

LALOR EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL

PREP/1 TERM 3 AREA NEWS 2017



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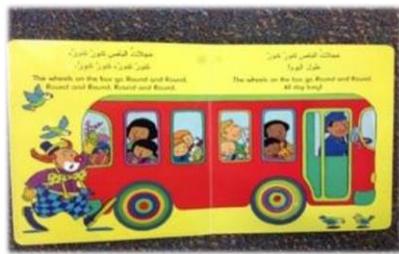
Welcome back to all parents and students. We hope you all enjoyed the holiday break. It was fantastic to see and talk to parents at the Parent/Teacher/Student conferences last term. We are looking forward to another great term of discovering and learning in the Prep/1 rooms.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3

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| 21 July | Epping Fire Fighters visit us at school |
| 31 July | Curriculum Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS |
| 16 August | RACV safety talk for P/1/2 students |
| 23 August | Epping Fire Fighters return and show us how to use the fire hose! |
| September 1 | Life Ed Van arrives |
| September 15 | Whole school concert |

Prep/1 Storytime

We will begin our Prep/1 story time this term on a **Friday morning before school**. We would love you to join us in room 1 and 3 to read a book with your child. Please come to the rooms at **8:45am** and join us for a cosy reading session. We have some beautiful picture storybooks to share that are perfect to read aloud. We also have books in Arabic, Vietnamese and Hindi.



Literacy

We are excited to be introducing a new program into the P/1 classrooms. This program is called **Foundation Q** and has an emphasis on developing and understanding new vocabulary. The program runs twice weekly and involves reading some excellent picture storybooks to students and discussing the focus vocabulary. We are sure the children will be coming home sharing some new words with you.

Your child will continue to be involved in developing reading skills daily. This will include activities such as shared reading of fiction and informational texts, guided reading, word recognition of commonly used words, letter and sound recognition and cued articulation.

Letters we will concentrate on this term are:

Ww, Gg, Nn, Hh, Vv, Kk, Yy, Zz, Jj,

Grade 1 students will revise and extend ways to use these letters when writing.



Words we will focus on this term are:

my, he, she, are, not, all, like, see, for, little.

Prep/1 students continue to be involved in writing experiences through modelled, interactive and independent writing. Students learn correct letter formation by tracing and copying letters. Preps will learn how to use dotted thirds paper to improve letter formation and size. Grade 1 students will continue to work towards improving the quality of their handwriting.

Take Home Writing Book

Some of our Prep/1 students have completed their Take Home Writing Books. They have done a great job practising letters, words and numbers in this book. We will send home term 3 letters and words for you to practise at home along with a new Take Home Writing Book if your child has completed the first one. Remember to practise writing numerals and counting patterns. Some children are ready to write some sentences. Grade 1 students should be writing interesting sentences using adjectives.



Speaking & Listening

Speaking and listening is an important part of our literacy sessions. We listen to stories, songs, poems and rhymes. We listen and share our learning during share time. We learn how to ask questions to find out further information. We learn how to be a good listener. We will continue our understandings of how to use colourful semantics to form correctly structured sentences.

Example:

The girl is running.....



[The girl] [is running] [on the beach] [before the picnic lunch].



Numeracy

During term 3 in our Prep Numeracy sessions we will be:

- revising numbers 0 –10
- focusing on numbers 11-20
- skip counting by 2 and 10
- making numbers in different ways and learning number facts
- learning about simple addition
- continuing oral counting to 100 and above
- learning about 3D shapes: sphere, cylinder and cube
- revising location vocabulary
- learning about mass.

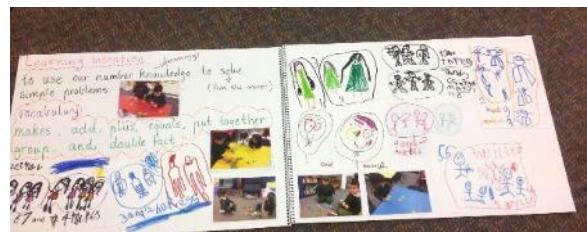
Grade 1 students will

- continue to learn about multiplication and division
- explore addition and subtraction strategies
- continue looking for counting patterns
- tell time to the half hour
- identify coins
- interpret data displays.

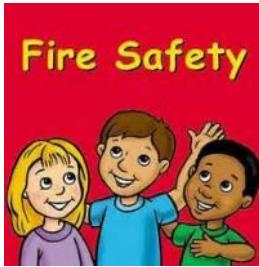
We will continue to explore these ideas by solving mathematical problems, asking questions and thinking about numbers.



We use Thinkboards in maths to represent numbers in many different ways. Try making one at home with your child to help them improve their mathematical thinking skills. Please come and have a look at our new class Math's Journals. This journal explores our learning and understandings during our Numeracy time.



Integrated Studies



It will be a very busy term in Integrated Studies. We will begin the term with a focus on safety and learn about Fire Education. Epping fire fighters will visit the Prep/1 grades to talk about fire safety. We will learn about road safety, school safety and community helpers. The Life Education van will visit Lalor East Primary during term 3. All students will be visiting the van for a lesson and we will continue our learning in the classroom.



Concert

On the 15 September Lalor East Primary will be holding their whole school concert. During term 3 we will be practising our singing and dancing skills to ensure we look and sound the best on the night.



Digital Technologies

The Prep/1 students attend our computer lab weekly. This term we will work on extending our literacy, numeracy and integrated studies work using technology. This term we will continue our learning with Microsoft Publisher. Each grade has a Smartboard and children use this daily. Luis Gonzales, our ICT specialist, will be visiting our classrooms to help us with beginning coding skills.

HOW TO HELP AT HOME

There are many ways you can help your child with their learning. Here are a few ideas:

- Ensure your child borrows books daily and share the reading with them at home each night
- Allow children to look at the pictures to help them when reading
- Borrow & return library books weekly
- Model reading in front of your child and tell them stories
- Use positional language as children play in the garden or at the park, such as under, over and across the monkey bars
- Do you play dice games at home? This encourages children to recognise numbers quickly. Taking turns and discussing the game improves cooperation and encourages speaking and listening
- Being involved in an activity after school has many potential benefits. It can help your child with their learning in school. It can give your child another group of friends. It can help build their confidence. There are many different types of activities. Some suggestions include swimming lessons or learning a sport.

ART – Karren Moncur

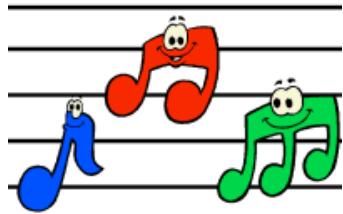
This is an exciting term with the concert about Pirates. There will be a lot of preparation that goes with it. Pirates will be the theme this term and a number of art sessions will be geared to this topic. The prep and grade one children will create a number of Pirate scarecrows out of dyed material and hessian bags for the heads. The children will be asked to thread a needle and sew two pieces of material together. The children will create prints with paint and found objects as well as potato prints.



They will make mono prints by rolling out paint and drawing into it with their finger. They will also make butterflies by folding paper and squishing paint between the layers.

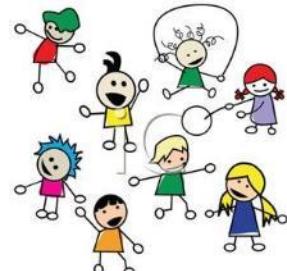
MUSIC AND SPANISH – Luis Rios Gonzalez

In term 3, students will continue learning basic forms of music notation, and how these can be used to write music. They will learn songs which involve actions and movement. Students will start experimenting with sound using the ukuleles and the guitars. They will also learn the correct way to hold and strum the instruments. In Spanish the focus will be the weather. They will also learn simple sentences to introduce themselves, their families and say their own names.



P.E. – Dean Sharples

In term 3, the Prep/one children will begin by participating in a ‘Movement to Music’ unit that will explore a variety of dance styles, locomotor and rhythm activities. They will also continue to develop their Fundamental Motor Skills by practising leaping and progressing to the Kick. To finish the term, the children will participate in Gymnastics unit, where they will learn basic Gymnastics skills such as balancing and forward rolls.



TERM 4 EXCURSION

In **term 4** the Prep/1/2 students will be completing an Integrated Studies unit which involves studying the external features of living things and classifying them accordingly. An important part of this visit will be an excursion to **Werribee Open Range Zoo**. We would love to have all children come to Werribee Zoo with us so we would like to let you know that we expect the excursion to cost approximately **\$35.00**. The CESF is available to use for those students eligible.



We would like to inform you that Ms Karen O'Neill will be taking Long Service Leave from September 4 until the end of term 3. Ms Lauren Herbert will be teaching her grade during this time.

If you have any concerns about your child’s progress, please come and talk to your child’s teacher. It’s usually a good idea to call or send a note to arrange a specific time as we often have meetings before and after school and may not be able to meet with you on a particular day.

We are looking forward to another fabulous term of learning!

The Prep Team: Karen, Daniela and Trudi

Here are some photos of our Geography work in term 2 on constructed, managed and natural environments. Students worked in groups to show their understandings of these environments at the end of the Geography unit.

