Welcome to Term 2!
The children have all settled back into term 2 and they are all very excited and eager to learn which is great. The programs, activities and curriculum planned for your children for the term is outlined below.

**Mathematics**
Our teaching this term focuses on the AusVels dimensions of Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. The children will learn new mathematical skills through hands on authentic experiences using concrete materials. Our mathematics program incorporates open-ended rich activities that encourage extension and provide support at each student’s point of need.

**English**
**Reading**
The Early Years reading program continues. This incorporates whole class Shared Reading predominantly using narratives in Big Book form, small group Guided Reading sessions and Independent Reading with an ICT focus. The Reading program also engages the children in word work incorporating the Magic 100 words, rhyming words, letter sound relationships and the structure of sentences.

**Writing**
The focus will continue to be on learning to write simple sentences in the form of recounts. The children do this by developing an understanding of the letter sound relationship, by learning high frequency words and applying onset and rime to spell words. The writing program incorporates Teacher Modelling, whole class Shared Writing and Independent Writing with teacher conferencing.

**Speaking and Listening**
The children engage in informal and formal Speaking and Listening opportunities that are integrated into all curriculum areas. Speaking and Listening opportunities include circle time, pair share, reflection time and class presentations.

**History**
This concept of History is a consistent theme throughout the school in Term 2. The Prep History Inquiry unit is titled “You, Me, Us”. Over the term the students will be exploring the concept of the past being different to the present with a focus on families and cultures. The unit of work has been designed to focus on stories from the past from a variety of cultural backgrounds. These are the questions we will be exploring throughout the unit.

- Who are the people in my family?
- What are the different family groups?
- What family events/traditions are celebrated?
- What is my history and how do I know?
- How do families change?
- How do these changes affect families?

The children will create a family poster including information about growth and change, their family tree and a family celebration. A Family History Expo will provide the students with an opportunity to share their history project with the Prep families and other students of the school.
Perceptual Motor Program – PMP
This important program aims to develop a child’s perceptions and understandings of him/herself and his/her world through movement and motor experiences. The program provides the students with enjoyable activities that are carefully sequenced. The activities are varied and include hopping, jumping, skipping, balancing, crawling, climbing, rolling, throwing, catching, bowling etc.. The children develop and strengthen motor skills and perception that are required for movement.

The PMP Program commences on Wednesday 20th April. There was an overwhelming response from parents volunteering to assist with this program and we have accommodated everyone for at least one session of their choice. We would like to extend a huge THANKYOU to those parents who volunteered as the program could not operate without the help from parents.

CARE/KEWRIOSITY
The CARE Program will finish on the 29th April with a fun-filled CARE Celebration Day with the children participating in activities within their CARE group. The Kewriosity Program will commence at the completion of the CARE Program. The Kewriosity Program is a whole school program that incorporates activities and learning according to the students’ interests in the areas of Science/Nature, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Art.

Prep Calendar of Events

Week 2: PMP begins (every Wednesday from 20th April through to 15th June)
Week 5: Kewriosity Program commences (every Friday through to Week 10)
Week 6: Fire Education Incursion (Monday 16th May)
Week 7: Fire Education Incursion (Monday 23rd May)
Week 8: Kew Library Visit (PSA & PAP Tuesday 31st May)
Week 9: Kew Library Visit (PDM & PCC Friday 10th June)
Week 10: ‘Meet My Family’ Expo in the Junior School Hall

We look forward to another productive and enjoyable term and as always, if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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