



# Prep Newsletter

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## Important Dates

### Term 3

#### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September

\*\*\*\*\*SHOWCASE\*\*\*\*\*

#### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Last Day of Term 3- 2.30pm finish

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October

First day of Term 4

#### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Swimming payment due

#### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Free Dress –State schools relief

#### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

Halloween Roller Disco

#### Monday 30<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov

4 Day swimming program

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Curriculum Day-Student Free

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Teacher Planning Day- Alternate program for the few students we have at school.

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Melbourne Cup Day- Student Free

## What a term!

What a busy term it has been at The Patch Primary!

We have had 100 days of School celebrations, working bees, footy colours day, book week and to finish it off our Stomp the Beat SHOWCASE this Thursday!

Many thanks to all of you that sent along costumes, named and bagged.

We very much appreciate it. We have checked all the costumes for names etc...and got costume for those that didn't have one, so we are ready to go!

Children can come in their uniforms and we will have their costumes there for them.

## SHOWCASE TIMES

**At 8.50 am to 9.00 am** all children to be dropped (own transport) at the Discovery Church for a **full Dress Rehearsal in the morning** (with just children and staff).

We will have the childrens costumes and meet their teachers at their designated point. There will be a staff member directing at the front of the church.

Children will need to bring morning tea and lunch, drink bottle and hat.

**At 12.30 pm till 2.30 pm** **A Matinee Performance in the afternoon.** Children will perform their item and then return to their seats until the end of the performance.

**At the end of the performance parents are asked to collect their children and take them home for a rest and some tea.**

**At 6.30 pm** All children to return to Discovery Church for the evening performance.

**At 7.00 pm till 9.00 pm** **An Evening Performance.** Children will perform their item and then return backstage until the end of the performance.

**At the end of the performance parents are asked to collect their children.**

**PLEASE BE ON TIME TO COLLECT AND DROP OFF  
CHILDREN**

### Numeracy-Term Three

- ❖ Measurement using informal and formal units.
- ❖ Length, capacity, mass
- ❖ Focus on 100 and counting by 10s, 5s and 2s.
- ❖ Addition and subtraction.
- ❖ Place value

### Literacy - Writing

- ❖ Children will work on procedural texts and attempt to write some using the correct format.
- ❖ Editing- Children will learn to edit their work, checking for meaning, punctuation and spelling.
- ❖ Children will use some 'WOW' words to make their writing more interesting.

### Literacy- Reading

- ❖ Children will focus on the reading strategies we have covered.
- ❖ Expression and fluency will be a focus when reading aloud.
- ❖ We will investigate procedural texts and look at what they are used for.

### PE

- ❖ Stomp the beat! The kids LOVE this program, even if they are shy or nervous, the lovely Sarah knows how to help! This will happen on a Tuesday. 😊

## SHOWCASE NERVES

It is completely normal for children to be nervous. We asked children to raise their hands if they were nervous about the Showcase and they almost all did.

This happens every year and is a very normal part of the process. Our best advice is to tell the kids what the day will look like and then just don't over talk it. It is a fun day and by the time we actually do the performance the kids are usually desperate to get on with it. If your child is nervous it is essential you are ON TIME, kids become distressed when they arrive when something is already happening and they are unsure of what is going on. We promise we will look after them all and talk them through their nerves.

## SWIMMING

The swimming program in Term 4 is a fabulous program, not only for the swimming component, but the bus travel and independent organization skills children learn whilst they are there. It is amazing how they manage when they need to. We are there to help them get changed and by day four they are usually competent to get most of it done themselves. You are welcome to meet us at the pool to watch. If you want to assist changing children other than your own you will need to get a working with children check. They are available online and are free. It is worth doing it as many things come up where it is handy to have them.

## FACEBOOK PERMISSION FORMS

If you have not returned your Facebook permission form can you please do so by Friday. The form is bright orange and was in your child's folder.

We hope you all have a fabulous holiday! It's hard to believe we are heading in to our final term of Prep!!

Term four is always fun, full of celebrations and achievements.

We can't wait!

PLEASE NOTE PICK UP ON FRIDAY IS

2.30