Prep Newsletter
26th February 2016

Important Dates

Term 1

• Boys for Beginners
  Feb 15th, 22nd, 29th March
  29th, 7th, 21st
  See School Newsletter for details

• Autumn Festival
  Saturday March 19th

• Last Day of Term One
  Thursday 24th March

Term 2

• School resumes (Preps now 5 days)

Was your child away?

If your child is away there is no need to call the front office. Please just fill in a Tiqbiz absence note or email your teacher directly.

READING

Please feel free to come in and listen to children read on Monday and Thursdays at 2.40 pm

Just come in when you can and we will set up the readers in the new Prep room. We have a check list so please just check off the children that you listened to and make sure everyone get a turn.

100 days of school

We will be counting how many days we are at school until we reach 100! On the 100th day we have a huge celebration with activities and dressing up. We also make this our ‘special person’s day’. Children can bring in a special person and they can join in our activities during the morning. We will be celebrating our 100 days of school on Friday 29th July.
The drop off/pick up system is working well. A few reminders...

Please do not park in the teacher’s car park. Please do not get out of your vehicle, children need to enter via the passenger side of the car. Teachers will pass bags in to you.

Please give way to traffic turning right into the school. If you don’t give way the circuit becomes locked and it takes a lot longer to get children home.

We realise parking is difficult, this is a problem for all schools. If you find parking at the school difficult, please remember you can park at The Patch Hall and walk over to pick children up OR just join in the ‘pick up’ system.

Keep smiling and remember we are all doing our best to get your kids to you ASAP.

The children are doing a fantastic job of independently organising themselves in the morning! Well done parents for handing over the reins and letting them be responsible for their belongings.

How can I help my child make connections at school?

Children are still finding their way with friendships at school. Children are learning how to ask someone if they can play and we are encouraging them to play with new friends. If your child is still feeling a bit lost (and this is normal) we would encourage you to set up play dates at home with different friends they are playing with. Some people are using the Wednesday to meet up and help their kids forge friendships. Rest assured this all happens over time and we make sure the children all have someone to play with when they leave the classroom. Bree Downes sent a contact list yesterday. If you didn’t get one or you didn’t give her your details last year please email Bree on breedownes@gmail.com

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**Lunch boxes**

Please remember the children eat 3 times a day and they are all VERY hungry! We have fruit/vegie snack at 10, then they need a substantial snack at 10.45 as they don’t eat again until 1.30pm. We have quite a few telling us they are still hungry 😊

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**PICK UP/DROP OFF**

**Numeracy**
- Patterns and numbers to 20 and beyond.
- 100 days of school - children are counting the number of days they are at school. This is don

**Literacy**
- Magic Writing.
- Children are learning to do ‘magic writing’ This is where they write any sounds in words they know or if they don’t know any they write any letters to know. This is the first step in the children believing they can write!
- Golden Words - Children are starting to become familiar with the Golden Words by looking at them and picking them out in text.
- We have focused on the letters A and B. What sounds they make and how we write them
- Reading Strategy
  - Children have learnt **Eagle Eye** this teaches children to use their ‘eagle eye’ to look at the pictures and decode the text.

**SCIENCE**
- During science we are focusing on weather.

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**ART SMOCKS**

Could you please make sure your child has an Art smock for Art. It can just be an old shirt or tshirt.