

July 21<sup>st</sup> 2017



Dear Prep Families,

Welcome back to term 3! We are all excited to get back into our learning routines and knuckle down for a big term.

We would like to thank you all for coming to our 3 Way Conferences at the end of last term to help celebrate the first semester's learning. Please see your child's teacher if you still need to organise a time for this celebration.



Thank you to those families that have returned their Portfolios to their class teacher, this makes it possible for us to continue to update it with further learning.

**Independence** - This term we will be encouraging independence. We love seeing your children bringing in their school bags and getting ready for the day ahead. We ask you to encourage your child to do this if they are not already doing so. Getting out their take home reader bags, lunch orders, lunch boxes etc, helps your child take ownership and responsibility of their belongings.

**Growth Mindset Language** - We encourage positive language that promotes learning and a 'have a go' attitude. Below are some ideas of how to change our thinking and what we say.

<b>INSTEAD OF.....</b>	<b>TRY THINKING....</b>
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them

### Some Ideas To Encourage Reading at Home

Explore Books - visit a local library and/or bookstores. Give your child as many opportunities as possible to find books and topics that interest them. Look for words in your environment - on signs, posters, when shopping etc.

Lead By Example - Let your child see you read whether it is a newspaper, magazine, recipe or book. Think aloud regarding interesting facts, information and characters.



## Letters And Sounds

Letters and Sounds Groups meet 4 times a week:  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10.15-10.45  
Friday 11.30-12.00.

There have been some movement between the Letters and Sounds Groups. The Groups for term 3 are listed below for you to check who your child's Letters and Sounds teacher is.

The following are the focus sounds and blends for the next two weeks.  
Please look for your child's Letters and Sounds teacher below for their focus which you can support at home.

Mrs Blokland and Mrs Seidel-Davies - 'ng', 'ai', 'ee', 'igh', 'oa', 'oo', 'ar', 'or'

Miss Edwards - Blending 3 letter words using consonants (g, c, k, h, b, f, ff, l, ll, ss) and vowels (a, e, i, o, u) to build real words and nonsense words e.g huff, gaf.

Mrs Vines and Mrs Miles - Letter formation and sound of 'i', 'm', 'd', 'b', 'g', 'o', 'c', 'k'

Mrs Taylor - Practising writing and reading words using segmenting and blending, looking at onset and rime word families - 'an', 'un', 'en', 'in', 'on'

Mrs Pike and Mrs Johnson - Formation and sounds of 'j', 'v', 'w', 'x', 'y', 'z', 'zz' and 'qu'

Mrs Conroy - 'ear', 'air', 'ure', 'er' and two syllable words

### Term 3 Important Dates

\* Tuesday August 22<sup>nd</sup> - Prep Dress up as a Garden Gnome Day

\* Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept - Father's Day Breakfast 8am - 8.30am

\* Sept 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> - Book Week

\* Tuesday Sept 12<sup>th</sup> - Bravehearts 'Ditto Show' At School

- \* Wednesday Sept 13<sup>th</sup> - Melbourne Zoo Excursion
- \* Friday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> - Last day of term, 2.30 dismissal

Thank you for your support,

The Prep Team

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