PREP INFORMATION SESSION 2014
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Welcome to Prep

- The Prep team consists of Tania, Emily, Mary-Ann and Kaitlyn.
- As a team we will be working together to ensure that all children are supported in their learning.
- Through personalised assessments we will be identifying students' individual needs and catering for them through focused teaching groups.
Letter Sounds knowledge

• We aim for all children to be able to recognise all the letters of the alphabet and know the common sounds they make by the end of Term One.
• Students who already know all their letters and sounds will be introduced to the different ways sounds can be made in words.
• To support your child’s learning follow the newsletter’s handy hints and practise reading daily.
READING

What you can do at home to help your child’s reading:

• **Front cover** - look at the pictures. Predict what the story might be about. Make connections with own experiences.

• **Walk through the book** - make up their own story based on the pictures.

• It’s ok to read the first few pages or the whole book to your child. Encourage use of pictures and initial letters to help them predict the words.
Special Book

During Term One, the children will be creating a special book that will support them in the basics of reading.

Such as:

• The difference between letters, words and sentences
• That there are spaces between words
• Reading from left to right
• Letter recognition and formation
Take Home Packs

Each child will be given a resource pack that will help to support their learning.

Inside there will be:

• Record book. This book will contain assessments and personalised learning goals

• Letter support material

• High frequency words
Ants On The Apple
Ideas For Home

• Make sure your child reads every night. Re-reading will assist their word recognition, fluency, comprehension and expression
• Play I Spy
• Odd one out
• Rhyming words
• Identifying initial and end sounds
• Look for letters
• Cut out letters/words from magazines
• Practise letter formations

Discuss books and ask your child to retell the story
Writing

We aim for our students to achieve the following in Writing:

• HAVE A GO!
• Correct formation of letters
• Using appropriate casing
• Leaving finger spaces between words
• Writing left to right
• Correct sizing of letters
• Simple punctuation (full stops and capital letters)
• Spelling high frequency words correctly
• Full sentences when writing.
• Re-reading and understanding what they have written.
Currently in Numeracy we are focusing on:

- Number recognition
- Writing numerals to 10
- One-to-one correspondence
- Reliably counting an amount
- Looking for patterns
- Subitizing
- Conserving number
Intervention and Extension

• We are fortunate to have support in Literacy and Numeracy as part of our school’s Intervention and Extension program. This assists us in providing a personalised learning platform for your child.

• The children will be grouped based upon their learning needs, however student progress is monitored and groups will continue to change.
Shared Inquiry

During our units of Shared Inquiry students will be:

• Encouraged to pose their own questions
• Investigate the concept through areas of interest and their own experiences.
• This term’s topic is 'All About Me', where we will be sharing information about ourselves through Fascinating Facts. We will be focusing on learning how to make friends, get along with others and be happy at school.
Social Development

• Starting school can be quite an adjustment for some children.
• In the classroom your child’s teacher will be encouraging your child to act like a 'Cool Calm Kid' and use the three step rule.
• It is important that you reinforce appropriate behaviours at home and stick to routines where possible.
PARTY INVITES AND FOOD

• Give invites to the teacher so they don’t get lost and so feelings don’t get hurt.
• Talk to the teacher before bringing in party food, they will let you know if what you are thinking is ok.
• Need to be extremely mindful of food allergies.
CANTEEN MONEY & LUNCH ORDERS

• Lunch orders can be purchased Wednesday to Friday.
• Students will still need their recess and fruit snack.
• Canteen money should be kept in a wallet in their bag.
• Do not give your child too much money, a few dollars is usually plenty.
• We have a no sharing policy as we have many children with allergies. Please remind children of this.