



# Prep Newsletter Term 4 2021

Welcome back to school! Can you believe we are in the last term of our prep year? Thank you to our wonderful parents who did such a great job with remote learning last term! Term Four promises to be busy and fun, just like the other three terms!



We will be looking forward to our Christmas concert evening. That evening will incorporate the senior students enterprise market. We hope that restrictions will allow us to see you there!

## Literacy!

In reading, we will continue to practise our accuracy strategies. Prep will also explore the comprehension strategies of visualising, text to text connections and explaining their thinking as they track evidence from their texts. They will further develop their questioning skills, and be encouraged to answer any questions they formulate. All students will be focusing on improving their fluency when reading aloud. We will revisit common decoding strategies and introduce reading ahead and using syntax to deepen their understanding.

As part of our workshop model students will have the opportunity to complete and present book reports to their peers this term as well.

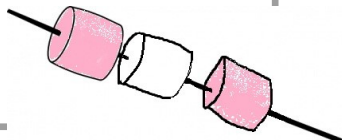
During writing, students will be introduced to personal memoirs, and will revisit persuasive texts. Students will develop their newly acquired skills as we practise writing our book reports later this term. We will also revise the genre of informative writing, and complete a passion project, where students will be free to choose their own genre and topic to explore, create and publish a poster or book to present to the grade.

This term students will continue to consolidate their understanding of the writing cycle as they practise revising and editing their writing independently! During our passion project they will be able to chose from a range of publishing options.

In spelling, there will be a high focus on learning more digraphs, common blends and correct use of long vowel sounds. We will explore early spelling generalisations to help improve students letter choices. Students will be extending their knowledge of base words, prefix's and suffix's! Some students will receive spelling words as homework this term, please support your child as they learn their spelling words!

## Science

This term in science we will be studying “What Things Are Made Of” Students will be looking at common building materials and exploring the properties of them. Why make buildings out of metal? Why are our chairs made out of plastic but not glass? Why don't we make our carpets out of marshmallows?

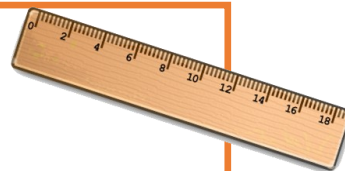


We are a Sun Smart School all children are required to wear a broad brim school hat at recess, lunch, during PE , at our Friday assemblies, and any other times that we are outdoors!



# Maths.

During Maths, we will continue to focus on our understanding of place value from 0-20 and beyond throughout the term. We will also work on consolidating our addition and subtraction skills through dedicated lessons and our regular Blitzmaster program. We will consolidate skip counting by 2, 5, and 10's and revisit the initial learning we completed about 'groups of'. In our applied units we will introduce probability language, explaining terms such as certain, impossible and likely. We will revisit and extend the applied topics from earlier in the year, such as shape, length, mass, and time.



## Inquiry! Designing my Object!

At the end of this term we will use the knowledge we gained from Science topic 'What things are made of' to engage in an inquiry unit where student will design a toy boat. Their challenge is 'Make a toy that floats!' Students will strengthen their science, maths, creative thinking, and problem solving skills as they explore boat making.

Students will have to explain their design choices and how their materials help them to attain their goal.



### IMPORTANT DATES Term 4 2021

22nd October 29th October 5th November	Prep Transition—2022 Preps
22nd October	Dress Up School Disco <b>TBC</b>
27th October	School Council Meeting
29th October	Day for Daniel
2nd November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
5th—10th November	Book Fair
24th November	School Council Meeting
7th December <b>TBA</b>	Step Up Day for all government schools in Victoria
8th December <b>TBA</b>	Christmas Concert and Enterprise Market
16th December	End of Year 2:30pm finish

Prep Swimming was scheduled for 6th, 8th, 11th, 13th and 15th October.

We have been unable to confirm this activity due to current restrictions.

Please watch Compass for updates.

