Prep Newsletter

"A view to the future"

Term 2

Important Information

April Dates	
Tuesday the 25th of April	ANZAC Day
May Dates	
Thursday the 11th of May	Mother's Day Stall
Friday the 12th of May	**Curriculum Day**
Tuesday the 30th of May	School Photos
June Dates	
Friday 9th June	Healesville Sanctuary Excursion (Preps only)
Monday the 12th of June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday the 16th of June	Student First Aid
Friday the 23rd of June	Last Day of Term

Welcome to Term 2! What a great start to the year, we are so excited to launch into another exciting term of learning together!

Teachers are available after school on Monday, Thursday and Friday for arranged meetings. Alternatively you can email or call the school office:
(03) 5968 1313
gembrook.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Poetry

Do you or a family member have a favourite poem? ***We would love to read it!*** Our students will be exploring poetry this term so please feel free to send in a copy of your favourite poem for us to explore!

Respectful Relationships

We have loved learning about Respectful Relationships. In Term 1, we learned all about expressing our emotions, and reading body language. In Term 2, we will be learning new skills to solve problems independently, emotional regulation, and including others.

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Literacy

In literacy, students will enter the world of poetry. Students will be immersed in different forms of poetry such as nonsense poems, sensory poems, and free verse.

Later in the term, students will shift their focus to informative texts. After our exciting excursion to Healesville Sanctuary, students will select their favourite animal as the focus of their informative piece. We will explore the features of informative texts such as titles, sub headings, images, and facts.
In reading, we will continue to work on our comprehension strategies, decoding strategies and reading rotations.

Within our word work units, we will continue to learn our sounds moving from single letter sounds into digraphs. We will start to introduce some early spelling generalisations such 'ck' and 'magic e'.

Timetables

	Prep O	Prep G
Mon	Science	Science
Tues	P.E	Italian
Wed		
Thur	Italian Art	P.E Art

Nights of Reading

Students are well on their way to recording <u>100</u> nights of reading this term. Please keep adding their nightly reading total to their diary as evidence.

Science

In science this term, students will be participating in the Earth and Space science unit called 'Weather in my World'. Students' interests will be captured to observe different weather patterns and events.. They will increase their knowledge of how the characteristics of weather affect their daily lives.

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Numeracy

In maths, students will work to consolidate and extend their understanding of the place value system. They will work on teen numbers and beyond, including correctly handwriting these numbers.

Students will continue to develop their automaticity skills in subtraction, and sharing through regular Blitz Master sessions and explicit lessons. Partners to 10 and doubles will be introduced.

In our applied topics, students will begin the term working through a Graphing and Representation unit. They will pose yes/no and open questions, and survey their peers. Once data is collected, they will learn the skills of converting the data into a graph.

We will also explore Mapping and Location, where students will learn all about positional language such a 'in front, behind, near, around, beside etc'.

Please keep an eye on the Compass 'Learning Task' tab for your students DPAT's (Digital Portfolio Assessment Task). In Term 2, we will launch three DPAT's.

Reminders

Routine: As we enter Term 2 it is important to encourage independence, where students complete their morning routine independently and before the bell, ready to start our day at 9am.

Jumpers: As we enter into the cooler months, please ensure students have a named jumper with them.

Drink bottles: Students need to bring a named drink bottle that they can drink from during class time. Please only fill this with water and display their name on it.

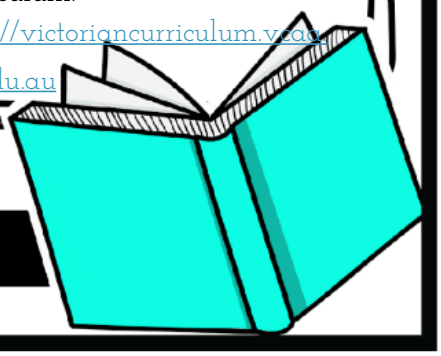
Fruit: Where possible, we encourage that fruit snack be easily manageable.

Inquiry

For our Geography inquiry unit, we will be focusing on drawing basic maps, using location language to look at the differences and similarities between children in different countries around the world.

Curriculum Links:

For more information on the curriculum for your child, please visit the 'curriculum' section on our school website: https://www.gembrookps.vic.edu.au/wp/ and the Victorian Curriculum: https://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au



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