Welcome Back
We hope you all had a lovely Spring holiday. It's almost the end of the year and we are very impressed with how much the students have learnt and grown. We have a busy term planned with activities about our Discovery topic - 'How To Keep Myself Healthy'. We are also looking forward to the Art Show and the Christmas Concert.

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT

Discovery
The question for our discovery topic in Term Four is, 'How do I keep myself healthy?'

We will be doing lots of fun activities to further the students' understandings of how to keep ourselves healthy including...

- Listening to guest speakers from the community
- Yoga
- Meditation
- Mini muscle activities for fine motor development
- Zumba dancing
- Brain gym
- Outside exercises to develop gross motor and ball skills

WHAT ARE OUR EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

We are continuing to review and follow our classroom promises. We always expect the students to be safe, fair and friendly. Our values education program supports our motto and class promises. We will continue to design lessons based on respect, resilience, organisation, getting along, confidence and persistence. We have also been looking at ways that we can solve problems that come up in the classroom and the playground.
Home Reading
Teachers have noticed great improvements with students reading. Students are using reading strategies to help them when they get stuck on a word. Thank you to all of the parents who have been encouraging students to use the reading strategy bookmarks. Students are continuing to tick off known words from their word lists. Congratulations to all caregivers and students on their dedication at home to daily reading and learning of their words.

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED

Parent Helpers / Volunteers
A big thanks you to all of the parent helpers. Your time in our classrooms is invaluable to both the students and the teachers. If you wish to change the days you volunteer your time, or if you would like to begin coming in for the reading program please don’t hesitate to contact your classroom teacher. Just a small reminder, if you are coming in to help and are bringing in younger siblings, please ensure that they are not distracting the classroom learning environment. If you are unsure please check with your classroom teacher.

Communication
If you have any comments, feedback or concerns please see your classroom teacher as your first point of contact. If for some reason you seek further clarification you can make an appointment to meet with Kat the Prep Team Coordinator. Either Lynne or Carolyn are available to assist where required after you have spoken with your classroom teacher.

Assembly
Prep Heidi and Prep Emily are all looking forward to their assembly items this semester. Just a reminder that assembly items are designed to give students the opportunity and experience of performing in front of a crowd, they do not always require elaborate costumes and props.

We are all looking forward to a fun and productive final Prep term.

Kind Regards,

Prep Team; Kat, Nadine, Emily, Sarah and Heidi
ART
We have a very busy term ahead of us in the Art Room. The Art Show is all set for Thursday 21st November from 5.30 to 8pm in the WEB. All students will have one 2D piece and one 3D piece of art work for you to marvel at.

We will be covering the areas of painting and drawing with particular focus on lines and patterns. We will be drawing and painting some wonderful colourful clowns. The Preps will be looking at Arabian architecture with particular focus on line and shape. Students will draw their own Arabian cityscape and colour in with a range of oil pastels. After the Art Show we will enjoy some whole class collaborations.

Some Preps will be choosing their 3D minibeast creation to display at the Art Show and we were hoping to set the area up as a little forest. Does anyone have any spare synthetic grass that we could use? We would only need about 1 metre and it could be returned after the Show.

We will also be calling out for some parent helpers to assist us with the Art Show. We would love some help putting up and taking down displays. More details to follow in the school newsletter closer to the time.

If you ordered a calendar, card pack or IPhone cover they are currently being printed and you should receive them by the end of November. Thanks for your support in fundraising for the school.

Rushe Lynch & Julia Reeves
Visual Art Specialists
**MUSIC**
The preps will be working on consolidating and extending of all the musical concepts covered so far this year including recognising and clapping simple rhythm notation in different contexts. We will be moving onto an introduction to the stave and the notes of the lines and spaces. The students will be reintroduced to the glockenspiel and taught correct techniques of carrying the instrument, removing notes and striking with beaters. They will be able to make up some of their own tunes as well as participating in echo drills where they listen to a short phrase and play it back.

We will also be preparing for our end of year concert where the students will perform some of the songs that they have learnt throughout the year as well as some new surprises.

*John Carr*
*Music Specialist*

**LANGUAGES**
The Prep students will continue to revise taught vocabulary through familiar chants and interactive games on the ipad/interactive whiteboard. The students will continue to be introduced to new letters of the Greek alphabet. Our Inquiry topic this term is 'The Body'. Students will learn the names of the body parts through engaging language games. With teacher guidance the students will be able to generate a simple book describing the body, using vocabulary taught and illustrations. The students will work in small groups to create actions to a 'body' song to perform in front of the class.

*Vicky Noutso*
*Language Specialist*

**P.E.**
Prep-2 students will continue to practise fundamental motor skills through stations and minor games and start to explore some major games towards the end of the term in P.E. lessons. The focus as always will be on participation and showing good sportsmanship. Please help your child by encouraging them to wear runners on the day they have their P.E. lesson and wear a SunSmart hat.

*Ricky Davis*
*P.E. Co-ordinator*