

August 4th 2017



Dear Prep Families,

Wow, end of week 3 already, what a great start we have had to the term!
We were very fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in an Indigenous Culture Workshop on Monday the 31st of August. A huge thank you to Carmen Miller and her family for running a story telling and music session, as well as an art lesson in our classrooms. The children enjoyed learning some more about Indigenous Culture.

Green Team Message - Say No to Plastic Waste!

Did you know that we are filling 3 skips each week with plastic rubbish and food scraps at BMPS?

We are also wasting \$1400 each month to have this rubbish collected.

The Green Team need your help to reduce our waste and save money.

Could teachers encourage children to **take plastic waste home**, and maybe rethink how they pack their lunch and snacks. **No plastic waste should be taken outside.**

Helping Children to Manage Feelings

Children's feelings are often intense. They can be quickly taken over by feelings of excitement, frustration, fear or joy.

When feelings take over children's behaviour, they can find it difficult to manage without adult support. This is why learning how to recognise and manage feelings is a very important part of a child's social and emotional development.

Understanding that all sorts of feelings are normal, that they can be named, and that there are ways of handling them are the first things children need to learn about feelings.

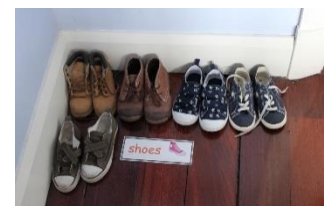


Understanding that feelings affect behaviour, and being able to recognise how this happens are important steps for learning to manage feelings.

In Prep we use the PATHS program, it helps children identify feelings and choose appropriate actions.

For more information visit www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Reading Tip for Parents: Labels of Love Word recognition and vocabulary are important parts of reading. On a rainy day, get some paper and tape and start labelling everything in your home -- from furniture to small knick-knacks. Reading these labels repeatedly will build your child's mental word bank. If your family is bilingual, create labels in both languages.



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 has been some movement between the Letters and Sounds Groups. Your child's Letters and Sounds teacher's name will be stuck into their reader diary.

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 - 'oi', 'ow', 'er', 'ur', 'oa', 'oo', 'ar', 'or'

Miss Edwards - Vowels (a, e, i, o, u) and 'j', 'v', 'w'.

Mrs Vines and Mrs Miles - Letter formation and sound of 'g', 'o', 'c', 'k', 'h', 'b', 'f', 'l'

Mrs Taylor - formation and sounds of 'g', 'j', 'v', 'w', 'x' and 'y', tricky words - he, she.

Mrs Pike and Mrs Johnson - Formation and sounds of 'zz', 'ch', 'sh', 'th' and the tricky words - he, she, the, to.

Mrs Conroy - trigraph revision - 'air', 'ure', 'ear' and writing those words in sentences.

Term 3 Important Dates

- * Tuesday August 22nd - Prep Dress up as a Garden Gnome Day
- * Tuesday August 29th - Jump Rope for Heart Skipping
- * Friday 1st Sept - Father's Day Breakfast 8am - 8.30am
 - * Sept 4th - 8th - Book Week
 - * Sept 4th - Book Week Dress Up Day
 - * Sept 7th - Book Week Performance 'Super Duper'
- * Tuesday Sept 12th - Bravehearts 'Ditto Show' At School
- * Wednesday Sept 13th - Melbourne Zoo Excursion
- * Friday Sept 22nd - Last day of term, Footy Dress Up Day, 2.30 dismissal

Thank you for your support,

The Prep Team

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