words in the story / reminded them of kinder). Also keep practising the alphabet letters and corresponding sounds (out of order) and reading/spelling Magic Words as often as possible.

Warm regards,

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