Welcome to Term 2

We trust you had an enjoyable and relaxing term break. The students have returned refreshed and have been excitedly sharing stories from their holidays.

It has been pleasing to see the students lining up at the designated line up area in the mornings, entering the learning zones and unpacking their belongings independently; a certain sign of settling in!

This term we are planning some exciting events. The children will participate in a music incursion on Wednesday 1st May
And we have tentatively booked visits to the;
- Royal Botanic Gardens
- Edendale Farm

Important dates:
- School Photos, Tuesday 23rd April
- Music Incursion, Wednesday 1st May
- Botanic Gardens, Tuesday 7th May
- Edendale Farm visit, Wednesday 12th June

Specialist timetable

The Term 2 timetable is as follows;

- **LOTE:**
  Prep A, Prep B, Prep C & Prep D - Monday

- **Physical Education:**
  Prep A, Prep B, Prep C & Prep D - Friday

- **Performing Arts:**
  Prep A, Prep B, Prep C & Prep D - Friday

- **Visual Arts:**
  Prep A, Prep B, Prep C & Prep D - Friday

- **Library:**
  Prep A, Prep B, Prep C & Prep D - Monday

Walking helpers

To support our inquiry unit, the students will be ‘stepping out’ to use their senses to explore the local area. Each class will choose a ‘special tree’ that we will regularly visit and observe changes. The walks will be fortnightly, weather and special events permitting. If you are interested, please check the sign up roster on the Prep windows.

Literacy helpers

A parent sign up roster will be posted up soon, asking for interested literacy helpers. Please drop by the front Office to collect information regarding school policies and expectations. This information will be ready next week.

There are four literacy groups operating each morning. One extra assistant would be appreciated on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The children’s names have been listed, so that you can sign up to your son or daughter’s group if you wish, or you may choose to support a different group.

The teacher in each group will give you a run down of the activity in which you will support. Again, we remind you that alternative arrangements should be made if you have younger children.

We look forward to working with you.

Assembly

Please note that a whole school assembly is conducted by school student leaders each Friday morning in the stadium. Parents are welcome to attend after drop off.
The Prep Curriculum

The school wide inquiry unit for this term is **Sustainability**.

Key questions:
- If we understand how and why the world around us keeps changing, then we are able to make sure we look after it in the best possible way.
- How can we gather information and use our senses to better understand our world?
- How can we use our senses to help be aware of what is going on around me?

The children will begin by posing questions while exploring the senses and the sense organs. They will use their senses to explore and appreciate the natural environment and the changes that occur over time; such as seasons. Students will begin to utilise their understandings from numeracy to recognise and identify various 2D and 3D shapes in the environment.

Students will be given opportunities to sort and grow seeds and participate in an excursion to the Royal Botanic Gardens. A second excursion later in the term will help students to identify how they can better look after the natural environment; through recycling and reusing.

An author/illustrator study of Jennie Baker, will complement this inquiry unit and will guide the learning focus for Visual Arts program; making art works from natural materials (collage) or recycled materials.

Lunchbox Reminders

- It is wonderful to see so many deliciously healthy lunch boxes, we are now aiming for **minimal wrappings** to support our sustainability unit. Water is the only drink to be sent.
- We strongly advise **against** packing your child any peanut or other nut based product, for the health of other children. There are a number of students who suffer severe allergies to these foods and we ask for your co-operation in reducing such risks.

Uniform reminders:

- Each Friday the students will need to have white soled or soft sole non marking black runners for PE with Liza.

M100W Words

The children have made a wonderful start learning their first word list words. We will review the children’s progress and send home the next list at the appropriate time for each student.

Now collecting...

- Egg cartons
- Boxes (no bigger than shoe boxes/cereal boxes, please)

Library

Students will soon be able to borrow from the library and will require a library bag in order to be able to borrow. The students will be able to borrow one book each week, provided that they have returned their last book.

Please feel free to drop us a line anytime

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We are looking forward to an exciting term.

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