

March 31st

Dear Prep Families,



We are looking forward to an exciting and busy term two. At the end of term, we will have a celebration of learning with you and your child. This is where we reflect on your child's learning growth through their portfolio and enable them to discuss their learning progress for the first semester and set goals for their future learning. This is a very exciting and important time for our students to develop as engaged learners.

Mathletics

This is a wonderful web site that you can access with your child and complete maths activities.

www.mathletics.com

Your child's log in code and password have been stuck into the front page of their yellow home reading diaries.

Investigations

- **Investigations** is a structured Play Based Learning approach that we find a great platform for students to begin their learning journey at BMPs. Students have many areas within the classroom that they can explore, investigate, inquire into, and learn in. The activities in these areas are linked to our Learning Intentions. We then link these activities to our literacy and numeracy lessons throughout the school day.
- **Each classroom** is different as it focuses on student and classroom needs and interests. Investigations place the child at the centre of learning. They have free choice as to where they would like to learn during Investigations, and although they may come home saying "I played all morning" the activities in each area are aimed at some part of their development. Investigations place the focus on the whole child - developing their **cognitive, social, language, emotional and physical needs, in order to promote rich learning.**
- **Focus children** - two or three students are chosen for each Investigations session. On a fortnightly basis your child will share their learning with the class. This is why we don't have the traditional 'show and tell' as we find this is a more valuable way to practise their speaking and listening skills.
- **Reporter and photographer** - Your child will also have the opportunity to be a reporter and a photographer during Investigations sessions. They are given specific tasks planned by the teacher to carry out and report back on to the class. The Photographer will use the classroom iPads to take the photos and even videos later on in the year.
- **Learning Environments in the classroom** - Our learning environments in our classrooms are spaces that inspire a sense of wanting to inquire and investigate, to find out and to explore. We do this through setting up the following areas: **Dramatic Play, Writers Workshop, Collage/Craft, Maths Area, Sensory Area, Reading Centre, Construction and Tinkering.**

Letters and Sounds

- **Home Practice Packs** - Our Home Practice Packs are a great way to support your child's learning of the letters and sounds we have been teaching. It was great to have more than 30 people come along after assembly this week to learn how best to use the packs at home.
- **Learning Pace** - We have had a number of questions about the pace of the learning of letters and sounds in the classes. Every child will be given appropriate time and support to make progress. All of the children will develop at different rates in their ability to segment and blend using their knowledge of the letters and sounds being taught. Early in Term 2, we will check the progress and mastery of all children and plan accordingly.

Term 2

*Monday 17th April Easter Monday Holiday

*Tuesday 18th April First day of Term 2

*Monday 24th April Curriculum Day - children do not attend school.

*Friday 21st April or Wednesday 26th April Class walk to Avenue of Honour -
Check with teacher for exact date for your child's class.

*Tuesday 25th April ANZAC Day Holiday

*Friday 28th April Classroom Helpers Course- 2.00pm-3.10pm

*Bacchus Marsh Library Visit Monday May 1st - PJR and PC

Thursday May 4th - PVM and PPJ

Friday May 5th - PE and PT

*Friday 5th May Classroom Helpers Course- 2.00pm-3.10pm

*Thursday 11th May Mother's Day Afternoon 2.30-3.15pm.

*Friday 12th May Mother's Day Stall

*Thursday May 18th - Community Literacy Night 6.30pm-7.30pm

We hope you have a lovely, restful Easter holiday.

The Prep Team

Michelle, Zoe, Bec C, Bec P, Adele, Bec B, Jonelle, Andrea and Tiff.