

Prep Newsletter

Term 1

Welcome Back!

Welcome to all our families. We are going to have a great year together. Remember if you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact Emily, Kannika, Kate, Anna and Alice as we are always here to help. As this is our first newsletter, we are sending home a hard copy but in future, all notices will be posted on Compass.

Classroom Helpers

Later in the term we will be requesting classroom helpers. Classroom helpers are needed to assist in the classroom to listen to students read, count and assist in the practise of Heart Words. Please note: all classroom helpers need a Working With Children Check which must be provided to Michelle or Lisa in the office.

Important dates

February

Thursday 8 th	Prep Family Picnic, 3:45pm-4:15pm
Wednesday 14 th	No Preps at school
Monday 19 th - Friday 23 rd	Swimming Week
Wednesday 21 st	Nurse Forms due (online)
Thursday 29 th	St Johns First Aid Incursion

March

Tuesday 5 th	Parent/Carer Maths Information Session 4pm
Monday 11 th	Labour Day – No school
Tuesday 12 th	Family/Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 20 th	School Photos
Friday 22 nd	Whole School Colour Run
Thursday 28 th	End of Term 1 – 2:30 dismissal

April

Monday 15 th	Term 2 commences
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Numeracy

This term we will establish our understanding of numbers to and from 10. We will learn how to connect number names, numerals and quantities; initially up to 10 and then beyond. Students will develop their ability to subitise which is the ability to recognise collections automatically.

Literacy

Students will spend the term developing their letter/sound knowledge in a systematic manner. They will work on their fine motor and pre-writing skills. Students will also develop their speaking and listening by focussing on asking questions and taking turns when talking.

Prep students visit the Library on a Wednesday. Please help your child remember to bring back any books to be returned, in their library bag, on this day. Library books are not a 'home reader'. They are designed to be shared for enjoyment with the family.

Heart Words

Heart Words are a combination of high-frequency and interest words that are needed to create a sentence. We call them Heart Words because students need to learn them by heart and read them automatically. The first heart words that will be learnt are:



More detail about Heart Words will be provided soon.

Inquiry

The topic for Term 1 is 'Hop, Skip and Step into Prep'. The focus for this unit of work is for students to learn how to interact and play constructively with others, establish connections and relationships, become familiar with school routines and expectations, and understand how to be a member of the school community. Students will also develop their curiosity and love of learning.

Wellbeing

Each Monday morning we have an hour devoted to Wellbeing. This time enables us to reconnect as a class after the weekend and get ready for a successful week ahead. Students also engage in Developmental Play which is an opportunity for students to develop social skills and practise problem solving and conflict resolution strategies. We will also be learning about Emotional Literacy as part of the Respectful Relationships Curriculum.

Specialist

All students will participate in Performing Arts (Siobhan Cook), P.E (Simon Datson) and Art (Emily Winters) on Thursdays. Students will rotate through these specialist subjects in three groups.

Science

On Tuesday students will engage and develop their curiosity and investigative skills with Emily Winters.

Buddies

The buddy program is underway and the Prep students have now met their buddy. They are very excited about this and will meet with their buddies regularly throughout the year.

Morning Drop Off

As the weeks go on and the novelty of school may have worn off, students may become increasingly tired. It is not unusual to become hesitant to come to school some mornings. Please remain positive with your child if this happens; meet their teacher at the door, say goodbye and leave promptly. Most students settle quickly however if this is not the case we will call you.

Each morning we will open the doors at 8:50am for students to come in, unpack their bags and organise themselves for the day.

Art Smocks and Library Bags

Please ensure your child brings their labelled art smock to school once they have been placed in their class.

Students created library bags during transition last year. These will come home with students after our first library session on Wednesday 28th February. Library bags and books should come to and from school on a Wednesday, for our library sessions. Students are unable to borrow if they do not have their library bag or have overdue books; please support your child to ensure they have these packed.

Book Bags

Your child's red book bag has many functions. The book bag is used to transport completed work home and occasionally paper notes, such as Book Club. Soon you will begin to see a Reading Journal and sound cards inside the book bag. Please ensure your child brings their book bag to school EVERY DAY, regardless of whether they have completed daily reading.

Clipping their book bag securely to their school bag will ensure it goes to school every day.

Hats

Tinternvale Primary School is a SunSmart school. All students are required to have a hat to wear outdoors. Please ensure your child has a hat with them each day that is named. Student that do not have a hat are required to sit under the canteen where it is shaded. Once students are in their classes they will be asked to leave their hats at school.

Compass

Please continue to regularly check Compass as important information is posted there on a regular basis. Make sure you have notifications turned on, so you never miss messages from us. Each week our 'What's on in Prep?' newsletter will be posted on Compass. This is a great way to stay up to date with what's happening in the classroom and help guide conversations you have with your child about. Please make sure you read Tintalk (the school newsletter) weekly to ensure you are kept up to date with what is happening across the school. This is uploaded to Compass on Thursdays, if you require a hard copy version please drop into the office to organise this.

We believe that communication between school and home is a vital part of your child's education. If you have any questions or concerns about your child please contact your child's classroom teacher. Please note if it is a time sensitive matter such as a different location for after school pick up, please contact the office 97201215 to ensure the message is received.

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