

March 3rd, 2017



Dear Prep Families,

Wow, hasn't this month flown by! Children have been at school for 17 days and they have settled very well. The next few weeks will be busy for the Preps.

Wednesdays

Children attend school on Wednesdays from now on.

Spare clothes

It takes time for children to adjust to the routines and expectations of school. Sometimes they don't make it to the toilet on time or get wet in the playground. If possible, keep a **spare set of underwear and clothes**, labelled with names, in your child's bag.

Please bring blue book bags to school every day.

The Preps have been doing a fabulous job of unpacking their bags independently in the mornings.

Can we encourage you to promote independence at home too, by getting your child to pack and unpack their bag at home, then they will have the skills to pack their own bag while at school.

Teddy Bear's Picnic

Wednesday 8th of March we are having a Teddy Bear's Picnic.

Children can bring their favourite teddy to school.

Children should have brought home an alphabet chart and some cards.

Here are some activities you can do with your child:

- Say the sounds that the letters make.
- Match the uppercase letters to lowercase letters.
- Match letters to beginning sounds in words or things around the home.
- Play 'go fish' with the cards.
- Place some on doors and they can open the door when they say the sound of the letter.
- Toy matching – get 5 toys and match the first sound of the toy to the letter sound eg. Lego find the letter that makes the 'l' sound, doll find the letter that makes the 'd' sound.
- Play memory with a handful of cards to match upper and lower case letters.

Have fun doing these activities with your child.

Please bring the alphabet envelope to school every day in the book bag, as we will also be using them at school.

Thank you for your support.

Please remember you can make an appointment to talk to us anytime.

We look forward to seeing you at the picnic and parent information night on Thursday 9th March.

The Prep Team

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