



PREP NEWSLETTER TERM 4, 2018

October 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The final term for 2018 has arrived. Our **Inquiry** unit is centred around the question *How has daily life changed over time?* The Preps will look at the similarities and differences between their daily lives compared to their parents', teachers' and grandparents' lives when they were children. They will also explore different technology, entertainment and how school has changed over time. Our **Science** unit for this term is called *How does it move?* As part of the unit we will be observing how the body and different toys move. During Term 4 Prep AH, 1/2 ND and 2/3 NM will be participating in **Guided Reading** sessions across the classrooms which target students' needs. In these sessions, students will be working on a range of reading skills such as word decoding and comprehension strategies.

For **Wellbeing** all teachers will be using "Smiling Minds" – a very effective program for helping with mindfulness and wellbeing. "Smiling Minds" is great for all people including school children, Teachers and Parents. "Smiling minds" has a range of learning tasks that fit really well into our Wellbeing curriculum here at school and it has an App that could be used at home.

Home Learning will continue this term with daily home reading, practising of the Magic Words and spelling. Please encourage your child to practise their spelling words using Look Say Cover Write Check. Please ensure the reading book and Magic Word folder is returned to school **every day**.

We are looking forward to **Italian Day** on Thursday October 25th and activities on the day will celebrate the Italian language and culture. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed in the colours of the Italian flag: red, white and green or as a famous Italian.

Another exciting Prep event occurs next month – the **Prep Breakfast!** On Tuesday 13th November, Prep students will come to school at 8am and the teachers will make them breakfast! There is a cost of \$4.00 and the permission form is attached to this newsletter. If your child has special dietary requirements, please speak to me as soon as possible to arrange suitable alternatives.

To prepare for 2019, students will participate in a Transition morning on Thursday, December 20th, where they will spend the morning with their new teacher and class for 2019. Students will also bring home a notice on this day to inform parents of their child's 2019 teacher and classroom.

Term 4 is a **SunSmart** term so **all students must wear a school hat** for all outdoor activities. Students without a hat will not be able to participate in outdoor activities, which includes outside PE classes, and will have to sit in the designated shade area during recess and lunch breaks.

During the term there will be a number of whole school and grade level activities. Some of these are: a **Learning Showcase** for parents to view their child's learning and a **Christmas Concert**. There may be special requirements for these events so please refer to the events planner and the Specialist Newsletters attached for further details.

If you would like to discuss any issue, please make a time to see me.

PREP SPECIALIST TIMETABLE Term 4

Kind regards,

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Prep AH Classroom Teacher

Attachments:

- Events Planner
- Classroom specialist timetable
- Specialist Newsletter
- Prep Breakfast permission form

ART	TUESDAY, 1:30 – 2:30
ITALIAN	WEDNESDAY, 11:30 – 12:30
DIGITAL INVESTIGATION	WEDNESDAY, 1:30 – 2:30
PE	THURSDAY, 1:30 – 2:30
MUSIC	THURSDAY, 2:30 – 3:30
PMP	FRIDAY, 11:30 -12:30

Prep Events Planner Term 4, 2018

EXCURSION/EVENT	VENUE	DATE/TIME	COST	PERMISSION NOTE REQUIRED
Whole School Italian Day	Watsonia PS	Thursday 25 th October	\$10.00	Yes, due 22 nd October
Pupil Free Day	Students not to attend school on this day	Monday 5 th November	No	No
Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday	Students not to attend school on this day	Tuesday 6 th November	No	No
'My Idol' dress up day – Yr 6 fundraiser Come dressed as your idol or hero.	Watsonia PS	Thursday 8 th November	Gold coin donation	No
Prep Breakfast	Watsonia PS (staff room)	Tuesday 13 th November, 8:00am	\$4.00	Yes, due 2 nd November
Choir to perform at Watsonia Library	Watsonia Library	Tuesday 4 th December	No	No
Whole School Christmas Concert	Watsonia PS Hall	Wednesday 12 th December, 6:00pm – 7:30pm	No	No
Parent Helpers Morning Tea - Invitations to thank those parents who have helped in the school throughout the year.	Watsonia PS Hall	Thursday 13 th December, 11:00am	No	Invitations will come home with a reply slip to indicate your attendance
Prep – Year 3 Learning Showcase	Watsonia PS Hall	Friday 14 th December, 2:30 – 3:15pm	No	No
December Student Reports available on Compass	Compass	Thursday 19 th December	No	No
Whole School Transition Day Students spend the morning with their 2019 class and teacher. Letter at the end of the day to inform parents of child's 2019 class.	Watsonia PS	Thursday 20 th December, 9:00am – 12:30pm	No	No
Last day of Term 4	Watsonia PS	Friday 21 st December, early dismissal 1.30pm	No	No