Dear Parents,
The Preps have returned to school re-energised and have settled into term 3 well. The following is some information about the activities and curriculum planned over the coming weeks.

**Focus for the Term**
Over the term the students will be exploring the concept of History, Continuity and Change with a focus on personal and family histories. The unit of work has been designed to focus on stories from the past, encompassing a variety of cultural backgrounds. Students will answer the following questions on completion of the unit.

- What is my history and how do I know?
- What stories do other people tell about the past?
- How can stories of the past be told and shared?

This concept of History will be a common theme throughout the school in Term 3.

*Throughout the term children will be required to bring in an item that relates to their personal history. They will explain the significance of the item to the class. The children will be notified when it is their day to present.*
**ENGLISH**
During the term we will be reading a variety of narratives including fairy tales and fables. We will be focusing on predicting text, main ideas and sequencing events. In line with outcomes from AusVELS, teachers will be focusing on simple punctuation such as full stops and capital letters. We will continue making students aware of the sound system and the relationships between letters and sounds in words when writing. We will also be continuing to develop the students’ reading strategies and skills whilst increasing their knowledge of high frequency words.

**Calendar of Events**

- **July 25th** – Prep Parent Information Evening
- **July 30th** – Reading information night
- **August 22nd** – Visiting Author (book week)
- **August 28th** – Family Maths Night
- **September 5th** – Book Swap
- **September 19th** – Responsible Pet Care
- **September 20th** – C.A.R.E Celebration Day

**Mathematics**
Over the term the students will learn about the following:
- addition and subtraction
- time – duration of events
- number patterns
- problem solving

**Thank you!**

- **We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents who have helped in the classroom during semester 1. The PMP program could not have operated without you.**

*We will let you know when other special events occur during the term.*

*From The Prep Team*