



Prep Newsletter



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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to our second term for 2019. This term will be 10 weeks long. We hope you have had an enjoyable holiday with your family!

Our Easter Hat Parade last term was very successful and we thank you for your creativity and attendance. The students were so excited to wear their creations and perform a singing item for you.

It is once again a busy term for us. School photos are coming up this term (on Thursday the 6th June) and

we ask that all students wear their blue and white checked uniform shirt for this formal occasion.

The \$50 Family Voluntary Contribution is now due. Thank you to all those who have already paid. Your support of this scheme ensures that your child has access to the most up to date technology and resources to further enhance their education.



Fruit Break @ 10:00am

Our fruit break each day will continue this term. Students look forward to this small break and it helps ease the hunger pains before morning tea. To make it easier for us and your child please cut up

the fruit so they can eat while they work. We only allow fresh fruit to be eaten at this time.



Term 2 2019

Dates to Remember:

- ☺ **Every Monday 3:15pm to 3:45pm** - iPad sharing sessions in the Library
- ☺ **Wednesday 24th April** Anzac Day Parade 9:15am
- ☺ **Thursday 25th April** - Anzac Day (Public Holiday)
- ☺ **Monday 6th May** Labour Day Public Holiday
- ☺ **Thurs 9th May** - P&C Mother's Day Stall
- ☺ **Wed 15th May** - No Assembly (NAPLAN)
- ☺ **Wed 22nd May** - P&C Volunteer's Morning Tea
- ☺ **Thurs 30th May** 5-8yrs Junior Athletics Day (coloured house shirt)
- ☺ **Thurs 6th June**- School Photos (Formal Uniform)
- ☺ **Thurs 20th June** - School Disco
- ☺ **Thurs 27th June**- Student Reports emailed
- ☺ **Fri 28th June**- Under 8's Day and last day of Term

Curriculum Overview for Term 2

Literacy

Students will be focusing on the SSP Purple Level of our Phonics Literacy Programme. Some classes will still continue to bring home small readers that they have made in class as well as home readers later in the term. They will also be focusing on their writing skills and sight words, as well as learning how to retell a story or experience to an audience.



Numeracy

We will be focusing on the numerals to 20. Students will be continuing to count forwards and backwards. Please practice numeral recognition and writing formation with your child at home. This term, students will be doing group work for Maths. This enables the teacher to focus more readily on ability and assist students at their own level.

HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences)

In our unit of work this term, students will explore personally significant events and community events, and look at how these events are celebrated. They will be bringing home a note regarding their assessment task for HASS and your help will be much appreciated: each student will need to bring in a photograph of their family celebrating a special event to show and talk about with their teacher.



Science

(With Mrs Burrell) Students will embark on a learning journey exploring materials and their uses. They will use their five senses to sort and group materials based on their properties and investigate which materials are strong/durable or waterproof. A design technology task will complete this unit of work.



The Arts

Last term in our 'Running on Rainbows' Art programme, we covered the concepts of 'Line and Shape' and this term we will be exploring 'Colour, Value and Texture'. The students will be given the opportunity to develop an awareness, experience and practice in a wide range of media and techniques; with the use of the visual elements and principles of composition; and a wide range of visual, auditory, kinetic, tactile and verbal forms of expression.



Music

(With Mrs Harding) Music lessons will continue to include activities which highlight the beat, speed and volume of music. Rhythm will be identified as the 'pattern of the words' and students will begin to identify the number of sounds per beat that they hear. Throughout the term, some percussion instruments, such as shaker eggs, claves, bells and guiro, will be played.

PE

(With Mr Kutcher) This term, students will continue to discover the rules that keep them safe during physical activity. Through a variety of activities, they will perform the fundamental movement skills of running, hopping, jumping and galloping. Students will also develop the skills of rolling, catching and throwing.

Health

(With Mr Kutcher) Extending learning from the Life Education (Healthy Harold) visit in Term 1, this term students will discuss how bodies grow and change over time. Students will explore how regular physical activity and good food choices help to maintain good health in growing bodies.



Digital Technologies

Students will be introduced to the world of Robotics and basic coding concepts using the Bee-Bot robots. They will construct a model Bee-Bot, label its features and build on these skills to further explore the online Code Studio programme and learn about different digital systems.

ICT



Students will continue visiting the computer laboratory where they will engage in activities to develop their mouse control and key board skills. The focus will be on the basics of computing, using various features of programs including Microsoft Word.

LOTE

(With Miss Bedser) Students will develop their vocabulary of words in Japanese by learning about words for the colours of the rainbow.

Sight Word Key Rings/Books/Folders



We are providing each child with a Sight Word Folder that they will work on in class. We ask that you assist your child in practicing their sight words that are sent home weekly. The homework sheet also includes new focus sight words. As the name implies, these are frequently occurring words that may not be sounded out, but instead must be memorised. The familiarisation of these will boost your child's success in reading! Please return in the BEE folders each week so new words can be added.

Home Activities

Home activities will be as follows:

- Homework Book Worksheet
- Home Readers/SSP Reader (Teacher/student made)
- Sight Word + SSP sounds
- iShare (Show and Share topic on iPad)
- Reading Eggs and Mathletics



All Homework is given out on a Monday (Tuesday following a Public Holiday) and needs to be returned by Friday, please. B.E.E. FOLDERS still need to be brought in every day! PLEASE keep us updated with your current email address so we can correspond and include school newsletters.

Winter Uniforms

As the winter months are fast approaching, now is a good time to consider ordering your child's winter uniforms. Students must wear the school jackets; if awaiting an order, students are to wear a plain blue jacket (no other colours or hoodies please). Students may wear royal blue fleecy track pants and girls may wish to wear stockings (navy blue only, no leggings). The uniform shop is open on a Wednesday morning before parade and orders can be made online through Flexischools at any time. Please ensure all school jackets are **clearly labelled with your child's name** (in permanent marker is best) as they get mixed up very easily when the children take them off later in the day! Please place your order for the **new style jacket** as the old one is being phased out over the next 12 months. As the temperature often warms up throughout the day, we recommend that students wearing fleecy track pants bring along a pair of shorts in their school bag to change into if needed. (spare underwear too please!)

New Morning Routine

8:40am: Before-school reading. The reading bell/music will play, students are to take their BEE folders, iPads and fruit snacks into class and begin reading at their desks. Parents are invited to stay and read with their child at this time.

8:50am: Start learning! The school bell/music will play again and we will mark the roll and begin our learning activities.



iPads

It is great that so many students are participating in the Pimpama MyPad initiative and bring their iPads to school each day. To help your child make the most of their iPad at school, please ensure:

- iPads are **charged** and ready to go each day
- all apps are downloaded onto the iPad
- regularly check the contents of your child's iPad

Each child has been given a card with their Mathletics and Reading Eggs login information so they can access these programmes at home. These subscriptions are paid for and provided by the school and are a fun way to support your child's literacy and numeracy learning.

School Vision Screening- The Queensland Government is offering a free eye test at school for all Prep students on May 13th to 15th. Please complete the relevant forms and return to administration if you wish your child to participate.

Under 8's Day



This year, we will be celebrating our annual Under 8's Day on Friday 28th of June, from 9am-11am, weather permitting! Students in Prep A, B, C, D, E and F classes and other classes with students who are under the age of 8 years, will be participating in the activities.

Parents, carers and family members are invited to come along. We will be asking for volunteer helpers to assist us on this day. A letter will be sent home prior to the day that explains this special day. Our morning of activities are for the students' younger siblings (parental supervision required) as well. This will be a celebration of childhood, **so please send a plate of healthy food to share on this day.** Mark the morning (9-11am) on your calendar and we hope to see you!

Reports

This is a very important term for assessing your child's learning journey since the start of the school year. All class teachers, including specialist teachers, will be observing and testing students during the following weeks to inform their reporting process. **Please avoid vacations and unnecessary absences during this time.** Your compliance with this is greatly appreciated.

Student Reports will be emailed in the last week of the school term. Please ensure your correct email address is lodged with your class teacher and administration.

Disco

Our end of Term disco will be on Thursday 20th of June. Students pay an entry fee of \$7 for which they receive a sausage sizzle and dance music by a professional disc jockey. The dress theme and further details will be announced in the school newsletter closer to the event. Students must be delivered and collected by a parent or adult. All participants must be from this school only (no friends and relatives thank you).

Junior Disco:

3:30pm - 5:00pm

Senior Disco:

5:30pm - 7:00pm



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If you have any questions or concerns about your child at school please do not hesitate to come and see us, email us or even give us a phone call.

If for any reason your child is absent, please let us know why and a quick phone call to the school office would be appreciated.