



Prep Newsletter - Term 2 2024



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 2 of Prep/1! This newsletter is filled with all the necessary routines and procedures for Term 2. Our priority is your child's needs, education, safety and success, so please feel free to discuss any issues or concerns that you might have. We take pride in having good communication and partnerships with our parents as this leads to student success. Please email us if you have any questions or concerns or contact us through Class Dojo. Email: Lauren laspi9@eq.edu.au and Jordan jholm195@eq.edu.au . Class Dojo is the main point of contact that we use in the classroom to keep families informed. If you are yet to set this up, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Class Routines	
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<u>Science</u> – Monday <u>PE</u> – Wednesday and Thursday <u>The Arts</u> – Wednesday and Thursday <u>Library</u> – Friday – Please return books by Friday. <u>Homework</u> – Folders go home on Monday and need to be returned on Friday .	<u>Science</u> – Monday <u>PE</u> – Wednesday and Thursday <u>Science</u> – Wednesday and Thursday <u>Library</u> – Monday - Please return library books by Friday. <u>Homework</u> – Folders go home on Monday and need to be returned on Friday .

Our Prep Curriculum incorporates Age-Appropriate Pedagogies (AAP) to implement the Australian Curriculum. Your child will participate in a number of activities that are both child and teacher initiated, planned and spontaneous, including explicit instruction, inquiry learning, play-based learning and a project-based approach.

English – Prep students will create an informative poster about a chosen animal focussed on during the term (crocodiles, emus, koalas or kangaroos). Year 1 students will create a multimodal informative poster about an Australian Animal, (koalas, crocodiles, kangaroos, emu) combining and connecting written, visual and spoken elements.

Maths

Prep students will be recognising and writing numbers to 20 and practising rote counting to 20. They will sort objects according to their attributes and group familiar objects based on common characteristics. Student will identify and continue patterns.

Year 1 students will make and describe number sequences resulting from skip counting by twos, fives and tens, and continue patterns. They will connect events and days of the week and explain the order and duration of events. They will explain time durations and tell time to the half hour and will classify outcomes of simple familiar events

HASS - In the unit *My Family History*, students will describe and sequence an important event and identify how schools have changed or stayed the same over time.

Technologies – Students will design an enclosure for an animal. They will test, redesign, retest and reflect on their design.

Respectful Relationships – Students will be exploring Emotional Responses. They will identify and describe different emotions, recognise emotions expressed in different ways and discuss how others' emotions may be different from their own.

Homework - Folders will be sent home on Mondays and are required to be brought back on Fridays. The homework includes a focus on consolidating letter names, sounds and handwriting. It also includes some mathematics practise that links to concepts taught in class. Reading will commence this term using Decodable Readers Australia. Information and log in details will be included in the homework folder.

Tuckshop - Tuckshop is available to order on Fridays at FIRST BREAK ONLY. Ice-creams are available for purchase at second break. The food is unable to be re-heated at second break. Orders need to be placed by 9am if dropping off a tuckshop bag or the night before via the app. Tuckshop orders can be pre-ordered using the Qkr! App. Download Qkr on your phone or tablet. Find Gracemere State School and make a Profile for your child or children including their Year Level. The full Tuckshop menu can be accessed through the app.

Morning Drop Off - Students will meet under A block and then be picked up and taken to the classroom. If students arrive after 8:50am, please take them to the office to sign in and then come to the classroom.

Munch and Crunch – Prep students have a Munch and Crunch break at about 10:00am every day. We ask that your child has a piece of fruit or some vegetables to eat at this time. Please put the fruit/vegetables in a separate container for easy access or label your fruit (i.e. banana skin).

Library – Students will need to return their library books each Friday. If books are not returned, students will not be able to borrow a new book.

Hats: As we are a sun safe school, a hat is required for play and to participate in PE or outdoor lessons. Please ensure your child's hat is labelled. If your child does not have a hat at play time they will be required to stay undercover. Please check to see that your child has not accidentally taken home a spare hat or another child's hat.

We are looking forward to a successful and enjoyable term of learning.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Lauren Park and Miss Jordan Holmes