

LALOR EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Prep/1 Area News Term 4 2017

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A great big welcome to term 4. We have had an amazing 3 terms and we are looking forward to term 4. This year seems to have gone so quickly. Each day we are amazed at the new learning that occurs both academically and socially. We have an interesting term planned, one that will involve an exciting day for all Prep-2 students at Werribee Zoo. This term, your child will also be involved in a transition to grade 1 or grade 2 program. Let's make term 4 the best yet!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

Friday 13 October – Friday 1 December: P-2 Swimming program
Thursday 2 November: Werribee Zoo Excursion
Monday 6 November: Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 7 November: Cup Day
Thursday 9 November: Sports Day
Monday 20 November: Opening of Writer's Festival
Friday 1 December: Swimming Program finishes
Thursday 14 December: Mini Fete and Disco
Friday 22 December: Last day of term 4. 1:30 finish.

Please ensure your child is at school on time. The teaching and learning in the Prep/1 room starts at 9.00. It is important that your child is at the line up area on time to be ready to begin the day. Arriving late to class unsettles children and they miss valuable learning time.



Literacy

We have to thank you for reading with your child each night and returning books daily. This has made an enormous difference to the reading level of your child. Sharing books with your child fosters their love of reading. Remember to talk about the pictures in the book so that your child has an understanding of the meaning of the story. This can be done even before your child reads the book. When you have finished reading ask your child questions about their reading. This improves speaking and listening skills and ensures they have really understood the messages in the book.

During terms 1-3, Prep students have been involved in learning all the letters and sounds of the alphabet. Grade 1 students have been revising these letters and have been introduced to more difficult letter patterns. In term 4, Prep students will be learning about **sh, ch, th, adding 's'** and **word endings 'ed' and 'ing'**. Grade 1 students will revise and extend this learning.



We will be learning and revising these words:
where, had, have, with, one, but, of, off, they, by, be

Your child will be involved in daily writing activities. Make sure you look in their schoolbags, for some fantastic writing that they are completing at school. We are so excited about our upcoming Writer's Festival. We can assure you that you will be amazed at what your child can write. Our topic this year is 'The Zoo.'



In the classroom, children will be reading and writing throughout the day. We read and write during Literacy time, Maths time and during our learning in Integrated Studies.

Speaking and Listening

We have been practising how to ask a question and how to answer a question. This term we will continue to learn about rhyming words. We have been using describing words to ensure our writing and oral language is interesting. We have been learning how to use the Power of 3, onomatopoeia and alliteration in our writing attempts. We have been expanding our oral vocabulary and then learning how to use this in our writing. Our students are so clever!

Prep Parent Storytime

Thank you so much to all the parents and siblings that came to join us and shared the joy of reading during our Parent storytime sessions on Friday mornings. Our program **will not** continue this term as we will be preparing for our swimming sessions before school.

Numeracy

This term the Prep students will be looking at addition, subtraction and informal multiplication and division. We will be revising shapes and location of objects. We will also be learning about capacity and area.

Grade 1 students will be continuing their learning with place value. They will extend their learning with addition, subtraction



and division. They will further their understandings about multiplication. They will learn about telling the time to the half hour and learn about measuring with informal units.

Here are some ways you can help at home.

Addition: ask children to count on from a given number.

Subtraction: Ask your child to count out some objects. Now take away some. Ask how many are left.

Division: Share objects between children.

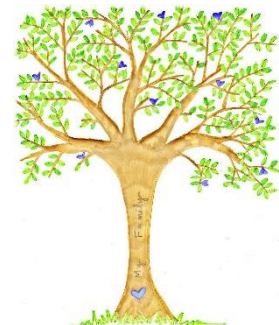
Capacity: Provide different sized containers in the bath. Talk about containers being full or empty. Ask them to half fill a container.

Continue to count as many different things that you can. Which one is first/second/third? Find different shapes in the environment and discuss.



History

We will begin the term with a study on our **family history**. We will be looking at who are the members of our family and any special events that we celebrate. We will be making a family tree. It would be helpful if you could discuss some family history with your child e.g. Who are my grandparents? Where were they born?



Science

This term, we will begin our unit on **Animals**. In this unit of study we will be learning that living things have basic needs. We will be looking at animals and their different features.

Excursion to Werribee Zoo

On Thursday the 2 of November all P/1/2 students will be attending an excursion to Werribee Zoo. The bus will depart early at 8:45 am sharp so we can arrive at the zoo with plenty of time to explore. All students will attend an educational session and have a ride on the safari bus! How exciting! Make sure your child attends this excursion as this is a vital part of our integrated studies learning. CSEF is available for this excursion if you are eligible.



We will also have a visit by the Responsible Pet Ownership group during this term. The educator will bring her dog and teach the children how to care for and be safe near dogs.



Transition program

During Term 4 Lalor East Primary runs a transition program to help children understand what it will be like in their 2018 grade. We are holding 4 sessions where your child will spend some time in a grade 1 or grade 2 classroom. This helps children understand what to expect next year and ensures a happy transition in 2018.

SPECIALISTPROGRAMS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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In Term 4, the Prep/1 children will be assessed on the Fundamental Motor Skills that they have been taught this semester. They will also continue to develop their skills by practising the overhand throw, catch and bounce during P.E. lessons. To finish the term, the children will participate in a Minor Games unit, where they will play games such as Kickball and Rapid Fire.



Prep-2 Swimming will run from Friday 13 October- Friday 1 December, at Thomastown Recreation & Aquatic Centre (TRAC). Prep/1 will also participate in the Annual House Sports day, on Thursday 9 November.

ART

The children will construct cones and tubes they will then stick them together to create a large sculpture that will be put on display in the prep to two playground. They will make an item out of boxes and tape for themselves. They will decorate it using paper and paint. The children will decorate a mask they can then wear.



Some glittering art will be created to celebrate the end of the year. The children will create a picture about the Zoo for the Writers Festival.

MUSIC/SPANISH

In term 4, students will play guitars. They will explore with the sound guitars produce, and practice strumming and playing simple chords individually and as a group. They will continue learning songs that involve actions and movement. In Spanish, students will learn how to introduce themselves and say their name. They will continue learning basic greeting, expressions about weather, colours and numbers. Children will also be reviewing the content learned in Spanish during the year

We would like to inform you that Mrs Karen O'Neill will be taking leave from November 20 until December 18.

We are available to talk to parents about any concerns you may have. **Please arrange a time to come and see us, as we often have meetings before and after school.** We are looking forward to working with your child in term 4 and completing another successful and exciting year at Lalor East Primary School.



Karen, Dani and Trudi
The Prep/1 Team