

23 April 2021

Welcome to Term 2

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Prep Students

We have had a busy and fun-filled start to the year, and we thank you for your support during Term 1.

This term, our focuses include:

- **Integrated Studies** – The 5 senses, comparing the needs of living things (pets and plants).
- **Christian Studies** – Christian church.
- **Maths** – Patterns; 2D and 3D shapes; recognising, counting and writing numbers 1-20.
- **English** – Letter sounds, rhyming words, sight words, topic talks, sounding out simple words, narrative writing and whole class and small group reading.
- **PMP/Gross Motor Skills** – Continuing to develop our outdoor skills such as crawling, skipping, hopping, jumping, climbing, throwing, catching and balancing.

We will be sending out a 'topic talks' note including a list to inform you which day your child will be asked to share with the class. This gives each class member an opportunity to practise speaking skills. These important skills need to be encouraged by families. Please remind your Prep student, and discuss their topic before the allocated day. If there is a holiday, or your child is absent on the day, we will arrange a turn later in the week. This ensures each child has a turn and helps him or her prepare something special once a fortnight for the talk.

The LEM Phonics video is a very valuable resource to reinforce the sounds we are learning in class. It is available in the Parent Lounge portal on the school website and App. To find it you go to the menu list on the left hand side and it should be down the bottom headed "phonics".

We have an exciting and very busy term coming up. We have listed some important dates below. Please take note of these in your diary:

- **Monday 26 April** – Anzac Day Public Holiday.
- **Monday 3 May** – Labour Day Public Holiday.
- **Thursday 6 May** – P & F Mother's Day Stall.
- **Thursday 6 May** – Mothers' and Daughters' Event: 4:00pm – 5:30pm.
- **Friday 7 May** – Mother's Day afternoon tea 2:00pm-3:00pm.
We invite the Mothers of Prep children to join us for an afternoon of fun on Friday 7 May from 2:00pm - 3:00pm for our Mother's Day celebration.
- On **Monday 7 June**, the junior school will be having their Sports Day. Please keep this date free as parents/caregivers are invited to attend. More information will be sent out closer to the date.
- **Sunday 20 June** – Prep School Sunday 9:00am at the church

We will be sending home some sight word flash cards (two of each word, so games such a memory can be played). It would be wonderful to see the children keep practising their letter sounds and formation for home learning.

We look forward to another great term with you and your child.

Kind regards

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Prep Classroom Teachers