



Prep Unit Newsletter -No 2

February 28th 2008

Beginning next week all Prep students will attend full time. However if your child becomes tired and still requires a quiet day at home then please allow them to take a rest day during the week.

Booklist Requirements: Thankyou for supplying your child with all the booklist requirements for this year. If you have not sent all items could you please do so ASAP. We have received the red display book, tissues and soap from the supplier. Students will also need a named art smock and library bag.

Communication Diaries: Each student will have a red school diary. It is an excellent source of communication between school and home. If you have a question, concern or wish to make an appointment with your child's classroom teacher please make an appropriate diary entry. Diaries are checked daily and can be used for communication, e.g., absence notes and for recording daily home reading. Please use the tear off strips at the back on the diary when your child is absent.

Hats: In terms one and four students need to wear hats every time they are outside. Please make sure all students have their hats in their bags every day. If a student does not have his/her hat, they will have to play in the shade. **No hat, no play.**

School Pick Up: After the month of February, you may make alternative arrangements to meet your child at the end of the school day. If you wish to meet your child at the front gate, please insist that they must wait inside the gate for you. Arrange a special meeting place **inside the gate.** Please reinforce with your child that if they can't find you to come straight back to their classroom or speak to the yard duty teacher.

Morning Routine: Please refrain from bringing prams or bikes into the corridor. As it is very crowded in the mornings, prams can be left in the breezeway, or alternatively, ask a friend to walk your child in. The students are currently learning the morning routine and are encouraged to bring satchels and purple drink bottles into the classroom. **Please send only water to school in children's drink bottles, cordial or sweet drinks encourages ants.**

Valuables: Just a reminder that students/parents are advised not to bring valuable items to school as they can become misplaced or lost. Our insurance does not cover personal items brought to school.

P.E: Students will be participating in Physical Education and on Tuesday and Wednesday after February (Thursday during February). Just a reminder that shorts/culottes and polo tops are the best uniform items to wear on P.E. days and to name ALL items of clothing even SHOES and SOCKS! Thank you!

Name Clothing: Please ensure that all items of clothing are named and the labels are legible. Please check that your child has brought home the correct jumper/hat from time to time.

Library: All Prep students will have Library on Thursday. Books can be borrowed for 2 weeks. Books can be returned on Thursday or earlier in the week.

Homework: Students in the Prep Unit are required to complete home reading. Students will change their books daily from boxes in the classroom. Please record the book your child reads in the diary. Blue Folders have been sent home. Inside you will find an alphabet chart for you and your child to practise together along with the nightly take home book. It is best to **practise the letters randomly** and the focus is on the children learning the NAME each letter makes. Please indicate in your child's diary that you have practised the alphabet.

Deep Knowledge—'Who am I': As part of our deep knowledge unit, we are looking at how we are different and the same. Could each student bring a photo of their family to share with the class! Photos will be returned at a later date.

Parent Helpers: Parent Helpers will begin in Term 2. Chris Eddy will be holding a Parent Helper information session shortly. More information will follow shortly.

Timetable: For the month of February all prep students will have the following activities on the nominated days.

Monday - Art

Tuesday -P.E., LOTE (French), Drama

Wednesday - School Entry Assessment

Thursday -Library, Music (fortnightly), P.E.

Friday - Buddies, Assembly

From March onwards all prep students will have the following activities on the nominated days.

Monday - Art

Tuesday -P.E., LOTE (French), Drama

Wednesday - Drama, P.E.

Thursday -Library, Music (fortnightly)

Friday - Buddies, Assembly

Language Experience Program: This program will be running each Monday morning in Term 2 and is a great opportunity for parents to share their experiences and become involved in the classroom. We are looking for more volunteers who are willing to come in for a Monday morning session and present some basic information on their career (nurse, policeman, etc) or a hobby (quilting, scrapbooking, gardening, etc).

Presentations can be interactive and use props or may simply be a question and answer format. Please return the interest forms or see Miss Cook as soon as possible so we can make up a timetable for visitors!

If you have any concerns, please call in for a quick informal chat or make a longer appointment so we can talk to you without interruptions. We have a meeting each Monday after school so we would appreciate it if you could avoid that time. We are always willing to talk with you and we all want what is best for your child.

Thank you,

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