

Prep Newsletter - Term 2 2025

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 2 of Prep! 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, Samantha sxhum0@eq.edu.au and Ashleigh akuen0@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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The Arts – Wednesday Languages – Wednesday Library – Tuesday PE – Friday Science – Thursday Homework – Folders go home on Monday and need to be returned on Friday.	Library – Tuesday The Arts – Wednesday Languages – Wednesday Science – Thursday PE – Friday Homework – Folders go home on Monday and need to be returned on Friday.

Our Prep Curriculum incorporates whole class explicit instruction and Age-Appropriate Pedagogies (AAP) to implement the Australian Curriculum.

English: Prep students will engage in a range of information and narrative texts about insects. They will join in shared reading, storytelling, and viewing activities that reflect everyday events and expand their understanding of the world. Students will develop their decoding skills and use gained knowledge to create an informative poster about a chosen insect focussed on during the term (dung beetles, lady bugs, ants or bees) and present their poster to the class.

Maths: Prep students will explore situations using physical and virtual materials to represent and solve everyday problems that involve quantifying, adding to and taking away from collections to at least 10. They will look for and make connections between number names, numerals and quantities, and compare quantities, using elementary mathematical reasoning in active learning experiences.

Technologies: Students will identify how common digital systems (hardware and software) are used to meet specific purposes. They will learn and apply Digital Technologies knowledge and skills through guided play and tasks integrated into other subject areas.

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 Mondays and Thursdays at FIRST BREAK ONLY. Ice-creams and slushies 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 7th Heaven 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 require a library bag to be able to borrow a library book. Students will need to return their library books each week. 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, Mrs Samantha Mooney and Mrs Ashleigh Barnes