Prep Newsletter
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BUSHDANCE

Thank you to all of you that came to the Bushdance! It was a brilliant night and all the kids did a fantastic job! I think everyone LOVES seeing the gorgeous Preps! Well done to those Preps that took their life into their own hands and rode the wild emu- hilarious! We were looking around the room and it was just beautiful to watch teachers, kids and parents all coming together, dancing and having fun! It was a great community event and was a brilliant launch to Kidsmatter!

Welcome back Lauren

We welcome back Lauren into the Prep room for her final teaching rounds before she is qualified! Lauren will be with us for the next 4 weeks and will have some exciting lessons for the children (supervised by us)!

HATS HATS HATS HATS HATS HATS

Term 4 is exciting as we can stop looking for missing jumpers and start looking for missing hats! ☺️ Please ensure your child has a wide brimmed or bucket hat for school (maybe even a spare in their bag). It doesn’t have to be a school hat any hat is fine as long as it’s not a cap. If PLLLEEEEAASSSE label it, unnamed hats outside just get lost never to return……...

If your child goes to after school care they will need another hat kept in their bag to use at afters.

BUSHDANCE

- **Curriculum Day**
  Friday 30th October
- **Teacher Planning Day**
  (modified program for children)
  Monday 2nd November
- **Melbourne Cup Day**
  Tuesday 3rd November
- **Swimming Program**
  Wed 4th-Fri 13th November
- **P-2 Athletic Day**
  Monday 23rd November
- **Whole School Music Incursion**
  Tuesday 1st December
- **Whole School Christmas Carols**
  Wednesday 2nd December
- **Prep/Buddy excursion**
  Miniature Railway, Mooroolbark
  Friday 4th December
- **Step Up Day/Reports Home**
  Tuesday 8th December
  9.30-11am
- **LAST DAY OF PREPS!**
  Friday 18th Early Finish TBA
**Step-Up Day**

Step up day will occur on the 8th of December. It is when your child will meet their new teacher and classmates for next year. The will spend an hour and a half with their new grade and teacher before we bring them back to the Prep room. You will get a note in your reports indicating which teacher they have been placed with on the same day.

**Swimming**

The swimming program will commence on the Wednesday after Cup Day. Due to the very tight schedule of getting children in and out of the pool etc... we need children to wear their bathers underneath their school clothes so they can be quickly organised to get in the pool (two piece are best for girls so they can still go to the toilet before we leave). They will need thongs, towels, goggles (optional) a plastic bag for wet clothes and spare underwear. If you can start gathering and naming absolutely everything you will be ready to go! A form will come home this week regarding their swimming ability- please return ASAP as it will help the instructors place children into their groups.

**Next Year**

We are currently planning for 2016 - however before we can finalise grade structure we need to have enrolments for Foundation (Prep) 2016 finalised. If you have a child commencing Foundation (Prep) in 2016 please make sure you complete the enrolment as soon as possible.

We are also asking those families who will not be at The Patch next year to inform us as soon as possible. Differences of even one or two children can make a difference when planning grades so accurate information will allow us to make informed decisions.

Thanks for your help with ensuring the planning process is well-organised and meets the needs of our students.

**Numeracy**

- Data- we will be looking at data collection and how to read results.
- Numbers- 1-20 and beyond
- Days of the week/months of the year
- Children are also working on their individual learning goals.

**Literacy**

- Wizard Writing- we are now focusing on correct sizing and formation of letters.
- Individual writing goals.
- Procedural Texts- reading and writing. We will look at where we find them, how we use them and how to write one.

**Science**

- This term we will be focusing on Space. The kids are very excited about this!

**Well Being**

- This term we will start focusing on our transition to Grade One. We will take the children for some visits to the new area and start to discuss their questions and concerns.

Oh and then Christmas activities!! How did that sneak up on us????

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