Welcome to Term 3!
This term is jam-packed with lots of fun and engaging learning experiences in the areas of English, Mathematics, Inquiry, Motor Skills, Music and Dance. The programs, curriculum and events planned for your children for the term are outlined for you in this Newsletter.

Kind Regards,
The Prep Team

Curriculum News

Mathematics
Michael Ymer will be working with the Prep team in the first week of term. Michael Ymer has been working with all levels across the school on an ongoing basis to provide valuable professional learning for our teaching of mathematics. Our teaching this term continues to focus on the AusVels dimensions of Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. The targeted Maths Program – Marvellous Maths will begin this term. This program will continue to provide rich learning activities that encourage extension whilst providing additional support where needed.

English
During the term, the teaching and learning will continue to focus on Reading, Writing and Speaking & Listening in line with AusVels. The Prep students will explore a storytelling theme this term with a number of dreamtime stories, traditional tales/fairytales and fables. Through a number of literature experiences the students will focus on comprehension, retelling of stories and features of texts such as characters and events.

Upcoming Events

Week 1:
Michael Ymer working with Prep Teachers (13th July)

Week 1 to 7:
Junior Rockers session every Monday morning.

Week 2 to 5:
Fundamental Motor Skills Program every Wednesday.

Week 3:
100 Days of Prep (28th July)
KidsFest 1-3pm (29th July)

Week 4:
Early dismissal 12pm
3-Way Student Conferences 12.30pm-7.30pm (4th August)

Week 6:
Excursion to the Botanic Gardens (16th August)

Week 7:
Junior Rockers Performance at Kew High (24th August)
Andy Wright Book Week storyteller (25th August)
Book Week Character Dress-up & parade (26th August)

Week 10:
Last day - 2.30pm early dismissal (16th September)
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Inquiry - Geography

The concept of Geography is a consistent inquiry focus throughout the school in Term 3. The Prep Geography Inquiry unit is titled "Special Places". Over the term the students will be exploring the concept that **special places need to be cared for**.

These are the overarching questions we will be exploring throughout the unit.
- What makes a place special?
- How do we look after our special places?

The children will have an excursion to the Botanic Gardens as part of their Inquiry Unit and their exploration of “Special Places”.

Fundamental Motor Skills (FMS) Program

The children will engage in a Fundamental Motor Skills Program using skills learnt in PMP and in weekly PE lessons. The children will focus on key skills in the areas of catch, kick, run and vertical jump.

Junior Rockers Dance and Music

The children will participate in 8 Junior Rocker sessions throughout the term. The lessons will be for half an hour every Monday morning. The children will be focusing on a song that has been ‘twisted’ into a fairytale story. They will be learning a dance routine for their particular song – ‘Happy’ or ‘Uptown Funk’. The sessions will culminate in a whole school Junior Rockers Performance at Kew High on Wednesday 24th August.

Message from the Prep Team…

We look forward to another productive and enjoyable term and as always, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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Stay tuned…

KidsFest

Keep an eye out for 'calls for help' from your child’s Prep Teacher for the upcoming KidsFest.

Your child’s class may need some donations for the event or some parent helpers for the event.

Excursion and class help

Your child’s class will need parent helpers for the Botanic Gardens excursion and for Reading Groups in the classroom.